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# Notice of Measure Election

## District

### Notice

<b>Date of Notice</b> February __, 2016	<b>Name of District</b> Oak Lodge Water District	<b>Name of County or Counties</b> Clackamas County	<b>Date of Election</b> May 17, 2016
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**Ballot Title** Prepare with assistance from the district attorney or an attorney employed by the district.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

**Consolidates Oak Lodge Water District and Oak Lodge Sanitary District**

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

**Shall Oak Lodge Water and Oak Lodge Sanitary Districts be authorized to consolidate as jointly proposed by their elected boards?**

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

**This measure authorizes consolidation of the Water and Sanitary Districts that serve the Oak Lodge area. The consolidation is proposed by the elected Boards of both Districts.**

**Oak Lodge Water District and Oak Lodge Sanitary District provide drinking water, sanitary sewers and surface water management services in the Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge area. The two districts' boundaries are nearly the same.**

**Since 2013, the elected Boards of both Districts have jointly conducted legal and financial studies to evaluate the pros and cons of consolidation. The studies demonstrate a single consolidated district could save ratepayers an estimated \$4.25 million over the first 10 years and operate more efficiently, with better customer service. Cost savings are from vacant positions left unfilled, and other efficiencies.**

**Both District Boards have adopted matching resolutions to place ballot measures before voters. The proposed consolidation must be approved by voters in both districts. If approved, both Districts will continue until the consolidated district takes effect. The consolidated district will remain an independent public agency directed by its own elected Board.**

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district governing body; **or**  
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?**  Yes  No

**Authorized District Official** Not required to be notarized.

<b>Name</b> Dan Bradley	<b>Title</b> General Manager, Oak Lodge Water District
<b>Mailing Address</b> 14496 SE River Road, Milwaukie, Oregon 97267	<b>Contact Phone</b> (503) 654-7765

*By signing this document:*

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election and I certify the above ballot title is true and complete.

**Signature Redacted**

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Date Signed

### Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

**Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form.** This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

#### Filing Information

Election:  Primary 20 16     General 20 \_\_\_\_\_     Special \_\_\_\_\_    Measure # 3 - 474

#### Ballot Title Caption

OAK LODGE WATER DISTRICT/OAK LODGE SANITARY DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION

#### Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

DAN BRADLEY

#### Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

OAK LODGE WATER DISTRICT

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#### SIGNATURE

**Signature Redacted**

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Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

Date

#### MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

#### For Office Use only:

County: Clack

Signed?  Yes     No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes     No

Intake Staff Initials:

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Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy?  Yes     No

Review Staff Initials:

## Oak Lodge Water District/Oak Lodge Sanitary District Consolidation Explanatory Statement

### Overview

This measure authorizes consolidation of the Water and Sanitary Districts that serve the Oak Lodge area. The consolidation is proposed by the elected Boards of both Districts.

Oak Lodge Water District and Oak Lodge Sanitary District provide drinking water, sewage collection and treatment, and surface water management services in the Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge area. The two Districts' boundaries are nearly the same.

Since 2013, the elected Boards of both Districts have jointly conducted legal and financial studies to evaluate the pros and cons of consolidation. The studies demonstrate a single consolidated District could save ratepayers an estimated \$4.25 million over the first 10 years. Savings come from: not replacing three duplicative positions that will be vacant due to retirement and attrition; combining financial systems; and sharing office space – there is room for everyone in the Water District building.

### Summary of Reasons to Consolidate

The organizational and financial studies jointly performed by the Oak Lodge Water District and Oak Lodge Sanitary District anticipate a number of benefits for consolidation:

- Cost savings: Estimated at \$4.25 million over the first 10 years
- More efficient: eliminates overlap and duplication.
- Improved customer service through a single point of contact.
- Better prepared for natural disasters and emergencies.
- Shared mission: provide clean water, protect public health and the environment in the most cost-effective manner.
- Customers receive combined water/sewer bill.
- No job losses. Only vacant, duplicative management and administrative positions will be eliminated.
- Maintains independent, local service for water, sewer and surface water management.

### Consolidation Requires Voter Approval

Both District Boards have adopted matching resolutions to place ballot measures before voters on the May 2016 Primary Election ballot. The proposed consolidation must be approved by voters in both Districts. If approved, both Districts will continue until the consolidated District takes effect. The consolidated District will remain an independent public agency directed by its own elected Board.

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**Board and Management Team for the Consolidated District**

The new Board's five members will be selected from among the ten current elected directors/commissioners of the Oak Lodge Water District Board of Commissioners and Oak Lodge Sanitary District Board of Directors. Both the current Water District and Sanitary District Boards will be represented by at least two members on the new Board.

The Water District and Sanitary District boards have named the initial management team for the consolidated District:

*General Manager: Dan Bradley, from the Water District*

*Deputy General Manager - Planning & Engineering: Jason Rice, P.E. from the Sanitary District*

*Financial Manager: Kelly Stacey, from the Water District*

*Wastewater Operations Manager: Mark Walter, from the Sanitary District*

*Water Superintendent: Todd Knapp, from the Water District*

*Asset Maintenance Manager: Rich Ludlow, from the Sanitary District*

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**OAK LODGE WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION 16-01**

A RESOLUTION BY THE OAK LODGE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING A BALLOT MEASURE TO APPROVE CONSOLIDATION WITH THE OAK LODGE SANITARY DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Oak Lodge Water District (OLWD) has been engaged in a process to consider the merits of consolidation with Oak Lodge Sanitary District (OLSD); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of OLWD and the Board of Directors of OLSD engaged FCS Consulting to perform a consolidation study (FCS Study) that was presented, reviewed and accepted by each Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCS study revealed multiple benefits to each District if consolidation were to occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners seeks approval of consolidation through a vote by District electors; and

**WHEREAS**, the May 17, 2016 election is the most timely opportunity to solicit approval by District electors through a ballot measure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Oak Lodge Water District Board of Commissioners that:

1. District Staff and legal counsel proceed with developing and submitting the following Ballot Title, Caption, Question, and Summary to the Clackamas County Clerk for inclusion in the May 17, 2016 election.

- **Caption:**

CONSOLIDATES OAK LODGE WATER DISTRICT AND OAK LODGE SANITARY DISTRICT

- **Question:**

*Shall Oak Lodge Water and Oak Lodge Sanitary Districts be authorized to consolidate as jointly proposed by their elected boards?*

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• **Summary:**

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2. District Staff and the District's public engagement consultant develop and implement a communications strategy that will assure that District electors are well informed as to the elements of the proposed consolidation so that they are able to make informed decisions when voting on the Ballot Measure.
3. District management and staff begin collaborating with Sanitary District management and staff to ensure an effective transition to a joint entity should the electors approve the Ballot Measure.

Duly adopted this 8th day of February, 2016.

**Signature Redacted**

By

Leonard Waldemar, Chair

Attest this 8th day of February, 2016

**Signature Redacted**

By

Dan Bradley, General Manager