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Clark Regional Wastewater District Receives the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from GFOA

Vancouver, WA – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced that **Clark Regional Wastewater District** (District) has received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2016 budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the District. It reflects the commitment of District staff at meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the District had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award. "This is the first time the District has applied for and received this award and we are proud to receive the recognition for our efforts", said Ken Andrews, Finance Director/Treasurer.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) was established by GFOA in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

A copy of the District's 2016 Adopted Budget is available for viewing on the District website. Please access the budget document online at: <u>http://www.crwwd.com/documents/CRWWD_Budget.pdf</u>

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