



“Solving Multi-faceted Challenges to Replace  
1920s-built Outlet Facilities at the City Lake  
Reservoir in Port Townsend, WA”

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## Reinvesting in Drinking Water Infrastructure

An  
Analysis  
of Twenty  
Utilities'  
Needs for  
Repair and  
Replacement  
of Drinking Water  
Infrastructure



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By 2030, the average utility will have to spend about **three and a half times as much on pipe replacement** due to wear-out as it spends today. Even so, the average utility will also spend **three times as much as on repair** in that year as it spends today, as the **pipe get older and more prone to leakage.**

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# Presentation Overview

- Project Background
- Existing Condition and Project Needs
- Challenges
- Proposed Improvements
- Schedule Constraints and Project Phasing
- Construction
  - Bypass and Flow Control
  - Lake Draining
  - Shaft Construction
  - Installing Pipeline in Tunnel
- Take –away Messages



5 MG Reservoir  
1 MG Standpipe  
CT Station

PT Paper  
Company



Transmission Pipeline  
30-miles, 30-inch diam.  
Re-built 1950s-70s Welded Steel  
Pipe w/ some 1920s Pipe  
remaining in place

Project Site  
City Lake Reservoir  
1920s Facility

Lords Lake Reservoir

Little Quilcene River  
Diversion

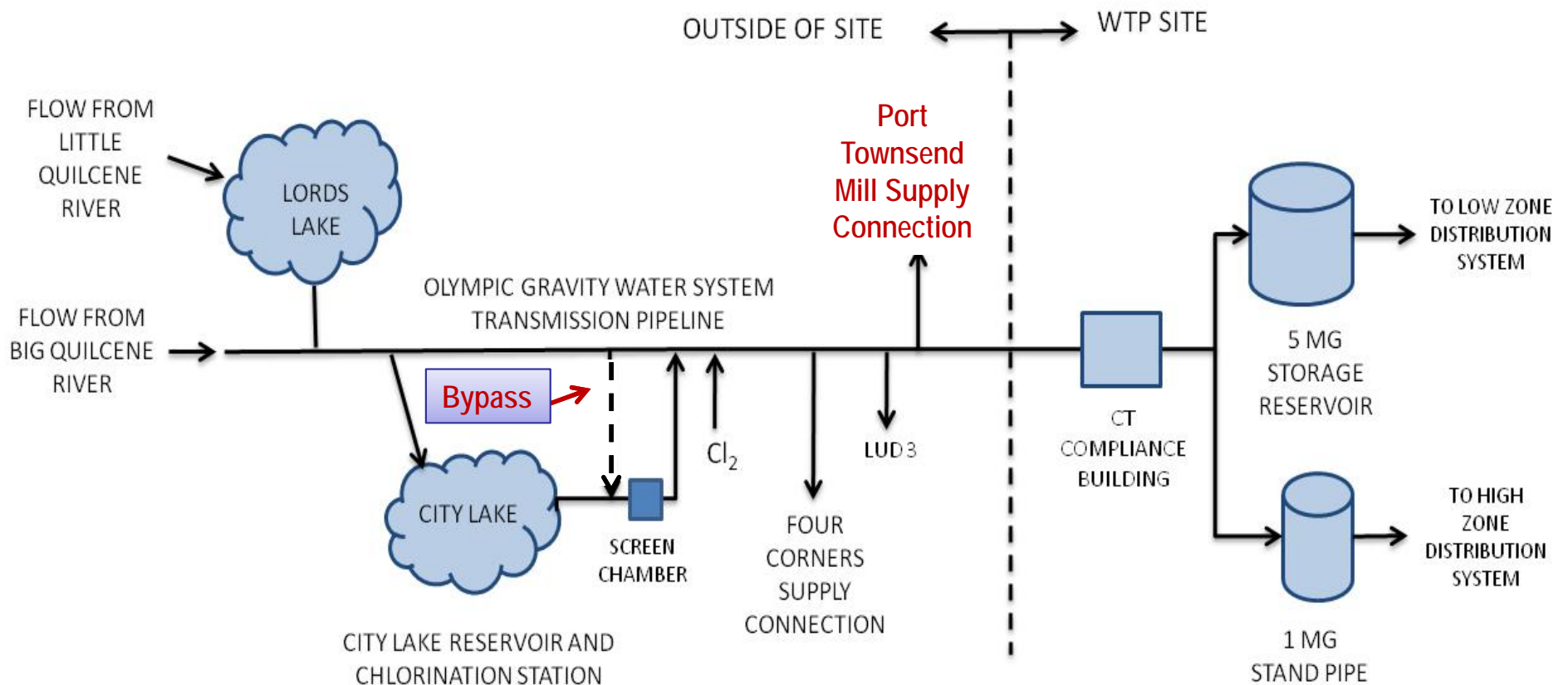
Big Quilcene River  
Diversion, 1928

Olympic Gravity Water  
System (OGWS)



