

# Five Ways the Cascade Water Alliance Delivers More Value to Our Community

The City of Gresham and the Rockwood Water People's Utility District formed the Cascade Groundwater Alliance (CGA) to expand our groundwater supply for the 138,000 people we serve in East Multnomah County. It's a historic investment that will benefit our community for years to come.

- 1 Lower, long-term water rates**  
Studies show the cost to produce groundwater will be significantly less than purchasing the same amount of water from Portland in the future. By partnering to build our own groundwater system, we're keeping water rates affordable.
- 2 Local ownership of water resources gives us control**  
Decisions about water rates, system investments and water policy will be made by local decision-makers who are committed to our community.
- 3 Capacity for the future**  
The expanded groundwater system will provide a reliable supply of safe, clean water to meet the current and projected future daily demands for Gresham and Rockwood Water customers.
- 4 Favorable financing saves millions**  
Gresham and Rockwood Water are receiving a federal WIFIA (Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) loan to help finance the project. This low-interest loan program provides favorable, long-term loan conditions —saving ratepayers millions of dollars.
- 5 More resilient water system in an emergency**  
Through this partnership, customers benefit from a protected groundwater water supply carried through earthquake resistant pipes and reduced reliance on Portland's water. This makes us better prepared to withstand and recover faster from earthquakes, severe storms, floods, fires, droughts, and other emergencies.

## About the Cascade Groundwater Alliance

The Cascade Groundwater Alliance is a partnership between the City of Gresham and Rockwood Water People's Utility District to build and operate an independent, safe, and reliable water system. For more information:

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