



DEPARTMENT OF  
**ECOLOGY**  
State of Washington

# Water Right Application Processing







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# Key Topics

-  Application Form
-  Options
-  Ecology's Process
-  Conservancy Boards
-  Cost Reimbursement
-  Related News

# Application Form

- Updated in August 2022, new guidance
- Designed to be more comprehensive
- Give decision makers the info they need
- Encourages pre-application step

## Application for a New Water Right Permit

Form No. ECY 040-1-14 (Rev 08-2022)



- Refer to accompanying guidance to complete this form.
- We strongly encourage applicants to seek pre-application consultation prior to applying.
- Incomplete applications will be returned.
- All fees are non-refundable (RCW 90.03.470(13)).

### Processing option you are choosing:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Standard Processing</b> (Department of Ecology)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cost Reimbursement (CR) Agreement Processing</b> (Ecology Contractor)
A minimum \$50 fee is required to apply. Additional fees may apply. Drought applications are exempt.	Contact Department of Ecology to obtain information on this option.

### Submit all applications and fees to:

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
CASHIERING SECTION  
PO BOX 47611  
OLYMPIA, WA 98504-7611

Check the box for the region where your project is located.

- Central Region
- Eastern Region
- Northwest Region
- Office of Columbia River (OCR)\*
- Southwest Region



# Options for Processing

## New Applications

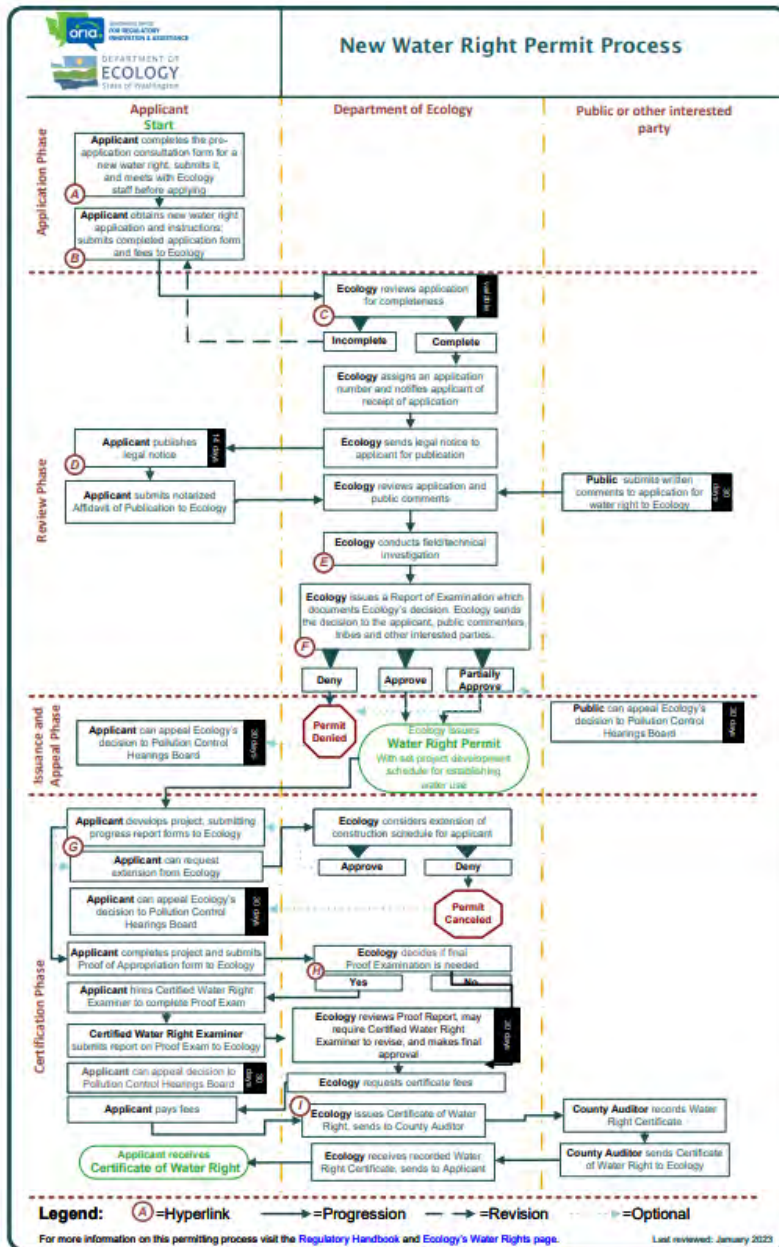
- Ecology
- Cost Reimbursement

## Change Applications

- Ecology
- Conservancy Boards\*
- Cost Reimbursement

\* Conservancy Boards cannot process changes to certain types of permits.



