

Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project and Title Transfer Public Review Update

January – December 2007

In early 2007, Water Supply Project staff initiated communication with stakeholder groups about the process/rationale for exploring Title Transfer of the Tualatin Project (Scoggins Dam and related facilities) and how it relates to the Water Supply Project. The presentations have included an overview of Title Transfer and updates on a governance process.

The Tualatin River Watershed Council agreed to serve as a key stakeholder group for the review of Title Transfer and Clean Water Services Advisory Council agreed to serve as public process stakeholder group for Title Transfer.

<u>STAKEHOLDER GROUP</u>	<u>MEETING DATE</u>
Tualatin River Watershed Council	Jan 3
Forest Grove Rotary	Feb 14
Water Managers Group	Feb 21
TVID board	February
Policy Steering Committee	March 22
Westside elected officials (mayors/councils)	April 4
Tualatin River Watershed Council	April 4
Clean Water Advisory Council (CWAC)	April 18
Hagg Lake property owners (Stutz, Kelley, Hanley)	July 25
Individual partner boards/councils	July - September
Water Managers Group	August 15
Tualatin River Watershed Council	Sept. 5
Clean Water Advisory Council	Sept 18
Natural Resource Agencies	Sept 26
Policy Steering Committee	Sept 27
Water Managers Group	Dec 19

Resolutions of Support for Title Transfer

The Water Supply Partners and other organizations signed resolutions of support for exploring Title Transfer and a delegation of 16 staff and elected officials met with members of Congress and US Bureau of Reclamation in Washington DC to seek federal funding for study of Title Transfer.

Policy Steering Committee (PSC)

The PSC met in March and took action directing the Partners to proceed with investigation of Title Transfer. Several Hagg Lake neighbors attended the meeting to ask questions about Title Transfer. A letter was submitted expressing opposition to a 300 foot proposed expanded buffer around Hagg Lake which impacts a number of properties as part of the dam raise.

In September the PSC met to review and approve a proposed governance framework and principles of agreement for Title Transfer of the Tualatin Project (Scoggins Dam and facilities) that were developed by a task group from the Partners.

Hagg Lake Neighbor Communication

A letter was sent to Hagg Lake property owners in March explaining the Title Transfer study and updating neighbors of other activities related to the EIS process including a cultural resources survey. Individual meetings were held during the summer with several neighbors who's property would be most impacted by the project to discuss options for reducing the impacts including early acquisition of property. Several property owners requested copies of maps and other project documents.

Westside Economic Alliance Forum – October 25

The Tualatin Basin Water Supply Partners sponsored a Breakfast Forum on “Water Supply – No Ducking the Issue” with a panel discussion moderated by Steve Clark, Publisher of the Community Newspapers. Panelists included Larry Pederson, Economic Development Director for the City of Hillsboro, Jim Love, Board Chair for TVID, and Ron Garst, Board member of the Tualatin Riverkeepers.

Project Website

A dedicated project logo and website were established in September which includes all project documents; public meeting materials and minutes; and opportunities for comment by e-mail and mailing list sign-up.

The website is www.tualatinbasinwatersupply.org

Project Materials

An updated project brochure was completed in October describing the Water Supply Project as well as Title Transfer process. Separate Congressional Funding brochures were developed for both Title Transfer and the Water Supply Project.

2007 Media stories

January 5	<i>Capital Press</i>	“Dam may grow to meet increased water needs”
May 2	<i>News Times</i>	“Will Uncle Sam give up his dam?”
May 15	<i>Argus News</i>	“Local, federal officials meet for Hagg Lake proposal”
June 7	<i>The Oregonian</i>	“Water partners seek to increase supply”