



# City of Tigard Press Release

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## **New Water System Begins Testing Phase in November**

Project work on the Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership in Tigard continues, as crews finish work on the Bonita Pump Station and the testing of new equipment begins.

Before the City of Tigard can begin delivering water from its new water source from the partnership to the entire service area, it will need to ensure the operability of improvements to the water delivery system and the system's capacity to deliver a new water source in the existing water system.

Tigard's Water Division will begin testing the new connection with the Clackamas River water source in mid-November 2015. System tests will continue through spring 2016. The city currently receives its drinking water from the City of Portland.

"The water partnership and the City of Tigard continue to keep our customers informed about the city's work preparing for the new water source, and we would like to hear from our customers if they experience any problems," said John Goodrich, public works manager for the City of Tigard. "We do not anticipate any major issues because of extensive flushing we are completing on the system to prepare for the introduction of our new drinking water source."

Any customer who notices changes in the quality of their tap water is encouraged to contact the Tigard Public Works Department at **503-718-2591**. Such changes are generally temporary and could occur during the switchover period.

Customers can learn more about the city's water system on the city's web site at [www.tigard-or.gov/water](http://www.tigard-or.gov/water). For additional information on the partnership, visit its website at [www.lotigardwater.org](http://www.lotigardwater.org) and the city's partnership web page at [www.tigard-or.gov/water\\_partnership.php](http://www.tigard-or.gov/water_partnership.php).

Construction is now almost complete on five new facilities, including the Bonita Pump Station.

Tigard's new water system will draw from the Clackamas River, one of Oregon's high quality drinking water sources. Federal and state environmental regulations protect the river, its endangered fish species and other natural resources. The new water system will be up and fully running, delivering water to all Tigard customers, by summer 2016.

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