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Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Commissioners
Virtual Meeting; 5 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 17
- Board of Commissioners
Virtual Meeting; 5 PM,
Wednesday, Dec. 15
- Board of Commissioners
Virtual Meeting; 5 PM,
Wednesday, January 19,
2022

What's Happening in the District?

Our door is once again open for masked customers to walk in and pay bills and request service. District Board meetings will remain virtual meetings through 2021 at least. Thank you for your patience and welcome back !!

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Long Term Source Water and Infrastructure Project Updates

As most customers already know, all West Slope Water District water is purchased from the City of Portland. Over the last few years, West Slope has been working with the City of Portland and its other wholesale water customers to create a new water purchase agreement. The current agreement established in 2006 expires in 2026 and will not be renewed by the City. In its place will be an entirely new water purchase agreement which will reflect the principles and desired outcomes needed for the City and its wholesale customers in the 21st Century. Why does the existing agreement need to be replaced? It was created before water utilities understood the importance of regional cooperation, sustainability, and resiliency (serving water through earthquake, wildfire, ex-

treme weather, and man-made catastrophic events). Over the last few years, the City of Portland has graciously worked collaboratively with its wholesale customers on a new water purchase agreement. Currently, we have completed 2 of the 3 phases needed for a new



agreement. The third phase should be completed by July 2022. A new agreement is key for West Slope's long term sustainable, affordable water supply for the future. More details about the agreement will be shared as

the final phase is completed !! Also, earlier in 2021, we shared plans for a water main replacement project in Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy that was supposed to start Fall 2021. Well, that project is still moving forward though slower than we had hoped. Getting approvals and permits to excavate in a State Highway is a complicated and time consuming process especially during a pandemic. Our design work is nearly complete, and we estimate now that the construction window for the project will likely be Spring 2022. Again, we will keep West Slope WD customers informed of the project timeline especially as all permits are approved and a construction contractor has been selected to construct the new water main. Stay tuned !!

Longtime District Employee Retires ... Congratulations Bart Johnson !!



In September 2021, the District's long time Operations Manager Bart Johnson retired from West Slope. Mr. Johnson worked for West Slope Water District for 33 years, and his wisdom and institutional knowledge will be greatly missed. His co-workers as well as the members of the Board of Commissioners wish him well in his next series of adventures in retirement. Congratulations, Bart! Also, Daniel Gridinar has been promoted to the District's Operations Manager position. A District employee for over a decade, Mr. Gridinar brings his own set of leadership skills, distribution system knowledge, and helpful customer-service oriented demeanor to the District's Operations Manager position. Welcome to the new position at West Slope, Daniel !!

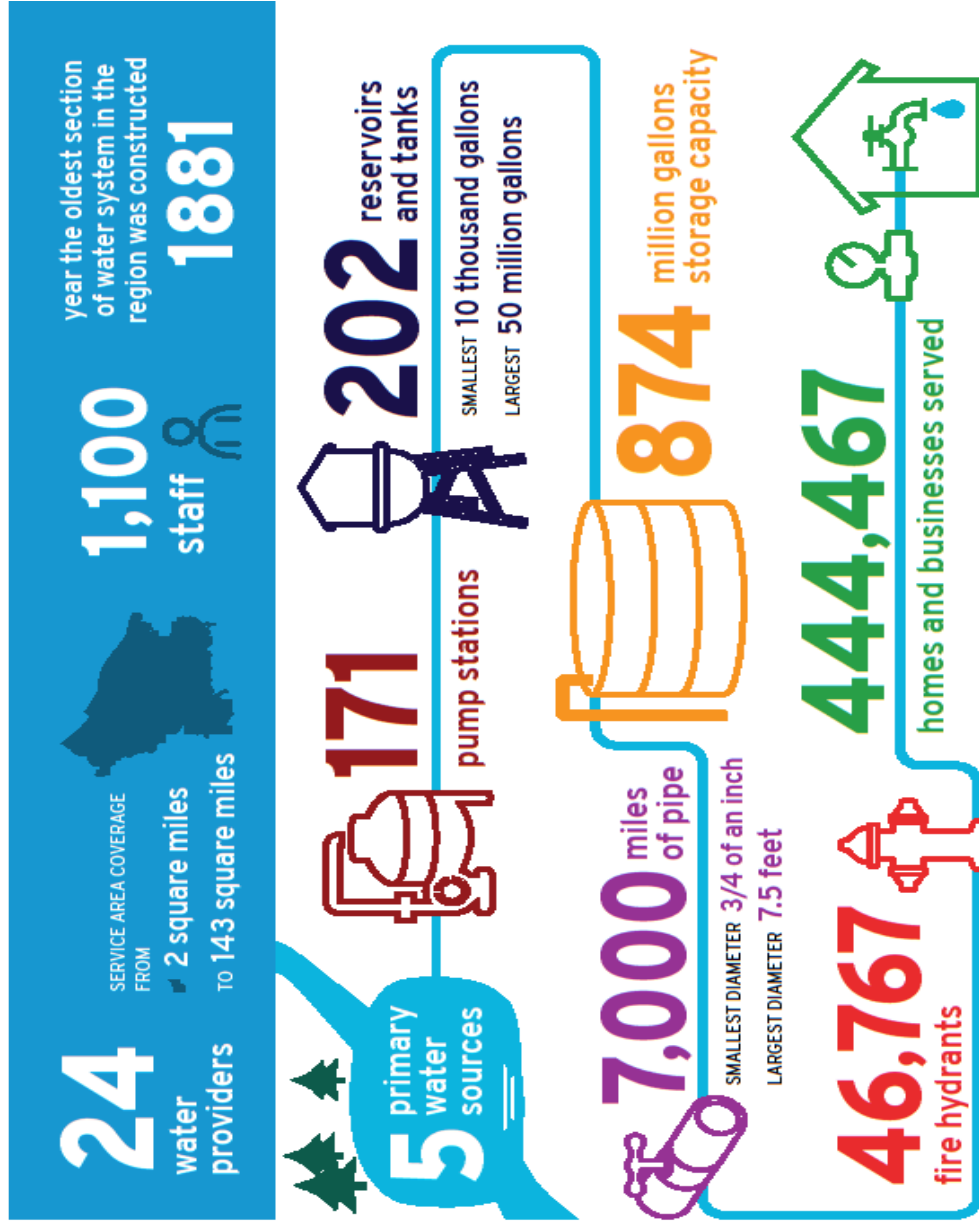
Drinking water

BY THE NUMBERS

A snapshot of what it takes to bring drinking water from its source to your home or business in the Portland, OR metropolitan region.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium provides leadership in the planning, management, stewardship, and resiliency of drinking water in the Portland, OR metropolitan region.

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