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WATER PARTNERSHIP INVITES INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Working hard to deliver a fiscally responsible project



Citizens have concerns about paying for necessary water system improvements and the City of Lake Oswego is listening.

Staff is working hard to deliver a fiscally responsible project that meets the needs of the community. Partnering with another water provider was the first step. Tigard customers will pay more than half of total project costs, and contribute to ongoing operations and maintenance, saving Lake Oswego ratepayers millions.

And the smart planning continues. In January, staff invited a team of 12 engineering and construction professionals from around the country, to review the Supply Facilities Capital Improvement Program (SFCIP) recently endorsed by the Councils of Lake Oswego and Tigard. The SFCIP, developed over a nine-month period, represents the current thinking of the cities' team of engineers, planners and scientists relating to the drinking water facilities planned for construction beginning in late 2012. Over one week in January, the independent review

team "challenged" the underlying technical analyses and assumptions in the SFCIP and brainstormed alternative ways to complete the system expansion and still meet schedule, cost and quality of the end product.

Commonly known as "value planning," the practice was developed during WWII at General Electric Co. (GE). Shortages of labor, raw materials and parts led the company to seek alternative ways to deliver the products their customers demanded. Through value planning, GE identified new and creative ways to satisfy their customers' expectations.

For the Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership, this review is just one more important step in a long line of planning activities aimed at ensuring the program delivers the most value for the dollars spent. Check back here for Partnership updates, visit lotigardwater.org or contact staff at 503-697-6502.