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Estacada Library

825 N.W. Wade,	Estacada	503.630.8273
Mon - Thu	9:00	a.m 8:00 p.m.
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**Gladstone Library** 

135 E. Dartmouth St.,	Gladstone	503.656.2411
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Fri, Sat	. 11:00 a.m.	- 5:30 p.m.
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**Happy Valley City Hall** 

**Hoodland Library** 

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## OAK LODGE SANITARY DISTRICT MEASURE 3-348

#### **BALLOT TITLE**

OAK LODGE SANITARY DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

#### **QUESTION**

Shall the District issue up to \$44,000,000 of general obligation bonds for wastewater facility improvements? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

#### SUMMARY

This measure authorizes the District to issue general obligation bonds, which are the least expensive form of financing available to the District. If approved, the District intends to pay the general obligation bonds from sanitary sewer rates and fees, not from taxes imposed on property.

The District Board has authorized revenue bonds for needed improvements to the District's wastewater treatment facilities. If this measure is not approved, the District will finance all the improvements with revenue bonds. Revenue bonds will require the District to impose higher rates.

The bonds will finance improvements that will extend the useful life of the District's wastewater treatment plant, so it continues to comply with the Clean Water Act, Oregon law and local environmental regulations as well as other capital construction and improvements for the District's wastewater facilities. The improvements will also provide additional capacity to meet area growth projections for the next 20 years.

The bonds may be issued in one or more series, and each series will mature in 21 years or less from its date of issue.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This measure would authorize the Oak Lodge Sanitary District to issue general obligation bonds to reduce future sewer bills. The District's Board intends to pay the general obligation bonds with sanitary sewer monthly revenues, not by lewing a property tax. Compared to other

service to cover repayment. It is currently estimated that, utilizing revenue bonds would mean an eventual increase of approximately \$12 per month for the typical residential bill to pay for debt service.

The Board is committed to providing new and upgraded facilities to satisfy its duty of environmentally sound and fiscally responsible stewardship. This is not a vote on whether the improvements will be made; they must be made. The Board has placed this general obligation measure before the District voters to offer the cheapest financing method possible to make the needed improvements. Voting on this measure allows the citizens to choose the method of financing.

Information furnished by J. Michael Read, General Manager, Oak Lodge Sanitary District

#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

### Vote YES to PAY LESS!!! -- Why we support Measure 3-348

#### WHAT DOES MEASURE 3-348 DO?

The project to repair and improve our Oak Lodge Sanitary District wastewater treatment facilities is required to continue to meet Federal, State, and local law. It has been authorized and is already underway.

Measure 3-348 determines

- WHAT KIND OF BONDS WILL BE ISSUED, and, as a result.
- HOW MUCH RATE-PAYERS WILL PAY on future sewer bills to pay off this debt.

#### WHY APPROVE MEASURE 3-348?

A YES vote on Measure 3-348 is a vote to SAVE US MONEY on future sewer bills because it allows the District to issue General Obligation Bonds, which are CHEAPER than the alternative (Revenue Bonds).

## HOW MUCH WILL RATEPAYERS SAVE IF THIS MEASURE IS APPROVED?

- The annual savings to each ratepayer will grow to about \$100 annually!
- Total savings will be about \$15,000,000 over the life of the bonds!

IF MEASURE 3-348 IS PASSED, WILL PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED?

NO PROPERTY TAXES will be levied to pay off these

With approval of the ballot measure, the District plans to pay the bonds from sanitary sewer rates and fees, **NOT** from property taxes! Financing the project with G.O. bonds provides the District ratepayers a savings of about \$15,000,000 over the next 20 years. The improvements will provide continuance of the District's compliance with all Federal, State and Local regulations, extend the useful life of the District's plant facilities and provide additional capacity to meet the area's 20 year growth projections.

# Keep Oregon's Rivers Clean! This cheaper method of financing is a great bargain! You should buy into it!

What would have happened under the

#### 2005 CLEARWATER PROJECT?

- In March, 2005 the Citizens of the Oak Lodge Sanitary District voted <u>NOT</u> to be participants in Clackamas County's Clearwater Project (Ballot measure 3-164).
- That project would have resulted in the decommissioning and removal of the Oak Lodge Sanitary
  District plant from its location on SE Courtney
  Road.
- The removal of the Oak Lodge plant would have also required pressurized sewage conveyance pipes to be buried in the right-of-way of the Trolley Trail. Those conveyance pipes were necessary to carry untreated effluent to the Tri-City Wastewater Treatment plant on the Clackamas River waterfront in Oregon City.
- The Clearwater Project had an associated cost of over \$70,000,000 (\$70 million) and provided NO guarantee that the Citizens of Oak Lodge would continue to have local control over their future sewer rates.

## LET'S SAVE EVEN MORE OF OUR \$\$ VOTE YES ON 3-348

Information furnished by Thelma Haggenmiller, Friends of the Trolley Trail

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erying a property tax. Compared to enter forms of project financing, General Obligation bonds are expected to save the typical District ratepayer approximately \$8/month over the life of the bonds.

The District has provided sanitary sewer collection and treatment for the citizens of Oak Grove. Jennings Lodge, and part of Gladstone since 1956. The original wastewater treatment facility has been in service for the last 50 years with only minor upgrades, and parts of the facility are approaching the end of their useful life.

