



Detroit Dam Drawdown

Preparing to Protect Stayton's Drinking Water

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is planning a temporary drawdown of Detroit Reservoir beginning in December 2026 as part of work at Detroit Dam. Because Detroit Dam feeds the North Santiam River – the source of Stayton's drinking water – the drawdown could cause the river to become highly turbid (muddy). Increased turbidity may overwhelm Stayton's slow sand filtration system, affecting the city's ability to treat drinking water. The City of Stayton has been actively preparing for this event for well over a year.



City of Stayton's Priority is to Protect Stayton's Drinking Water

City staff continue to work every day to understand potential impacts, reduce risks where possible, and prepare response plans should conditions change during the drawdown.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

- **Working** with a water resources consultant.
- **Coordinating** with USACE, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Emergency Management, Santiam Hospital, and local, state, and federal partners.
- **Evaluating** operational strategies for Stayton's water treatment system.
- **Developing** contingency and emergency response plans.
- **Continuing** work on long-term strategies, including a water intertie with the City of Sublimity and Aquifer Storage and Recovery.



WHAT TO EXPECT

The City of Stayton will continue to:

- **Monitor conditions** throughout the planning process and drawdown.
- **Coordinate closely** with regulatory agencies and technical experts.
- **Keep the public informed** as significant milestones are reached.
- **Take appropriate action** if changing conditions warrant additional protective measures.



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