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## Clark Regional Wastewater District Receives Second APWA Re-Accreditation

**KANSAS CITY, MO.** – The Clark Regional Wastewater District has recently been awarded a second prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Re-Accreditation. The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual. The District received its original APWA Accreditation September, 2005 and its first Re-Accreditation in September, 2009. The second Re-Accreditation was awarded on November 2, 2015.

The second Re- Accreditation indicates the District has met all applicable Accreditation standards and practices over time. "The awarding of the APWA Re-Accreditation shows we are committed to continuous improvement and to providing programs and services for our customers in an efficient and effective manner, as measured against APWA best practices. The prestigious APWA award is the result of the hard work of District staff, whose joint efforts contribute daily to making the District a great community," said General Manager, John Peterson.

The District provides wastewater service to over 81,000 people and is one of the largest sewer districts in Washington. The District has focused on providing customer-focused, professional wastewater services in an environmentally and financially responsible manner. The District manages a collection system consisting of over 600 miles of sewer lines, 750 STEP systems and 60 pump stations across more than 40 square-miles of area.

For the District's second Re- Accreditation review, a team of public works professionals from Victoria, BC, Beloit, WI, and Kansas City, MO, completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their October, 2015 site visit. "It's great to have the Clark Regional Wastewater District reach full compliance with their practices for their second Re-Accreditation. I commend their continued and renewed commitment to the detailed review of the agency's policies and procedures to qualify," said APWA Director of Accreditation Ann Daniels.

The District was the 26<sup>th</sup> agency in North America to receive Accreditation and is among the seven agencies in the state of Washington to have achieved this recognition, including Anacortes, Kitsap County, Tacoma, Thurston County, Pierce County and Bellevue.

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