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To: Building Industry Association/Development Stakeholders

Re: System Development Charges (SDCs) Forecast

The District has a history of investing in wastewater infrastructure to support economic development in the community. In order to continue to provide the level of infrastructure investment that is needed, the District Board of Commissioners will be adopting multi-year adjustments to its SDCs as part of the 2019 Budget. This letter is a courtesy notice to the development community about the pending changes, which will become effective January 1, 2019.

The District provides stable rates and charges, which are competitive both locally and regionally. Connection charges have remained flat for six years since they were lowered in 2013 in response to local economic conditions. However, in order to provide the funding necessary for ongoing investments in the wastewater system, the District intends to adopt connection charges as forecast in the table below. The final schedule of connection charges may vary and is pending adoption by the Board later this year.

System Development Charges*

Service Area	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ridgefield	\$7,550	\$7,950	\$8,350	\$8,750
Salmon Creek	\$4,708	\$5,108	\$5,508	\$5,908
Westside	\$1,720	\$2,120	\$2,520	\$2,920

*Does not include the side sewer permit fee

The District service area is positioned to capture a significant percentage of the growth in Clark County, which is planned within the unincorporated Vancouver urban growth area and the City of Ridgefield’s urban growth area. To accommodate for the increasing demand for wastewater services over the next 20 years, the District forecasts that more than \$300 million in capital improvements will be necessary in both the local and regional wastewater infrastructure. These investments will ensure the wastewater systems have adequate capacity to support development and continue to protect public health and the environment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shawn Moore, Assistant Manager via telephone at (360) 993-8849 or via email at smoore@crwwd.com.

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