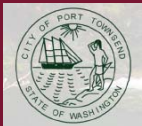
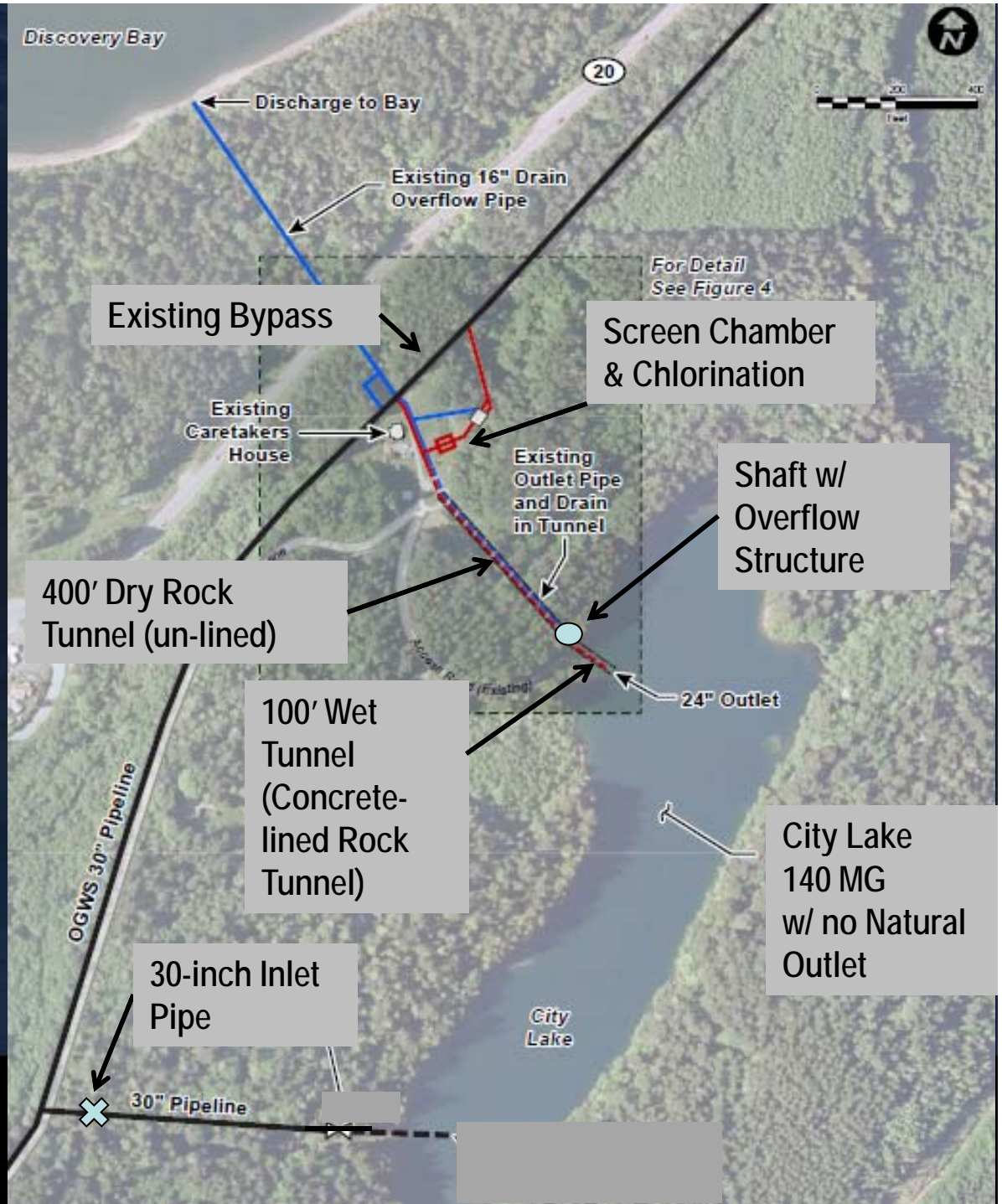
# Water System Schematic

- Single Supply Source for City & Mill
- 24/7 Un-interrupted Operation
- Average Daily Demand – 15.5 MGD (14.5 MGD Mill)

