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Executive manager responsible to direct a ~\$24 million budget and the work of a 150+ member workforce charged with constructing, repairing, and maintaining Portland's water distribution system, which provides water to more than 900,000 people via more than 2200 miles of main, and fire protection via more than 14,000 fire hydrants.

Since March 2012--and without increases in resources--the Maintenance & Construction Division has substantially increased the annual pace of completed system maintenance tasks and sustained those increases in every major maintenance category, while concurrently managing major storm events and other unpredictable demands. In 2017, the Maintenance and Construction division repaired 92 main breaks that occurred over a 13 day period during a major winter storm event. Despite this event which reverberated throughout the Spring as the restoration demands from those main breaks slowed the pace of our ordinary work, the group managed to regain its momentum meet maintenance targets that were consistent with prior years. Daily maintenance and construction activities continued with a growing work demand through the Covid-19 response.