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Press Release

Event to celebrate successful completion of Discovery Corridor Wastewater Transmission System

On August 3, 2016, the Clark Regional Wastewater District (District) will host a ceremony to mark the successful completion of the first phase of the Discovery Corridor Wastewater Transmission System (DCWTS), which follows more than a decade of planning and over two years of construction. The event will take place at 2 p.m. at the new Neil Kimsey Regional Pump Station, located at the northbound I-5 Gee Creek Rest Area. A highlight of the event will include a ceremonial pump station system launch.

DCWTS is a 20 year, multi-phase program to provide for the conveyance of wastewater from the Ridgefield Urban Growth Area to the Salmon Creek Wastewater Management System (SCWMS). Phase 1 of the project, which includes a new wastewater conveyance pipeline to connect Ridgefield's Interstate 5 junction area to SCWMS, has been successfully completed on-schedule and on-budget. This \$29 million investment is essential to supporting continued growth in the region. DCWTS increases Ridgefield's wastewater capacity and enables economic development to occur, which is forecasted to bring thousands of new jobs to Ridgefield. This increased economic development will help the District continue to provide efficient, high-quality sewer service at an affordable cost for all ratepayers.

Over 50 local dignitaries, members of the public and staff from local and state agencies are anticipated to be in attendance at the August 3 ceremony. Speakers at the event will share their thoughts regarding the vision, leadership and cooperation amongst stakeholders, which have been an integral part of the successful completion of this momentous project. The following individuals are scheduled to speak: Ridgefield Mayor Ron Onslow, District Board of Commissioners Neil Kimsey and Norm Harker, and District Engineer Robin Krause.

When speaking of DCWTS, District Board Secretary Neil Kimsey acknowledges that "Projects of this scale and importance cannot be accomplished in isolation, but rather they require a coordinated effort at the local and state level." He further commends the extensive leadership and partnerships that made this project possible, "The District would like to give special thanks to its partners that were an integral part in the success of this project. Organizations sharing the vision behind DCWTS and playing a critical role include Alliance partners, Cities of Battle Ground and Ridgefield, and Clark County along with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Ecology, the Washington State Public Works Board, and former Senator Joe Zarelli."

The DCWTS project was constructed by Tapani Inc. and designed by Otak Inc. with support from Carollo Engineers. Surveying was completed by MacKay Sposito, geotechnical engineering by Ash Creek Associates, land

use and environmental permitting by BergerAbam, with public involvement and outreach by JLA Public Involvement. CH2M provided construction management and inspection.

For more information on the project visit www.crwwd.com/projects/dcwts or contact Shawn Moore at (360) 993-8849 or smoore@crwwd.com.

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