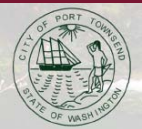
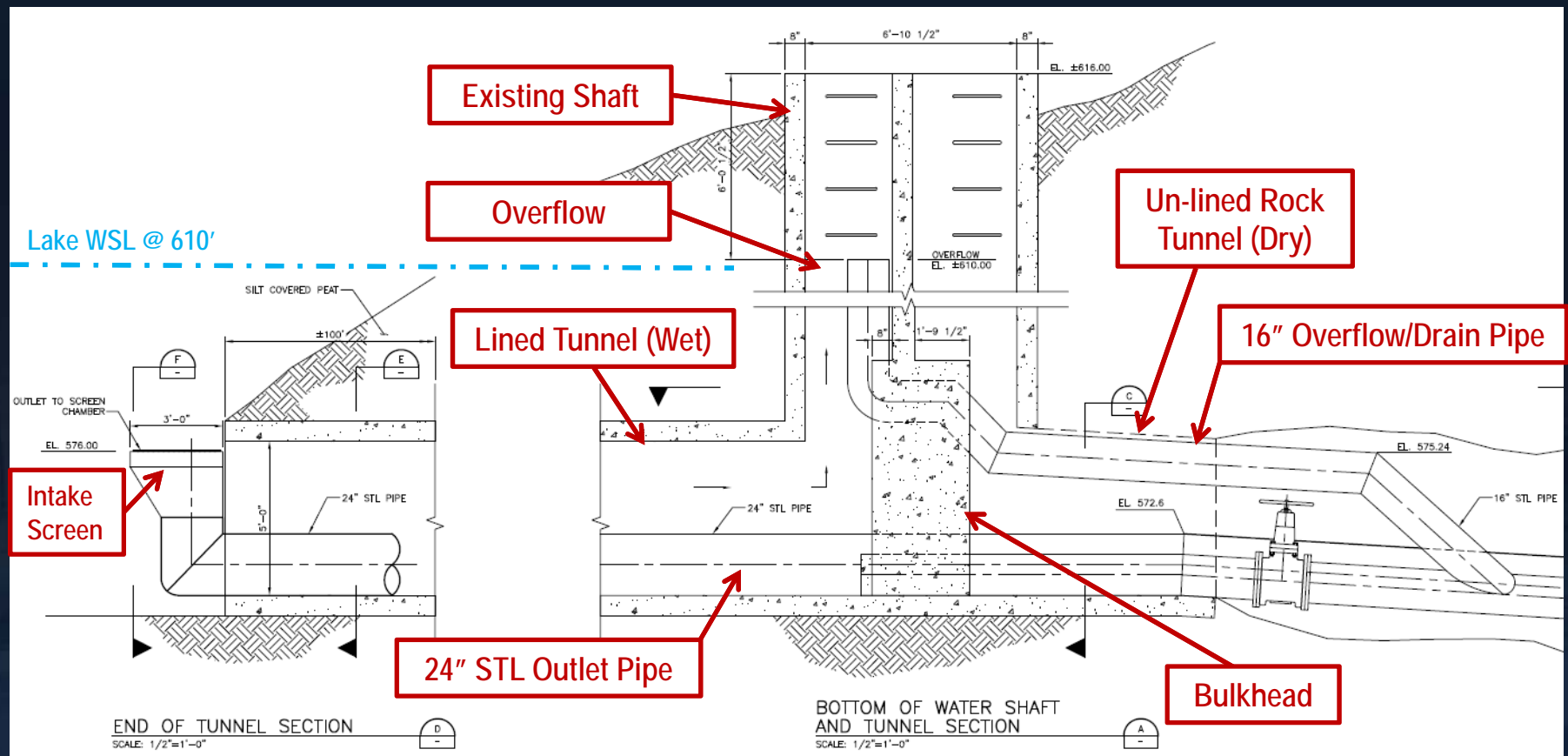


# Existing City Lake Facilities

- 140 MG City Lake
- 30" Inlet Pipe
- Shaft w/ Overflow Structure
- 24" Outlet Pipe
- 16" Overflow/drain
- Intake Tunnel in Rock
- Screen Chamber & Chlorination



# Existing Intake Tunnel Profile





Tunnel Entrance with 24"  
Outlet Pipe and 16"  
Drain/Overflow Pipe

Un-lined Tunnel with Outlet  
Pipe and Overflow/Drain pipe

Difficult access  
Susceptible to damage from  
rock fall







Overflow/Drain pipe Valve  
and Outlet Pipe inside  
tunnel



*Temporary Repair with Carbon  
Fiber Wrap*

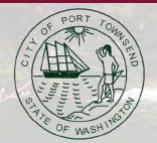
Outlet pipe and Overflow/drain  
pipe at bulk head inside tunnel





Corroded Outlet Pipe,  
poorly supported on a  
deteriorating piece of wood

Corrosion of Drain  
Pipe



Extremely Tight Space inside Shaft  
Hard to Assess



Overflow, Wet Shaft



Existing Shaft



# No SCADA / Telemetry at Headworks



20" Isolation Valve for Current  
Flow Control  
(Manual , Cavitating )



Wooden Vault



10-inch Isolation Valve (motorized)

# Project Chronology

Pipe Failure in 2009 – *Broken Welds*

Other Deficiencies:

- *No Isolation at Source*
- *Cavitation of Valves*
- *Limited Access to Shaft and Tunnel*
- *Primitive SCADA & Telemetry*
- *Significant Corrosion*
- *No Means of Bypass*

*Need to Improve and Update Facilities*

Condition Assessment (2010)

Project As-built/ Hydraulics (2010)

Alternatives Analysis (2010)

FEMA Funding Opportunity  
\$ 1.5M Pre-disaster Grants  
(Seismic Fragility Analysis)

Final Design & Permits (2011-12)

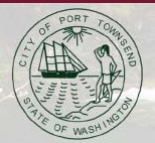
Construction (2012 & 2013)  
(Phase 1 & Phase 2)



# Project Overall Challenges



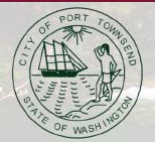
- Single Source Supply
- No Shut down of System Allowed, 24/7 Operation
- No Record Drawings, Aging Facilities, No HGL
- No Isolation or Bypass for Lake
- Access difficult for design (underwater, cont. operation)
- Leaking pipes in constricted rock-lined tunnel
- Risk mitigation due to severe consequences
- Difficult to scope and budget



# Construction Challenges

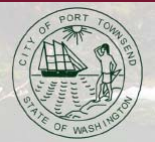


- Tight schedule
- Phasing of construction
- Lake draining & associated impacts
- Disposal of turbid water
- Unique sub-surface – shallow soil over bedrock
- Tight work space in Tunnel & Shaft
- Unknown condition
- Safety



