Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership
Summary of Partnership Committee Meeting
October 20, 2025

City of Lake Oswego:	**Oversight Committee:** Councilor Afghan, Councilor Wendland Staff: Erica Rooney, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Dave Trotter, Water Treatment Plant Manager; Susie Anderson, Administrative Assistant
City of Tigard:	**Oversight Committee:** Councilor Schlack (for Mayor Hu), Councilor Robbins Staff: Brian Rager, Public Works Director

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Wendland called the meeting of the Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership Committee to order at 5:28 pm. The meeting was held at Tigard Public Works, 8777 SW Burnham St., Tigard OR 97223.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Robbins moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 4, 2025. **Councilor Afghan** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Operations/Activities Report
Mr. Trotter reported there had only been one water quality inquiry for the quarter. Early summer water use was higher than normal due to warmer than usual temperatures but was back to normal levels. The 2025 Emergency Response Plan update had been completed and was much the same as the previous plan with a few updates. The Risk and Resiliency Assessment was a big focus this year to keep up with climate change and other threats to the water system. The back up power project was nearing completion, and the winter resilience package was being finalized, which would be a rental contract with a guarantee of rental generators to be on site when they are needed for a three-month stand-by period. A study to determine the feasibility of generating hypochlorite/chlorine on site had begun and was expected to be complete by spring. **Ms. Rooney** stated there would be more information on the study/findings at the January meeting. **Councilor Wendland** asked if there would be a permitting process. **Ms. Rooney** replied the bigger challenge could be land use depending on use of existing

buildings. **Mr. Trotter** added he was optimistic the system would be able to fit into an existing space. **Ms. Rooney** explained the capital investment hadn't been budgeted yet and would be added to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) if it were decided to move forward with installing the system.

Mr. Trotter stated seasonal curtailment lasted about 2.5 weeks this year when river dropped to a certain level during a specific period. Stage 2 curtailment was enforced which affects internal city functions like watering parks at certain times of day and city vehicles aren't washed. **Councilor Afghan** asked if there was historical data that showed how this year compared to past years. **Mr. Trotter** replied there was data. Some years the river flows pick up right away so there's no curtailment or a very short period. The previous year stage 2 curtailment lasted 4 weeks. He referenced the graph in the meeting packet which showed the river flow levels for the past five years. He stated it wasn't significant operationally but was a condition of the Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP). **Councilor Schlack** asked what the different stages of curtailment were. **Mr. Rager** explained stage 2 only impacted the two cities by washing city vehicles at commercial facilities that recycle water, no flushing unless it's a safety issue, and stopping or adjusting parks and medians watering schedules. **Ms. Rooney** added it didn't save a significant amount of water overall but was a good show of effort. **Mr. Rager** continued during stage 3, the public is asked to voluntarily conserve water. **Councilor Wendland** asked if Stage 3 had ever been declared. **Ms. Rooney** responded not since she had been with the city but had come close during the chlorine shortage in 2021.

Mr. Trotter reported that the water rights certificates, which are held by Lake Oswego for the partnership, had completed the certification process for the remaining half of one water right and almost the entirety of the other one which meant our place in line on the river is still our place in line. He explained the original certificated piece was not subject to the river level requirement just discussed as part of the WMCP but the second, newly certificated half and the other water right were subject to that but no further conditions could be imposed by Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD). This was the final milestone regarding water rights. The plant had to run at full capacity for a set period and demonstrate the beneficial use of that amount of water. **Councilor Robbins** asked for clarification of how she might report back to Council on the topic. **Mr. Trotter** explained the certification essentially meant future WMCPs couldn't add more restrictions. Current thresholds and curtailment policies couldn't be changed to be more restrictive by OWRD. **Mr. Rager** added every year if the level drops below 800 ccf after September 15, the WMCP is activated. Having the water rights certificated means limitations during the low flow won't be more restrictive than they are now. **Mr. Rager** stated operationally it wasn't difficult to deal with the Stage 2 curtailment. Both cities can shift operationally quickly. **Ms. Rooney** added it allowed any serious safety concern to be addressed like if a line needed to be flushed because of a water quality issue, that would be allowed. **Councilor Schlack** asked how long the water rights were good for. **Mr. Trotter** responded they were permanent. If for some reason the water system stopped using the water right for five years, then it could be subject to review.

4.2 Budget Report

Mr. Trotter stated we were one quarter into the fiscal year so there wasn't much activity but were tracking under budget so far. Nothing of note had occurred, and there was nothing out of the ordinary as far as expenditures. **Councilor Schlack** asked for clarification on the budget period. **Mr. Trotter** stated Lake Oswego used a biennial budget whereas Tigard had a one-year budget cycle.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilor Wendland asked if there were any suggestions for future agenda items. **Councilor Robbins** stated she enjoyed the conservation and water quality presentations at the previous meeting. **Ms. Rooney** said an update could be provided regarding the chlorine generation study at the next meeting. **Councilor Wendland** voiced his support for having 8 subjects covered over the course of eight quarters. He noted partnership responsibilities hadn't really been discussed, or the history of the partnership. **Mr. Rager** suggested a high-level overview of the Intergovernmental Agreement. **Councilor Afghan** asked if he were suggesting a background overview or what the cities commitments to each other were, and how are they doing on those. **Mr. Rager** thought both would be appropriate. **Councilor Wendland** noted Lake Oswego was not growing but Tigard was still growing rapidly so how that works within the confines of the agreement might be helpful. **Ms. Rooney** added it's helpful to see the whole picture, an overview of both systems could be a topic.

Ms. Anderson noted the normal meeting date for the next meeting fell on a holiday and asked if it was okay with the group to push it for a week until January 26th. The group agreed.

Ms. Rooney asked if Councilor Schlak was temporarily filling in on the committee. **Councilor Schlak** replied he was available to fill in for Mayor Hu for this meeting and that the Tigard Council would be addressing committee appointments for the coming year at a meeting in mid-January.

6.0 ADJOURN

There being no further business, **Councilor Wendland** adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Approved by the Partnership Committee:

___January 26, 2026_____