

# PORTLAND WATER BUREAU



## MT. TABOR HISTORIC PROJECTS QUARTERLY REPORT

APRIL 15, 2019

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

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Resolution #37146 is focused on the historic reservoirs at Mt. Tabor Park, and includes directives regarding communication, water levels in the reservoirs following their disconnection from the City drinking water system, tree policy, alternative water management strategies, historic preservation, and an interpretive program. The resolution committed funding of \$4 million over four years to implement maintenance, repair and preservation work at the reservoirs. This work is currently funded from the general fund by yearly decision packages. The interpretive program was a requirement of land use permitting for the Tabor Disconnect Project and is funded by the Portland Water Bureau (PWB). All activities occur within Mt. Tabor Park Historic District, and include former drinking water infrastructure including reservoirs, gatehouses, hypochlorite buildings, fencing and lighting.

### CURRENT PHASE

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*Communications:* The PWB project team and the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association (MTNA) representatives continue to meet monthly regarding implementation of the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Historic Preservation Project and Interpretive Program. The Water Bureau project website is updated regularly to inform the park users on project impacts in the park. The next Report to Council is due at the end of April.

PWB staff and MTNA jointly presented the annual Report to Council on January 23, 2019.

*Reservoir Water Management Plan:* Water levels in all three reservoirs continue to be monitored. Reservoir 1 remains empty during construction. The Reservoir Management Plan drafted by PWB staff was provided to the MTNA for review at the meeting on January 22, 2019. The Plan will be discussed at a meeting in April 2019.

*Historic Preservation:* The next phase of Preservation work identified in the Historic Structures Report will include repairs to the Reservoir 1 concrete basin. Pioneer Waterproofing has been contracted to perform this work which is scheduled to begin on April 22, 2019.

PWB staff met with the MTNA on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> to prioritize the work items that will be part of the next and last phase of improvements to be undertaken with the final funding allocation of the \$4Million general fund investment.

*Historic Interpretive Program:* PWB staff, the MTNA representatives, and the historic and design contractors continued developing two interpretive display design concepts for Reservoir 1. The project team presented both design approaches to the Parks Accessibility Advisory Committee on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The team will present both designs to Commissioner Fritz on April 29<sup>th</sup> for direction on key interpretive

design elements to be incorporated into a program design template for all interpretive and wayfinding display locations under consideration at Mount Tabor Park.

## APRIL - JUNE 2019 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

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*Communications:* The Portland Water Bureau (PWB) project team and the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood (MTNA) representatives continue to meet as needed regarding implementation of the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Historic Preservation Project and Interpretive Program. Water Bureau project website will be updated as construction projects are implemented.

*Reservoir Water Management Plan:* Reservoir 5 will be drained and cleaned in early April. PWB staff and the MTNA will meet on April 25, 2019 to review and edit the Water Quality Management planning and reporting documents. Reservoir 1 will remain empty during improvement work scheduled to be completed in August 2019. It will be refilled when the work is complete.

*Historic Preservation:* Reservoir 1 basin concrete repairs are scheduled to begin on April 22, 2019 and will be completed in August 2019. The project team is working to prioritize the preservation work to be done with the final \$1.115 Million installment from the General Fund. This list of prioritized work items will be designed and developed into bid drawings and specifications.

*Historic Interpretive Program:* The project team anticipates developing additional programmatic content for other park locations after design direction is received from Commissioner Fritz. The project team will continue working with Portland Parks & Recreation staff for input on programmatic content and park locations. The project team will also continue engaging the City’s Tribal Relations Director and the Native American Community Advisory Council (NACAC) for their advice on incorporating Native American content into the program.

## BUDGET

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### Historic Preservation Budget

Funds for the historic preservation of the reservoirs and buildings come from the general fund. The table below summarizes funding received and spent for each fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Funding approved by Council	Actual spending
2016/17	\$750,000	\$356,423
2017/18	\$1,020,000	\$1,369,200
2018/19 (through March 2019)	\$1,115,000	\$183,022
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,885,000</b>	<b>\$1,908,567</b>

FY 18-19 PROJECTS – Construction will primarily consist of restoration/preservation work at Reservoir One basin, restoration of historic light fixtures and fence repairs at Reservoirs Five and Six. Restoration of parapet walls at Reservoirs Five and Six will be added if any contingency funds remain at the end of the project.

### **Interpretive Program Budget**

Funds for the Interpretive Program come from the Portland Water Bureau. The current FY2018-19 project budget was revised in February 2019 due to a delay in schedule. The delay in schedule is the result of additional project team meetings, implementation of a more robust public outreach effort in Spring 2018, and additional stakeholder involvement and project direction requested by the Commissioner. Due to additional time needed to complete the Initial Design Phase, the FY2018-19 project spending plan was reduced from \$210,000 to \$110,000. The Initial Design Phase is now scheduled to be completed in September 2019.

FY2018-19 YTD expenses currently total \$55,000. Overall project expenditures as of April 2019 total \$168,000 of \$570,000 budgeted.