

Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project and Title Transfer Public Review Update January – December 2009

One of the major project milestones of 2009 was the completion of a preliminary engineering and cost study of options for a dam raise at Hagg Lake that would address new seismic standards. The Dam Raise Appraisal Study, funded by the Water Supply Partners, identified feasible engineering options to meet the long-term water infrastructure needs of the region.

The study outlined several engineering options, including a replacement dam immediately downstream of the existing Scoggins Dam to meet new seismic standards. The study included updated cost estimates for dam designs and construction and mandatory seismic improvements to the facility. The Partners also updated cost estimates for expanded pipelines, pumping facilities and water treatment capacity necessary to deliver the needed water.

The following is a summary of the communication and public involvement activities related to the preparation and findings from the Dam Raise Appraisal Study and project status:

Presentations/meetings

Key Stakeholder Groups

Jan 7	Tualatin River Watershed Council (show video)
Jan 26	Natural Resources Agencies (show video)
March 18	Clean Water Services Advisory Commission
April 21	Water Managers Group
May 6	Tualatin River Watershed Council
Aug 19	Water Managers Group
Sept. 2	Tualatin River Watershed Council
Sept. 15	Policy Steering Committee
Sept. 16	Clean Water Services Advisory Commission

Community/Agricultural

Feb 5	Beaverton Kiwanis
April 8	Hillsboro Leadership (show video)
May 5	CPO 1 – Cedar Mill (show video)
May 20	CPO 15 – Fern Hill/Forest Grove (show video)
May 27	CPO 4M – Metzger (show video)
June 8	CPO 9 – Hillsboro (show video)

Sept. 8 CPO 8 – North Plains
Oct. 5 Washington County Medical Society
Oct 29 Hagg Lake neighbors
Nov 16 Washington County Public Affairs Forum
Nov 17 Hillsboro Optimists
Dec 8 TVID

Congressional briefings

May 2 Senator Jeff Merkley and local elected officials
Sept. 2 Senator Wyden staff and local business, environmental supporters
and local elected officials

Project Public Information: Materials, Website and video

VIDEO: A 12-minute video, Water for the Future, and 6 brief vignettes describing the Water Supply Project were placed on project website early in 2009 and 100 copies were made for distribution to partners, stakeholder groups, citizen participation groups. The video received an award from AWWA (northwest chapter) for excellence in communication.

Video presentations were made to the following groups: TBWSP Policy Steering Committee, Tualatin River Watershed Council, Westside Economic Alliance, Clean Water Services Citizen Advisory Commission (CWAC), TVWD staff, Clean Water Services staff, Washington County facility staff, Hillsboro Leadership and Chamber of Commerce. The video was also shown to 4 CPO groups (see under presentations).

A condensed version of the 12-minute video was also developed for the website and other needs, featuring Senator Jeff Merkley.

PORTABLE DISPLAY: A portable display was developed for circulation at partner facilities, community events and other public locations through summer 2009.

The display was circulated at the following events and sites:

Hillsboro 2020 Town Hall April 29
Public Works Fair at Washington Square May 16 -17
Sherwood Library July 1st – July 7th
Beaverton Library July 15th – July 21st
Hillsboro Library July 21st –July 29th
Washington County Fair July 30th – August 2nd
Tigard Library August 12th – August 24th
Tualatin Library August 24th – Sept. 4

PROJECT NEWSLETTER: A newsletter summarizing the dam raise appraisal study was sent out in September to a list of more than 2,000 and distributed at project meetings

Hagg Lake Property Communication

Project staff and consultants worked with 12 property owners who requested surveys of their land to better understand potential impacts to their property. The Partners worked with Universal Field Services to obtain the surveys for each property owner and follow-up meetings were held with several owners to discuss the results of the surveys.

Media coverage

<u>Date</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Headline</u>
1-5-09	KGW.com (AP Wire)	Water needs are growing in Tualatin Valley
3-17-09	Hillsboro Argus	Scoggins Dam gets \$300 earmark
5-12-09	Hillsboro Argus	Seismic concerns complicate Scoggins Dam project
5-13-09	The Oregonian	Quake risk adds to cost of Hagg Lake dam Project
5-14-09	HS Daily Wire.com	Oregon needs to raise Hagg Lake dam for fear of earthquakes
8-5-09	F G News Times	Report: Raising Hagg Lake best option
8-6-09	The Oregonian	Estimated cost to raise dam surges
8-7-09	Hillsboro Argus	Funding and seismic issues flood Scoggins Dam raise project
8-12-09	Hillsboro Argus	Money Spigot (opinion)
8-28-09	Hillsboro Argus	Costs a concern for Scoggins Dam Proposals
8-29-09	Hillsboro Argus blog	Questions flow over dam-raise project's effect on water rates
9-6-09	Hillsboro Argus	Local water projects to receive Federal funding

11-19-09	OPB TV Field Guide*	Expanding Hagg Lake my require New dam
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*NOTE: Project staff worked with OPB to provide background information, coordinate interviews, footage, and historic photos for this 10-minute segment

Partner and supporter newsletters

Feb 2009	Clean Water Matters	State-of-the-County Forum Highlights the role of long-term water supply planning
March 2009	Cedar Mill Newsletter	Meeting our future water supply needs
April 2009	Clean Water Matters	Congressional delegation secures \$300,000 for water supply project and title transfer process
May 2009	Westside Economic Alliance e-newsletter	Senator Merkley tours the Westside water supply project
Sept – Oct	Water Words (billing insert)	Study shows Hagg Lake can be safely expanded
Sept. 2009	Clean Water Matters	Congressional staffers meet on Hagg Lake project
Sept. 2009	City of Hillsboro City Views	Water Survey (and the survey says...)
Oct 2009	Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Business Advocate	Watershed Ideas can Guide our Region's Future

Title Transfer Environmental Assessment

A public Scoping meeting was held on February 12 in preparation for an Environmental Assessment of title transfer, per the NEPA requirements. The notice was sent to a mailing list of 2,000 and about 40 people including many Hagg Lake neighbors attended the meeting. Two written comments were received from the Tualatin Riverkeepers and Kathy Newcomb (Citizens for Safe Water).