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# Press Release

## **Clark Regional Wastewater District Achieves 5th APWA Accreditation**

VANCOUVER, WA – Clark Regional Wastewater District ('District') has recently received full accreditation in its business practices by the American Public Works Association ('APWA'). The District was formally awarded the prestigious accreditation by APWA's Accreditation Council for the 5th time. This accreditation formally verifies and recognizes that the District is in full compliance with the recommended management practices set forth in APWA's Public Works Management Practices Manual.

"The District is committed to delivering professional wastewater services to our community. The APWA process requires that we meet or exceed national standards for almost 300 different practice areas. By achieving full compliance with all practices, our customers should have trust and confidence that the District is delivering excellent service in all aspects of our business," said John Peterson, General Manager.

For the District's fifth accreditation review, a team of public works professionals from the cities of Arvada, CO and Lincoln, NE completed a thorough evaluation of District operations during their December 2023 virtual site visit. The purpose of accreditation is to promote excellence in the operation and management of a public works agency, its programs, and employees. Accreditation provides a valid and objective evaluation of agency programs against nationally recognized standards. The re-accreditation process builds upon the original accreditation, encouraging continuous improvement in its operations and management and confirming compliance with newly identified best practices. Accreditation is provided as a service to the public and profession.

The District received its original APWA accreditation in September, 2005 and the fourth re-accreditation was awarded in November 2019. The District was the 26th agency in North America to receive accreditation. It is among 9 agencies in the state of Washington and 201 nationally to have achieved this recognition. In addition to the District, the accredited agencies in Washington include the cities of Bainbridge Island, Bellevue, Bothell, Shoreline, and Tacoma, as well as the counties of Kitsap, Pierce, and Thurston.

For more information about the Clark Regional Wastewater District, contact Accreditation Manager Kim Thur at kthur@crwwd.com. For more information about APWA Accreditation, please contact APWA Accreditation Manager, Nicole Shoemaker at nshoemaker@apwa.org, or (816) 595-5294.

### About APWA

The American Public Works Association ([www.apwa.org](http://www.apwa.org)) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 30,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, MO, has an office in Washington, DC, and 63 chapters in North America.

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