Oregon City Ballot Measure Language – Tri-City Outfall Project

Caption (10 words): AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND WASTEWATER FACILITY IN JON STORM PARK

Ballot Measure Question (20 words): Shall the City authorize the underground placement of a wastewater pipeline in Jon Storm Park by Clackamas Water Environment Services?

Summary (175 words – impartially and concisely summarize measure and major effect):

The Oregon City Charter requires voter approval for the City to either grant a property interest in a City park or for the construction of permanent structures unrelated to recreation on park property. Clackamas Water Environment Services ("WES"), the wastewater treatment provider for residents of the City, has requested approval to construct an underground pipeline ("outfall") underneath Jon Storm Park that will carry treated wastewater to the Willamette River. The project would require the City to grant WES a permanent easement for the underground pipeline and a temporary easement on the surface for construction of the pipeline. WES anticipates the construction impacts to park property will last a few months. After construction, the park would be returned to its original condition and the underground pipeline should have no effect on the use of the park. In addition, the project would include enhancements to the park and surrounding areas, which may include native landscaping, riverbank restoration, trails, and other needs identified by the City.