# Project Components

- Phase 1 – Lake Bypass and Flow Control (May-Dec 2012)
  - Temporary Bypass
  - Flow Control Facility
  - Pressure Relief Valve
  - Isolation Valve at 30" Inlet Pipe
  - Telemetry and I&C
- Phase 2 – Outlet Pipeline and Control Structure (Jan – June 2013)
  - Lake Draining and Care of Water
  - Stabilize Tunnel & Demolition
  - Outlet Control in New Shaft
  - Outlet & Drain/Overflow Pipe Replacement





# Phase 1 – Bypass and Flow Control

## Legend

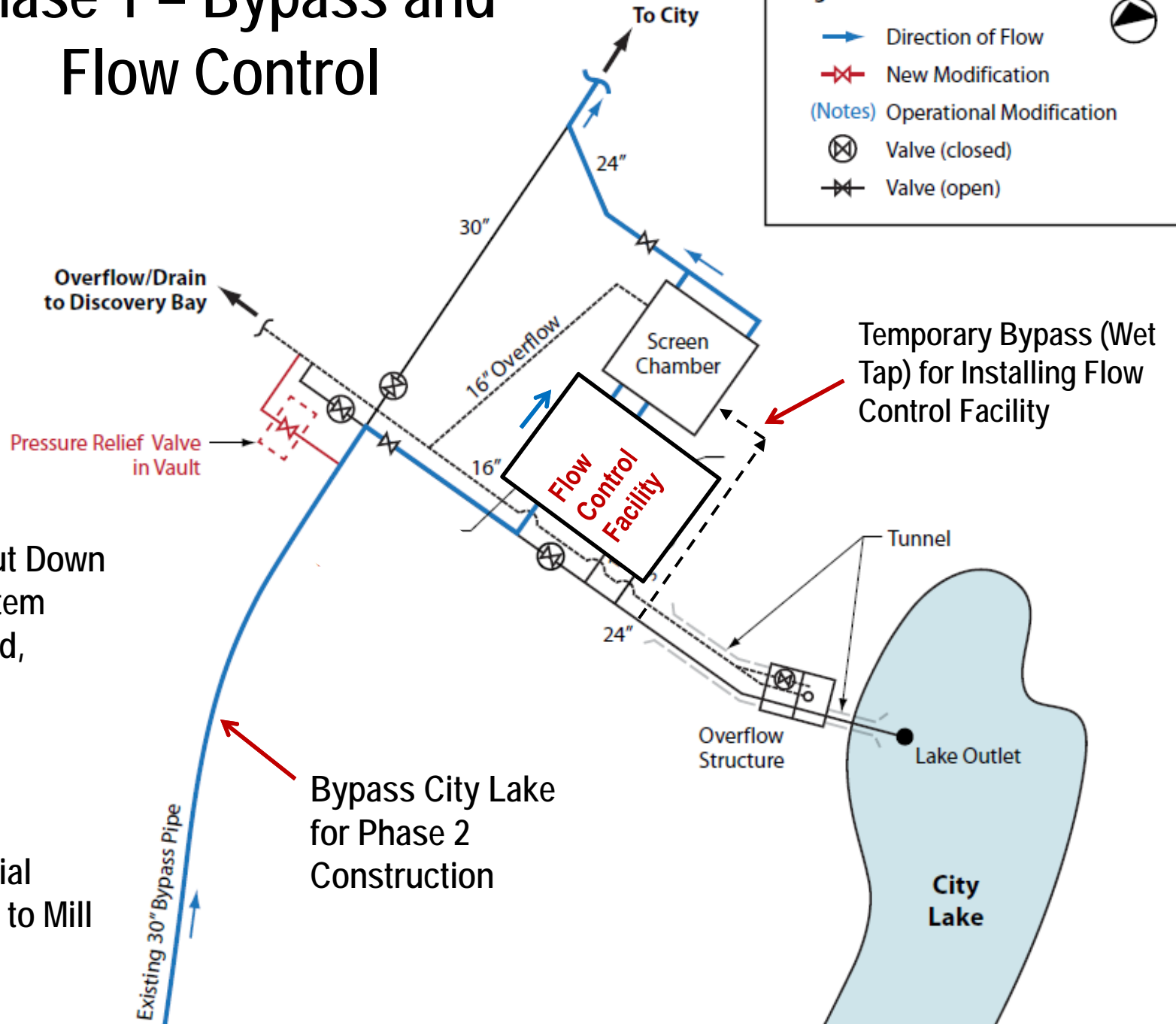
→ Direction of Flow

⊗ New Modification

(Notes) Operational Modification

⊗ Valve (closed)

⊗ Valve (open)



