

ROCKWOOD WATER LINES

THE ROCKWOOD WATER PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT 2021 **NEWSLETTER** ISSUE 3

Groundwater Development Update

Rockwood Water and the City of Gresham (Cascade Groundwater Alliance) Celebrates Groundbreaking for the Cascade Groundwater Development Program August 17, 2021, Senator Jeff Merkley, and Other Honored Guests Invited to Attend

On August 17, 2021, Rockwood Water People's Utility District and the City of Gresham will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Cascade Groundwater Development Program. Rockwood Water and the City of Gresham have been working on the design and planning for the Groundwater Development Program, which will allow both agencies to fully supply our customers with water from the Cascade Groundwater System. This project will be partially funded by a Federal Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. U.S.

Senator Jeff Merkley introduced to Congress the WIFIA program in 2012. It was passed by Congress in 2014 and officially launched in 2016. Senator Merkley will be the guest of honor at this event. The event will also be attended by the Rockwood Water Board President and Directors, The Mayor and Council Members from the City of Gresham and Brian Stahl, former General Manager of Rockwood Water, the primary initiator of the Cascade Groundwater Development Program. Construction on the first major package has started!



Introducing the Cascade Groundwater Alliance



We are excited to present the new logo Rockwood Water and the City of Gresham will be using to promote our Groundwater Development Master Plan projects. It was designed by the talented staff at the City of Gresham. The logo signifies the long-standing partnership between Rockwood Water and the City of Gresham and depicts the protected Sand and Gravel Aquifer that serves as our water source. Cascade is the

name Rockwood adopted in the 1970s when we purchased land from the Cascade Corporation to expand our infrastructure and build a reservoir (Cascade #1). As both Rockwood and Gresham work to expand our existing systems, you will see the logo at job sites, events, on social media, and materials related to our Groundwater Development Master Plan projects.

Current Groundwater Development Projects

Cascade Well 8 - NE 141st Avenue

Drilling is complete and initial aquifer testing determined we will get 2 million gallons per day (MGD). Additional aquifer testing is required and will be completed this fall. The drilling equipment was removed, the site was graded, and fencing reinstalled. The design for the treatment building and onsite improvements will begin in 2022, with construction during the year 2023.

Cascade Well 9 - Kirk Park, NE 188th Avenue - City of Gresham Project

Drilling is complete and aquifer testing determined the well will produce 4 MGD. The drilling equipment was removed and the park site restored. A small utility enclosure will be installed until a wellhouse is constructed. Design for the wellhouse will begin this summer and construction is scheduled to begin in 2022.

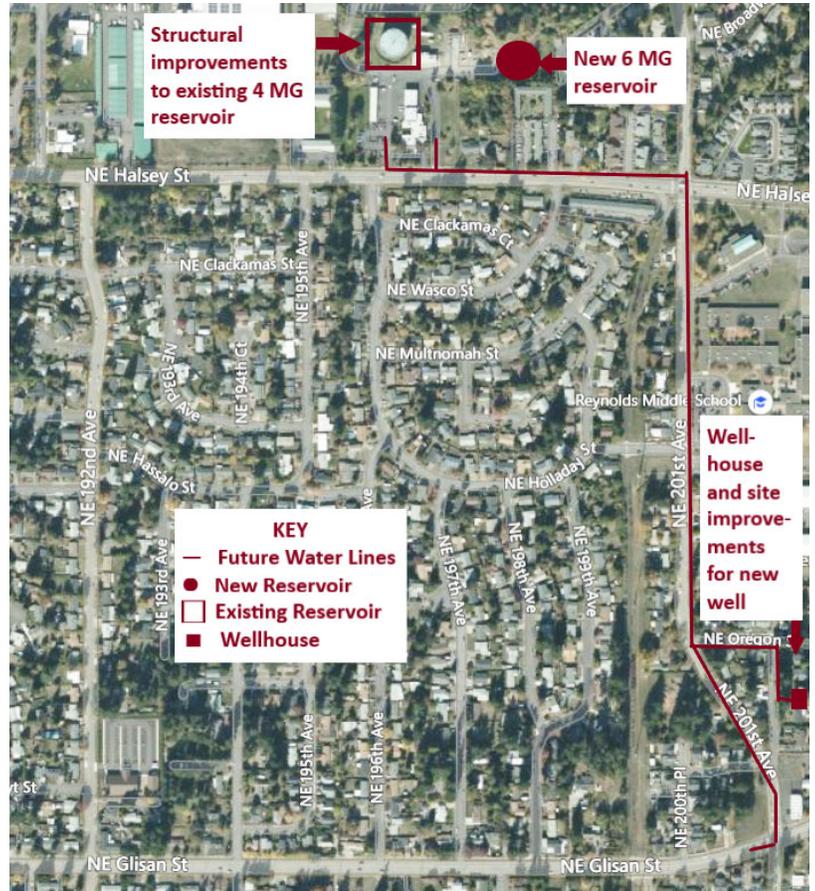
Current groundwater development projects, continued.

There are nine packages contained in the Groundwater Development Master Plan. Each package was carefully planned in a sequence that makes the most sense according to the overall plan. As we move forward, we will be introducing the packages in our newsletter and will provide you with updates. The current schedule is to test the system in 2025 and be able to run the system independently of purchasing water from the City of Portland in 2026.

Package 1

NE 202nd Avenue, 19601 NE Halsey Street, and surrounding area

Construction for the two-year project has begun. Tree removal and grading started in July for the new 6 MG reservoir (Cascade #2), located at the District office. This fall, work will start on the wellhouse and site improvements for the new well (Cascade #7) at our NE 202nd Avenue location. Multiple waterlines will be installed between the District office at 196th and Halsey, to 202nd and Glisan to deliver water to the Rockwood site. Replacement of the distribution mains in 202nd between Halsey and Glisan is in the Capitol Improvement Plan for fiscal year 26/27; however, we decided to install it along with the transmission mains to consolidate impacts to the area and reduce costs by combining projects. Structural improvements to the existing 4 MG reservoir (Cascade #1) will begin in the spring of 2022.



Pictured right is a photo of the Cascade #2 reservoir site taken July 16, 2021. The new reservoir will be constructed in the area at the center of the photograph.



Payment Assistance

Rockwood Water People's Utility District wants to ensure everyone has access to the water they need to stay healthy and take care of themselves and their families; however, it is important for customers to know they are still responsible for their water bills.

We understand our customers may be working through an affordability crisis during this time, so Rockwood Water is offering flexible payment arrangements and assistance to pay your water bill. Please be proactive! If you're facing a financial hardship during this time, please call us at 503.665.4179 or email us at customerservice@rwpud.org to work out a plan **BEFORE** your bill is due or late fees accrue.