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Director

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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Presentation
on Water Environment Services Watershed Health Education Program

Purpose/Outcomes	Inform the Board of County Commissioners about the WES Watershed Health Education Program and the impact to county students
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	\$60,000
Funding Source	WES Surfacewater FY2016-17 & 2017-18 Operating Budgets
Duration	September 2016 - June 2018
Previous Board Action/Review	N/A
Strategic Plan Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build public trust through good government • Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities • This program supports the WES Strategic Plan objective that customers will continue to benefit from a well-managed utility and properly functioning infrastructure that supports healthy streams • This program supports the County's Strategic Plan objective to Honor, Utilize, Promote and Invest in our Natural Resources
Contact Person	Gari Johnson x4631
Contract No.	N/A

BACKGROUND:

Water Environment Services (WES) developed the Watershed Health Education Program to educate youth about the importance of protecting our local watersheds as outlined in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharge Permit. This program makes it possible for North Clackamas School District teachers and their students to get out of the classroom and into the field where they gain hands-on experience making assessments, restoring streamside habitats, and studying what determines healthy rivers and streams. Students then share their knowledge with friends, family and the broader community through presentations and activities, making an even bigger impact on public health and protecting the environment.

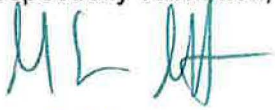
WES' Gari Johnson will give a brief update on the Program and its partnerships that work with elementary school aged students, show a 2 minute video featuring students' hands-on watershed activities, and then introduce the Estuary Partnership's Executive Director Debrah

Marriott. Ms. Marriott will share with the Board a brief presentation of the significance of their work over the past two years with local 4th and 5th graders on behalf of WES to increase the students' knowledge of watershed science and to educate a new generation of water quality stewards.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is an informational item.

Respectfully submitted,

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