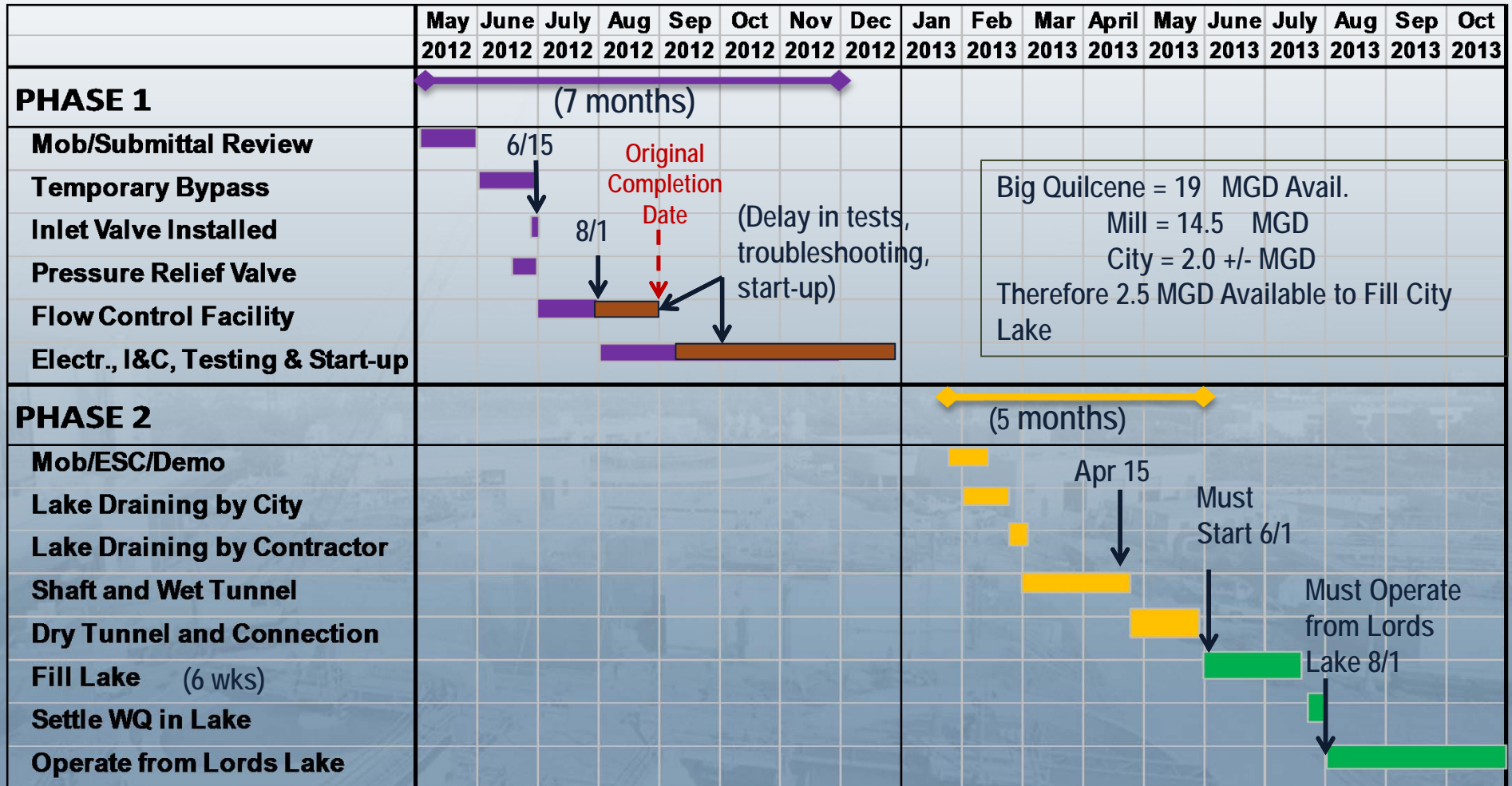
No Shut Down  
of System  
Allowed,

or

Huge  
Financial  
Impact to Mill

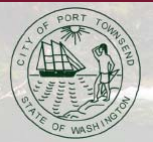
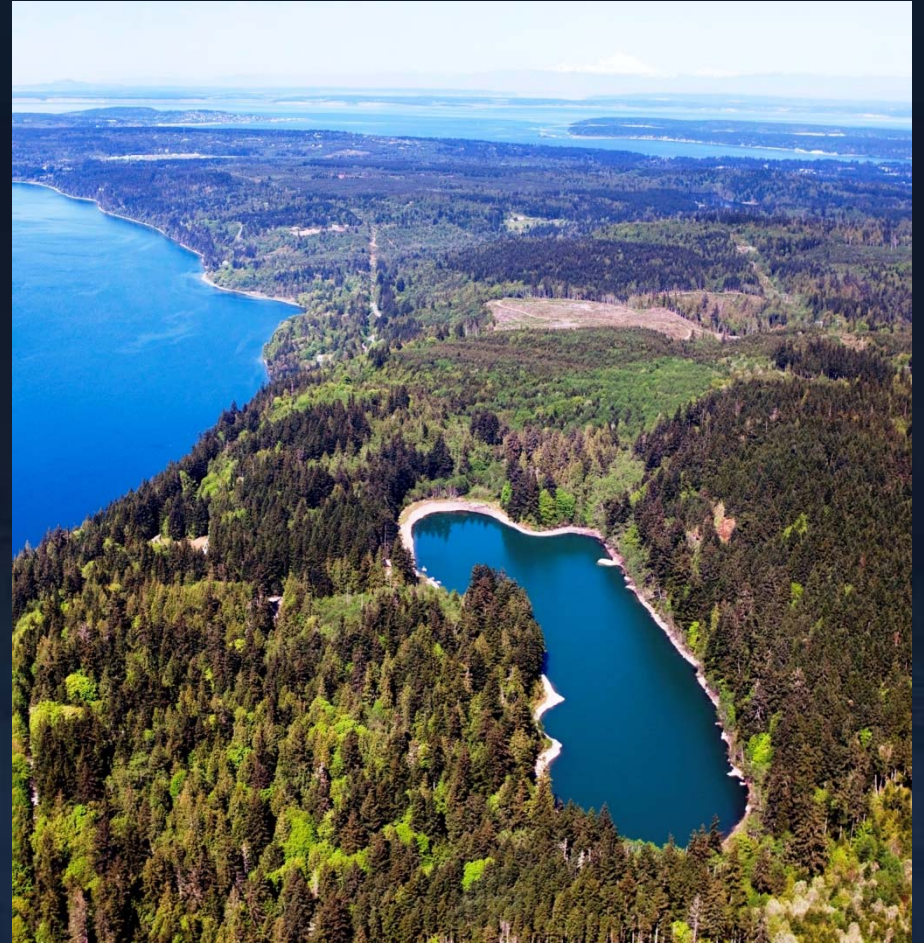