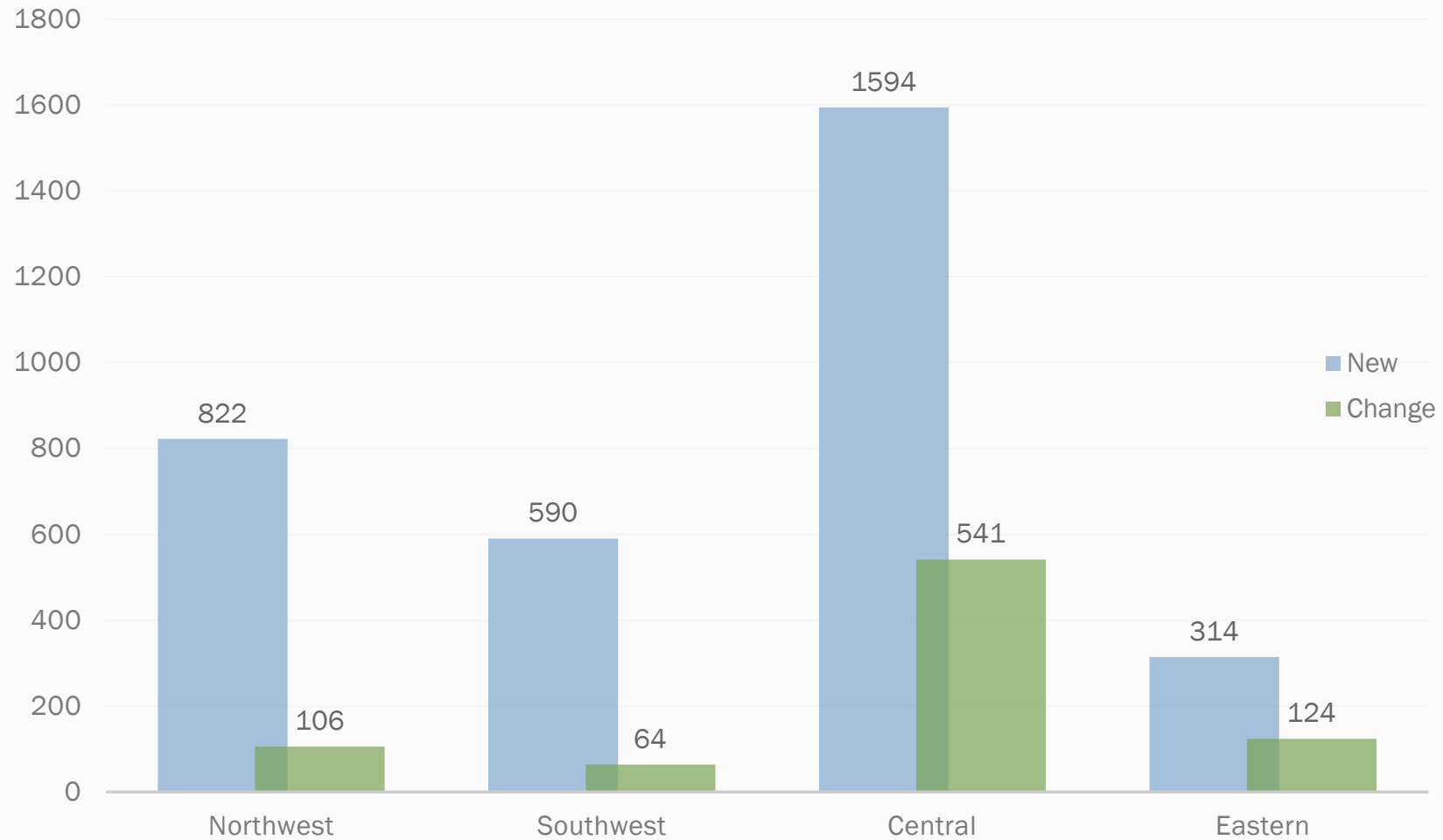


# It's Complicated...

Regardless of which path you take, most of the steps and requirements are the same.

In every case, Ecology is responsible for making and defending the final decision.

# Ecology & The Backlog



# Conservancy Board Changes

Apply with the Board (application also filed with Ecology), Board can process or opt out

Board reviews app, performs site visit, develops recommendation for decision, sends to Ecology

Ecology has 45 days to review (optional 30-day extension), issues final decision or Board recommendation stands





# Cost Reimbursement



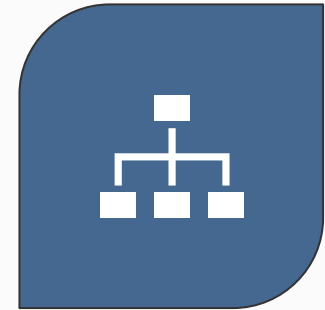
EASY “YES”,  
STRAIGHTFORWARD  
PROPOSAL



DOESN'T IMPACT  
ECOLOGY'S CORE WORK



NO/LOW CONTROVERSY



CONSULTANTS WORK FOR  
ECOLOGY



# The Future is (almost) HERE!

Pre-applications are  
online.



New/Change  
applications going  
online soon!



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# Thank you

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