

Progress Made on Water Partnership in 2014



A recent aerial shot shows the water treatment plant that will serve the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership.

Ensuring the long-term supply of sustainable, high-quality drinking water remains a priority for the city. Maintaining this critical core service is also a key part of implementing the recently adopted strategic plan.

During 2014, substantial progress was made on the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership. The good news is, the end is in sight for the largest public works project in the history of Tigard, and we are on budget.

The system will carry water from the Clackamas River to Lake Oswego and Tigard. It is the lowest-cost option to provide a safe and reliable water supply for the long term for water customers served by the partnership of Lake Oswego and Tigard. The city was able to negotiate and acquire additional capacity at a very favorable cost on the \$254 million project, ultimately saving millions of dollars.

The past year saw the project move from planning and permitting to construction, with work on the treatment plant expansion, river intake structure, piping and pumping facilities.

One of our most complex and challenging undertakings, installing a new pipeline under the Willamette River, was completed late in the year.

Looking ahead, 2015 will be just as busy:

- ▶ The river intake pump station will be completed, as well as the new Waluga Reservoir in Lake Oswego and the Bonita Pump Station in Tigard.
- ▶ A new pipe will be installed under I-5 to supply water to Tigard water customers.
- ▶ The treatment plant will be nearly complete, and in 2016, high-quality treated water will be delivered into the Tigard Water Service area.

While in the short term this project will have some higher costs up front, the result will be a stable supply of high-quality water for about a penny a gallon delivered to your home.