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The city of Seaside will begin an annual water main flushing program in the near future. This program will help us maintain the high water quality we have all enjoyed in the past. Systematically beginning at the water treatment plant operators will begin opening fire hydrants and "blow off" valves to flow water at high volumes through the system. Flushing the system in this way removes very fine particles that collect over time after large volumes of water are processed by treatment and a normal maintenance procedure.. Using laboratory test equipment to measure clarity and proper disinfection levels we can assure that the minimal quantity of water is used. We will begin flushing soon when our weather changes to assure that stream flows are adequate and we preserve habitat. We would like you to be aware of our activities as you may see us flow what seems to be a considerable amount of water out of the hydrants. During our flushing program in all cases your water will remain safe to drink, it has been treated and passed or exceeded all state and federal guidelines for drinking water. We will continue to test the water as we normally do to assure this remains the case. As the consumer it is likely you will experience one or more of the following conditions at your tap when we are in your area. In all cases, if you experience any of the following conditions, running your tap water through all your faucets for 3 to 7 minutes will clear these symptoms. This will "flush" your household plumbing of any air or sediment that is stirred up as we move through the system. Please remember your water will continue to be safe to use. Flushing the main lines may release air into your tap water. This will create an appearance of "White" or "Milky" water coming out of your faucet. This is just air, if you let your container sit for a minute or two the air will raise to the top and disappear. In some cases the water may appear slightly brown or tinted. This is a result of very fine sediment accumulating over the years and the target of our exercise. The water treatment plant processed approximately 590 million gallons of water last year This finely, cloudy sediment has been subjected to our disinfection process and part of our laboratory analysis maintains its safety. Again, letting your faucets run in the home will quickly clear the symptom. Any taste or odor you may experience will quickly go away with running your tap water. The city water department would like you to call if any of the above symptoms persist or seem to be extreme to you. We will be happy to come out to visit you, checking to see that everything is in order. Please remember to "flush" all of your taps before you call to see if the water restores itself to what you're accustomed to. Our phone number is 503-738-5112. Thank you for your time and attention to this important project.