

# Clackamas River Water Providers

Scope: Regional/Watershed

Location: Oregon

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Annual Report: [https://www.clackamasproviders.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/CRWP\\_Annual\\_Report\\_FY\\_2018-19\\_Final.pdf](https://www.clackamasproviders.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/CRWP_Annual_Report_FY_2018-19_Final.pdf)

## SCOPE:

- Watershed scope with efforts throughout the Clackamas River in Oregon.
- Network of drinking water utilities.
- River is drinking water source for over 300,000 people in the Portland metro area.
- 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.

## COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:

- The CRWP includes all the cities and water districts (ten in total) that get their drinking water from the Clackamas River. The CRWP was created in 2007 through an Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 190 Intergovernmental Agreement.
- The collaborative meets every 6 months to review and update the action plan which includes 4 broad topics. The vision and action plan are updated every 5 years.
- The program focuses on water quality, incident and emergency response, land use management and public outreach.

## STRUCTURE/FUNDING:

- The CRWP operates under by-laws and meets every other month (or six times a year).
- Includes two staff people, a Water Resource Manager, and a Public Outreach & Education Coordinator.
- The CRWP is funded by water rates paid through member dues. The Water Resource Manager puts together an annual budget and each member pays a percentage of that based on their treatment plants annual yearly water production. Our budget for FY 2020-21 is just under \$730,000. This supports two staff people, overhead costs, and implementation of a Source Water Protection Program and a Public Outreach and Education Program.

## MEMBERS:

- City of Estacada
- City of Lake Oswego
- City of Tigard
- Clackamas River Water
- North Clackamas County Water Commission (Oak Lodge Water Services, City of Gladstone)

- South Fork Water Board (City of Oregon City, City of West Linn)
- Sunrise Water Authority (City of Happy Valley, Damascus area)

## **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.

## **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; and
- Pesticide reduction through outreach, pesticide round-up events, and workshops for growers.



**Information current as of November 2020. Please check with the Collaborative contacts (or website if available) for the most up to date information. To find other source water collaboratives across the U.S. or to add yours to the list, visit the Source Water Collaborative's [How To Collaborate Toolkit](#)**