# Schedule Constraints



# Phase 2 – Lake Drain & Care of Water

- No Feasible Way to Cofferdam due to schedule constraints and Rock
- Study Environmental & Water Quality Impacts
  - Fish & Amphibian monitoring
- Lake Draining Plan
  - < 2 NTU: Supply to City and Mill
  - > 2 NTU and < 25 NTU: Drain to Discovery Bay w/o Treatment
  - > 25 NTU: Dispose to Discovery Bay w/ Treatment or Infiltration





Fully Drained City Lake

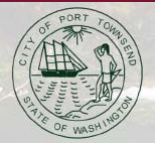


Inlet to Tunnel

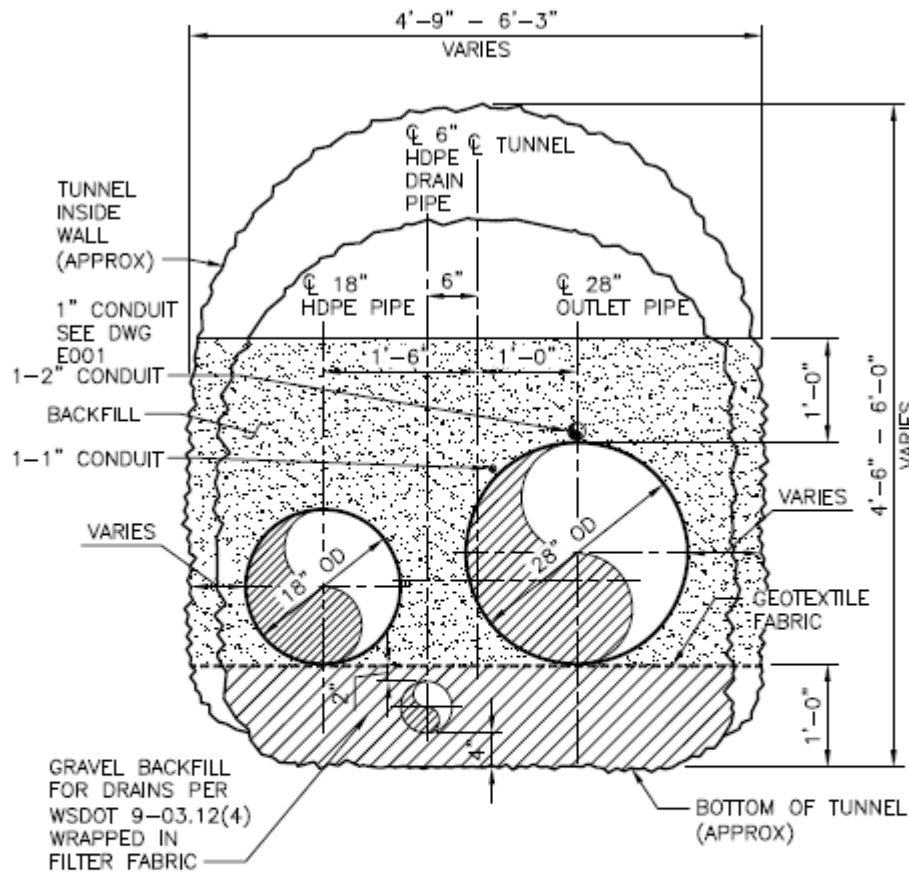
