

# **WATER TREATMENT PLANT & PIPELINE UPDATE**

## **WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL APPROVES LO'S TREATMENT PLANT AND PIPELINE UPGRADES**

The West Linn City Council upheld Lake Oswego's appeal of its Conditional Use application on February 11. The land use application is needed to improve the plant and pipelines to modern safety standards and capacity to serve both Lake Oswego and Tigard into the future. Lake Oswego's facilities also provide West Linn's emergency and backup water supply. The Council's action reverses the West Linn Planning Commission denial in November 2012. West Linn's decision is a major step toward addressing the long-term water needs of Lake Oswego, Tigard and West Linn.

Lake Oswego's treatment plant and pipelines have been located in West Linn for 45 years. Shortly after construction, West Linn annexed the plant site and roads in which pipelines are located. The Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership, created in 2008 so that both communities can share water resources and costs, determined that the best, most cost efficient way to provide water was to upgrade Lake Oswego's existing facilities. Construction begins this summer on the river intake pump station in Gladstone on the Clackamas River, Lake Oswego's high quality source of water. All facility upgrades are anticipated to create at least 2,400 jobs.

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