

CLACKAMAS RIVER WATER PROVIDERS

Scope: Regional/Watershed

Location: Oregon

SCOPE:

- » Watershed scope with efforts throughout the Clackamas River in Oregon
- » Network of drinking water utilities
- » River is drinking water source for almost 300,000 people and provides power for the Portland metro area in Oregon via five hydroelectric dams.
- » Purpose is to fund and coordinate source water protection and public outreach and education efforts around watershed issues, drinking water, and water conservation to preserve the Clackamas River as a high quality drinking water source and to minimize future drinking water treatment costs
- » Includes two staff people, a Water Resource Manager and a Public Outreach & Education Coordinator

COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:

- » The water providers in the Clackamas River Basin have been working together on various water resource issues since 2002.
- » During the summer of 2007, the water providers expanded and formalized these efforts to include water conservation and broader water resource issues with the signing of an Intergovernmental Agreement creating the Clackamas River Water Providers.

MEMBERS:

- » City of Estacada
- » City of Lake Oswego
- » City of Tigard
- » Clackamas River Water
- » North Clackamas County Water Commission (Oak Lodge Water District, City of Gladstone)
- » South Fork Water Board (City of Oregon City, City of West Linn)
- » Sunrise Water Authority (City of Happy Valley, City of Damascus)

WATER CONCERNS:

Over 1,200 potential contaminant sources have been identified from sources such as agricultural activities, forestry practices, septic systems, and stormwater outfalls.

STRATEGIES:

- » A variety of teacher, youth education, and community outreach programs;
- » A water conservation rebate program for customers;
- » Point Source and nonpoint source evaluation and mitigation; and
- » Disaster preparedness and response planning.

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Annual Report:

http://www.clackamasproviders.org/images/stories/CRWP_Annual_Report_FY_2013-14_Final.pdf

RESULTS:

- » Creation of a GIS/Geo-database and Drinking Water Threat Analysis tool
- » Completion of Pollutant Load Modeling and BMP Tool
- » Implementation of a Septic System Education and Assistance Program
- » Pesticide reduction through outreach, pesticide round-up events, and workshops for growers