Cofferdam

Pumps

Outlet Control Shaft



# Phase 2 - Tunnel Cross Section

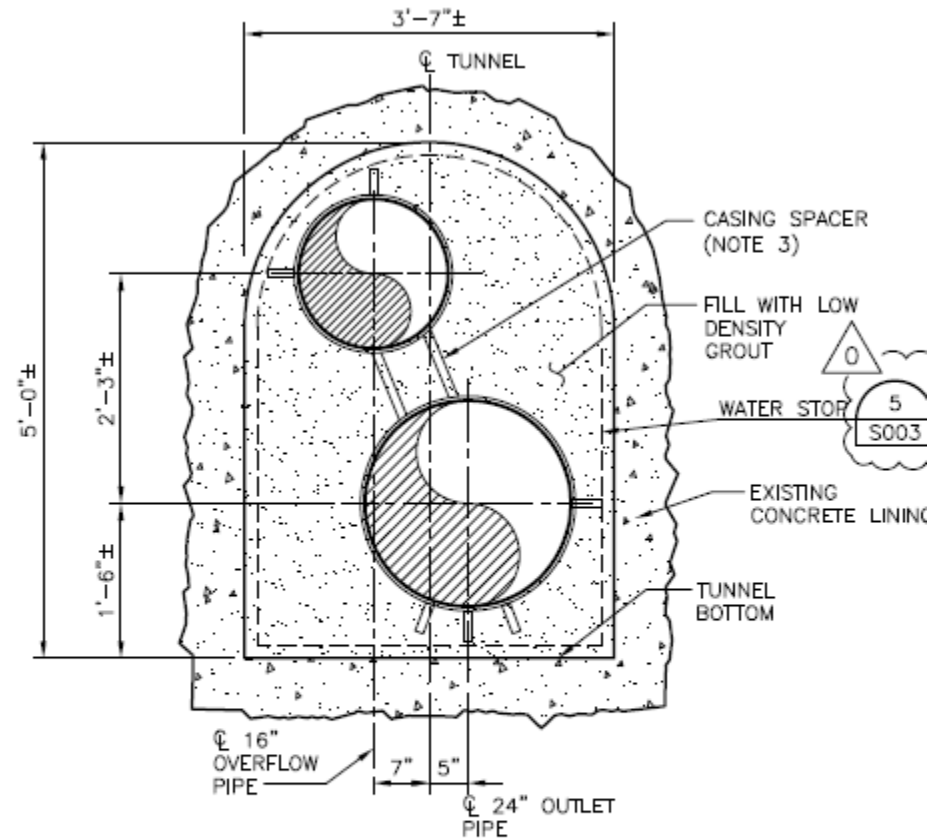


STA 3+50 TO STA 6+08

**DRY TUNNEL**

TYPICAL TUNNEL SECTION

SCALE: 3/4"=1'-0"



STA 7+64 TO STA 8+66

**WET TUNNEL**

TYPICAL TUNNEL SECTION

SCALE: 3/4"=1'-0"



# Phase 2 - Pipe Installation in Wet Tunnel



# Phase 2 - Pipe Installation in Dry Tunnel



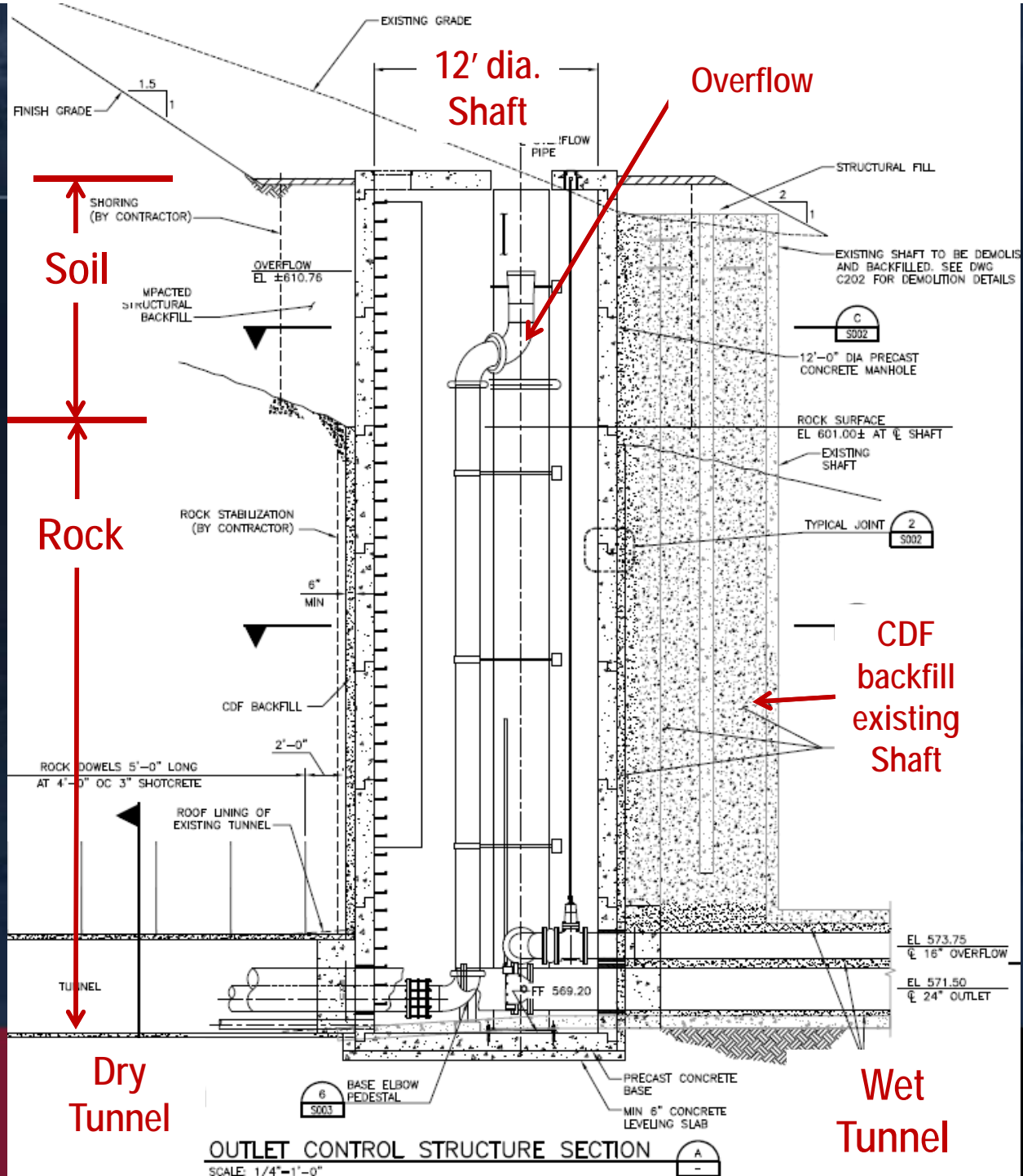
Drain Pipe at the bottom of Dry Tunnel



28" Outlet Pipe and 16" Overflow/drain pipe (HDPE)