The Board of Directors commissioned numerous studies of environmental requirements, design and construction alternatives and financing. After obtaining public comments through hearings, open houses, surveys and citizens committees, the Board decided to improve the treatment plant by construction of new facilities and renovation or upgrade of existing facilities. This will meet environmental regulations of the Clean Water Act and meet the anticipated service demands from Oak Lodge citizens into the foreseeable future.

General obligation bonds are the cheapest form of financing available to the District. General obligation bonds are usually paid by property taxes but they can be paid from other sources, like sanitary sewer rates and charges.

The Board of Directors does not intend to levy a tax. If this measure is approved, the Board plans to pay the general obligation bonds from sanitary sewer rates and charges, and not from taxes on property. The Board does not intend to issue revenue bonds to fund the portion of the projects that will be financed with general obligation bonds.

The District has been advised that if general obligation bonds are issued but paid for by sanitary sewer rates and charges, the cost of borrowing will be reduced from the anticipated costs of a revenue bond issue in the same principal amount. It is currently estimated that, utilizing general obligation bonds would mean an eventual increase of approximately \$4 per month for the typical residential bill to pay for debt service.

If this measure is not approved, the District must use its existing authorization to finance all of the improvements with revenue bonds, which will require imposing higher rates and charges for

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bonds. Instead, the District Board of Directors has obligated itself to pay off these bonds using funds from our sewer bill payments.

#### WHAT IS THE DISTRICT DOING TO REDUCE THE IMPACT ON OUR RATES?

Working with its contractors, the District has already reduced the project cost by \$19,000,000.

The District continues to seek ways to cut the cost and save rate-payers money - by applying for low-cost Federal and State funds and continuing to refine the project design and construction plans.

#### JOIN US - SAVE \$\$ - VOTE YES ON **MEASURE 3-348**

Robert J. Waldt Sr. Ardine "Punky" Scott Elton and Carol C. Storment James N. Knapp Jr. Ed Gronke Wayne and Lynn Hamersly Jerry and Gerri R. Foy Jeanne Magmer **Margaret Pritchard** Doug and Kris Woods Carol Mastronarde **Leonard Waldemar** Ronald C.Gustafson Eleanore Hunter Madeleine V. Seiler Earl W. Riddle

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#### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### The OAK LODGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Oak Lodge Sanitary District (OLSD) Board of Directors is submitting to the voters of the District, a ballot measure (3-348), asking for the authorization of up to \$44,000,000 (\$44 million) of General Obligation (G.O.) bonds to finance the costs of necessary improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This amount includes the interest payment for issuing the G.O. bonds.

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#### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

Oak Lodge Sanitary District (OLSD) Wastewater Facility Neighbors say: SAVE \$\$ - Vote YES on Measure 3-348

We, the neighbors of the Oak Lodge Sanitary District (OLSD) Wastewater Facility, urge you to vote YES on Measure 3-348 because it will save money on future sewer bills for everyone in the District.

#### Benefits of the rehabilitation project:

- The rehabilitation project, which is already underway, is necessary for the District to continue to meet legal requirements for clean water and air.
- The project will also mean less noise, odor and dust for the plant neighbors.

#### The Good Neighbor Policy:

- The Board of Directors of the District has adopted a Good Neighbor Policy to alleviate the neighbors' concerns about the ongoing operation of the plant and the associated construction project.
- The adoption of the Good Neighbor Policy has convinced us to support the rehabilitation project.

#### **SAVE \$\$ - Vote YES on MEASURE 3-348**

Susan Shawn **Dennis Shawn** Chong Kim Stephanie Ricker

Robert and Joy Judd Greg and Erin Leedy Paul and Nan Casebeer Sandra R. Eymer Gladys A. Wingfield Brad Smith - Citizen/Neighbor

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## ESTACADA CEMETERY DISTRICT MEASURE 3-347

#### **BALLOT TITLE**

MEASURE AUTHORIZING CEMETERY
MAINTENANCE LEVY

#### QUESTION

Shall the District increase its levy by \$0.0533 (5.33 CENTS) per thousand to fund equipment replacement and operating expenses?

#### **SUMMARY**

The Estacada Cemetery Maintenance District maintains nine cemeteries at the current rate of \$0.0592 per thousand of assessed value. This measure will raise approximately forty thousand dollars per year for five years to fund replacement of equipment and operating expenses. It is subject to limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution and will be used exclusively for governmental purposes other than educational services.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Estacada Cemetery Maintenance District maintains and operates eight licensed cemeteries. These include: Springwater, Odd Fellows / Phillip E. Linn, Forrester, Gibson, Foster, Viola, Mt. Zion, and the George Cemeteries. The District was established in 1964 and operates within its established tax base, which is currently \$42,605.89. The District's budget currently does not provide enough money to cover maintenance or replacement of deteriorating equipment.

The Estacada Cemetery Maintenance District is requesting voters to approve a local option levy of \$200,000.00 over a 5-year period. Approval of the measure is estimated to cost taxpayers an average of \$0.0533 (5.33 CENTS) per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which would be \$5.33 per year for a \$100,000 home. The funds will be used to replace equipment and for general operating expenses.

Approval of this measure would allow the District to replace equipment and increase general operating expenses over a 5-year period to continue the present level of services that the District provides.

Information furnished by Traci Hovda, Estacada Cemetery District

No arguments were filed in favor of or in opposition to this measure.