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Director

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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Presentation on the Efforts of the WES Advisory Committee

Purpose/Outcomes	Inform the Commissioners and public about the status of the WES Advisory Committee and their work
Fiscal Impact	N/A
Funding Source	N/A
Duration	N/A
Previous Action	N/A
Strategic Plan Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build Strong Infrastructure• Ensure Safe, Healthy & Secure Communities Honor, Utilize, Promote and Invest in our Natural Resources• Build Public Trust through Good Government
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BACKGROUND

In 2017, the Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) as the governing body of Water Environment Services (“WES”) directed staff to help assemble a representative advisory committee that included ratepayers, businesses, environmental groups, developers, and city representatives to provide feedback and recommendations regarding WES issues. The committee began meeting in early 2018, and has embarked on a significant learning and policy review effort. Most recently, the BCC reviewed three recommendations from the advisory committee on January 22nd.

This presentation, made by WES Advisory Committee Chair, Diana Helm, and Vice-Chair, Greg DiLoreto, will report to the BCC on the work of the committee to date, and anticipated work going forward over the next year. A presentation in support of the verbal report is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Water Environment Services Advisory Committee Annual Report

Chair Diana Helm and Vice-Chair Greg DiLoreto



Our Purpose

The WES Advisory Committee provides input and makes recommendations on surface water and wastewater issues affecting the WES service area.

WES provides wastewater and surface water services to over 165,000 people who live and work in Gladstone, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City, West Linn and unincorporated Clackamas County, in addition to the communities of Boring, Fischer's Forest Park, and the Hoodland area.



Our Charge

- » **LEARN:** Provide a forum for coordinating, learning, understanding and gathering input on surface water and wastewater plans, policies, rules, regulations, fees, and projects;
- » **RECOMMEND:** Review, discuss and make recommendations on proposed operational approaches and capital improvements to the region's surface water and wastewater treatment systems, master plans, and investment strategies; and
- » **ENGAGE:** Advise on and support implementation of educational and public engagement strategies on issues relating to wastewater services, bio-solids management, surface water management, watershed health, erosion control and other water quality topics.



Our Strength is our Diversity of Experience



Rate Payers

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial

Business

- Business & Industry
- Home Builders
- Developers

Stakeholders

- City Partners
- Environmental Partners/Agencies

Annual Highlights: Getting up to Speed

- » Budget and Financial Forecast
- » Surface Water Program & Projects Overview
- » Collection System Master Plan
- » Rules & Regulations
- » Performance Clackamas Strategic Plan
- » Flow Monitoring and Planning for Wet Weather
- » Communication and Engagement Opportunities



Annual Highlights: Weighing-In and Recommending

- » 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Plan
- » WES Financial Policies | Rate Setting
- » Oregon Consensus | Governance



2018 Highlights: Getting Engaged

- » Budget Subcommittee
- » Rules & Regulations Task Force
- » Volunteer Involvement: SOLVE Clean Ups
- » Creating platforms for meaningful conversations: Advancing Water Resiliency Forums



Our top priorities for 2019

- » Continued construction of vital infrastructure
- » Safeguard ratepayer value relating to surface water and wastewater management and governance
- » Build cross-sector capacity for collaboration through regional partnerships
- » Educate and empower public on issues relating to clean water management and stewardship



BUSINESS FORUMS: Join us!

Preparing for the Worst: Are we Ready?

Advancing Water-Centered Resiliency in Clackamas

» *Learn how Clackamas County ranks, what its water leaders are doing to raise the grade through the lens of climate challenges, infrastructure investment and disaster preparedness, and how to get started on a business of continuity plan.*

- Greg DiLoreto, American Society of Civil Engineers, Infrastructure Report Card Chair
- Nancy Bush, Clackamas County Disaster Management, Director
- Todd Heidgerken, Clackamas River Water, General Manager
- Greg Geist, Water Environment Services, Director

» 2019 DATES:

- ✓ January 24 at 7:30 a.m. hosted by the ELC at CCC (Facilitated by Renee Harber)
- **February 26 at 11:30 a.m. hosted by Oregon City Business Alliance (Facilitated by Tessah Danel)**
- **July 10 at 7:30 a.m. hosted by Clackamas County Business Alliance (Facilitated by Tessah Danel)**



Thank you!