Blowing backfill inside dry tunnel







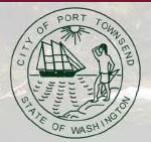
# Phase 2 - Shaft Construction



Excavating around Existing Control Shaft



Excavation in soil w/ slide rail shoring system at new Control Shaft site



# Phase 2 - Shaft Construction cont.



Excavation of rock from the surface



Rock dowels and netting to stabilize exposed rock inside shaft

# Phase 2 - Shaft Construction cont.



Lowering equipment inside the shaft



Operating at the bottom of the excavated shaft



# Phase 2 - Shaft Construction cont.



Installing 12-foot diameter precast segments

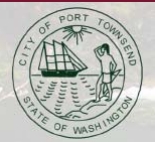


CDF backfill around the Shaft





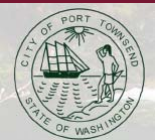
# Phase 2 - Overflow Pipe and Valves inside Shaft



# Project Cost & Funding

	Total Project Cost	Construction Cost	Change Orders
Phase 1	\$1.3 M	\$ 0.7 M	13%
Phase 2	\$3.2 M	\$ 2.0 M	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.5 M</b>	<b>\$ 2.7 M</b>	<b>7%</b>

Source	Funding Amount
Public Works Trust Fund	\$1.0 M
FEMA Grant	\$1.3 M
OGWS Replacement Fund	\$2.2 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.5 M</b>



# Take-Away Message

- Repair and Rehabilitation of Aging Infrastructure requires careful planning and evaluation of risk.
- Lake draining can be permitted w/ mitigation measures.
- Can never have too many borings
  - *limited geotechnical exploration led to encountering different subsurface condition, required different construction approach.*
- Tight schedule requires planning w/ contingency
  - *WQ treatment equipment was un-used but it was like an insurance against unknown condition and un-acceptable delay in schedule.*
- Risk can be mitigated and minimized with careful planning
  - *Very few surprises but extra effort upfront in planning and engineering.*





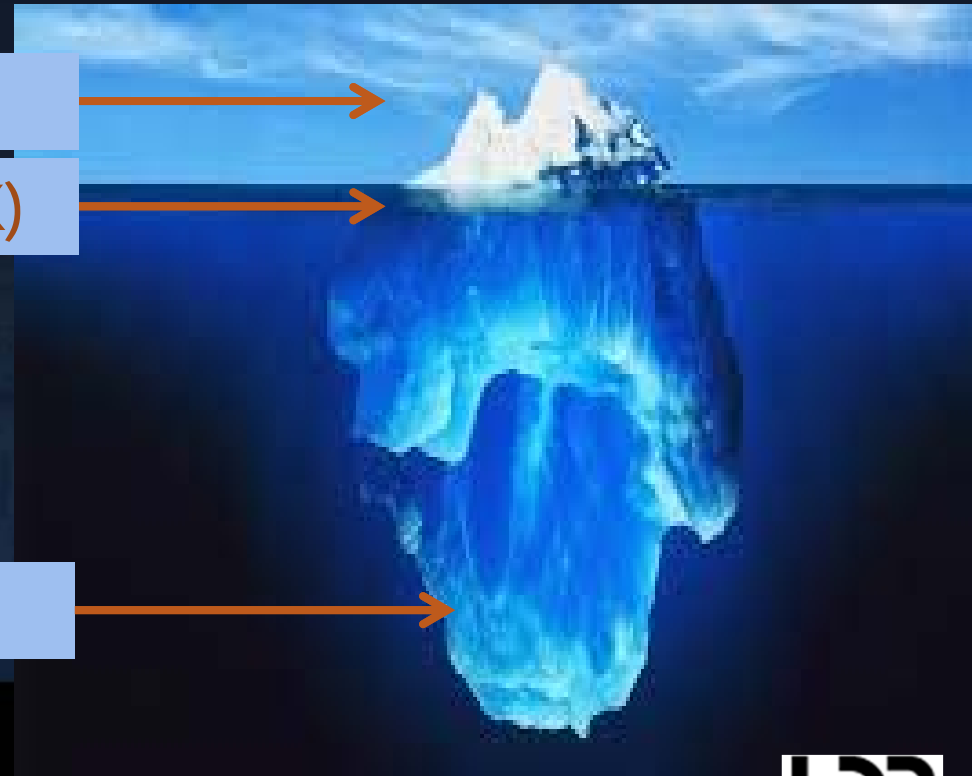
# Conclusion

As with many repairs of aging infrastructure, the extent of the problem and solutions were not fully known until further exploration.

Repair pipe with patch (\$10 K)

Rehabilitate w/ Slip lining (\$40 K)

Full Replacement (\$4.5 M)



# Questions ?



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