

FULL CYCLE NEWS

A West Sound Utility District Publication



The District's Progress Report



We have been a consolidated District since the voter's approved it in November 2007. After serving the community since the 1940's, Annapolis Water District and Karcher Creek Sewer District consolidated to form West Sound Utility District. Although each district served the same areas and same homes, there was unnecessary duplication between the two districts. It has been three years and it is time for a report.

Each district had three commissioners and the new district will have three commissioners. Due to having the same two people on each board, West Sound started with 5 commissioners instead of six. In 2009, Commissioner Susan Way was reelected. In November 2011, Commissioners Huntington and Lundberg will be up for re-election and only one seat is open. In 2013, the third seat of the Board of Commissioners will be open. Commissioners Hart and Screws will be up for re-election at that time. In accordance with State law, the Board will then have three commissioners.

The District had 37 full time employees when it consolidated. Since then, the District has reduced through attrition, reorganization, and downsizing to 33 full time employees. There is now only one general manager. The District no longer has an on-staff engineer and it has contracted out the custodial duties. Attrition has reduced the water/sewer crews from 15 to 12 who are on the combined crew.

The recent Sedgwick/SR160 widening project demonstrated the increased efficiency of a combined district. The project required improvements in both of the water and sewer systems within the roadway. West Sound Utility District was financially strong enough to be rated AA- for the revenue bonds that it had to sell. The impact on the crew inspectors and the cost of the consulting engineers were reduced by having one district address both water and sewer.

By having one district, we can better manage our impact on the hydrological cycle. Kitsap County SSWM focuses on stormwater, which is important to our water supply. We focus on potable water, wastewater, and reclaimed water and strive to be good stewards of our environment. This is important as we work with the local schools in our Educational Outreach program.



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SUMMER JOBS AND SCHOLARSHIP

The District is advertising for two summer workers and one GPS Mapping Assistant. The summer workers have to be over 18 years of age and have a driver's license. They are typically college students helping the crew with grounds maintenance and other tasks as needed. The work is 40 hours a week for about 10 weeks, with a wage of \$11 per hour.

The GPS Mapping Assistant is typically a non-student who will help the Mapping Specialist locate and map the water and sewer infrastructure. The District has GPS equipment and is preparing a highly accurate digital map to replace the paper maps. The duties will also include other assignments as necessary. The work is 40 hours a week for about 10 weeks, with a wage of \$11 per hour.

LEARN ABOUT A GREAT CAREER WHILE AT SCHOOL

The Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts is pleased to offer scholarships to individuals interested in pursuing a career in the industry represented by our membership. Sewer and Water Districts across the state provide a valuable service to our communities and we recognize the need for educational advancement at all levels.

Applications can be obtained on the web site at www.waswd.org and must be submitted by June 1st.

Applicants may be any Washington state resident. The course work must be related to the sewer and/or water industry. Generally three scholarships are awarded annually and they are typically for \$500 or \$1,000.

The scholarship recipients receive the award after June for use in the subsequent Fall quarter. Based on registration and acceptance in a school, Scholarships funds are forwarded directly to the educational institution.

Applicants are encouraged but not required to be sponsored by a Sewer and/or Water District in the area of their residence.

Additional Minimum Requirements include:

- Full or Part-time Student
- Attendance at an accredited college, university or technical school.

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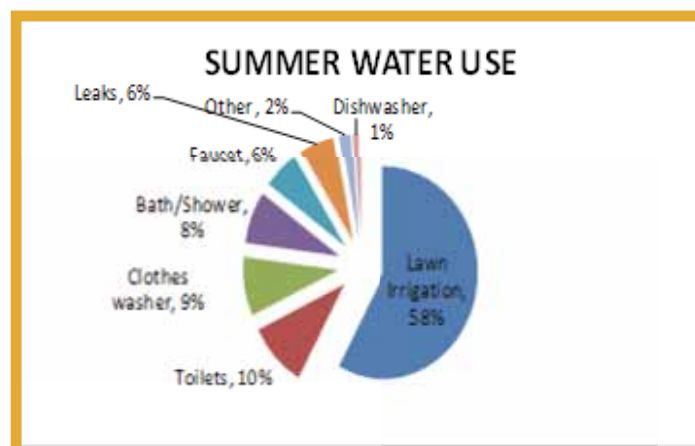
West Sound Utility District is owned by the customers and governed by an elected board of commissioners. It is not an agency of the city or county. It is funded by rates and fees without imposing taxes.

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In the summer, reducing your lawn irrigation is the easiest way to conserve water. On a hot day in the summer, the District water production more than doubles from 1.29 million gallons to 3.53 million gallons per day.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

West Sound Utility District has several important projects planned for 2011. Well 22 has been drilled to its depth of 1,525 feet and has been pump tested. It is located on the same lot as Well 9. Well 9 had been re-drilled and it will be pump tested this spring. The next step in 2011 will be to design a pump station to combine the flows from Wells 9 and 22 so we can construct the pump station this winter.

A new water distribution system is planned for Firmont Beach, near Long Lake. The District has tried for many years to fund this important improvement and we are hopeful that the funding will be approved this year. The Legislature would need to approve the Public Works Trust Fund for this project. The District will be shovel ready to award the contract, if the funding is available. We should know in May.

The South Kitsap Water Reclamation Facility is jointly owned with the City of Port Orchard. Our employees operate



the wastewater treatment plant and this year will have several projects. The older portion of the plant has been operational for more than 25 years and we will be upgrading the primary and secondary clarifiers. We will also be sealing the decks to stop rain from leaking into the underground concrete corridors. The glass wall in the admin area needs to be replaced and that work should be designed this year.

The District will be installing a generator at the Brada sewer lift station. This will provide emergency power for this station. During an extended power outage, the crew travels from pump station to pump station operating the pumps.

The District will be extending its reclaimed water distribution system to Mile Hill Drive. Its goal is to be able to use reclaimed water for large scale irrigation. This will reduce the demand on our ground water supplies and save potable water for more important requirements.

Please Conserve Water.

OUTDATED MEDICINE CAN BE A *Problem*

What do we do with our out-dated medicine and vitamins to keep it out of our environment? We used to flush it down the toilet, but that is not a good way to dispose of it. Putting it in a plastic bag and sending it to the garbage does not work either. We need to find a better way to properly dispose of outdated medicine.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist and see if they can process out-dated medicine and vitamins for you. The Port Orchard and Silverdale Group Health Clinics have special disposal boxes at their pharmacies. Their proactive approach to this issue is to be complimented. Soon we hope to see more of this responsible recycling. The State Legislature is working on this important environmental issue.

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This is the District's Office number. If the District is closed, an answering service will respond. The District has qualified employees on call to respond at any time, day or night.

WATER MISSION STATEMENT

West Sound Utility District's Mission for water service is to provide quality service and quality water to our customers. To carry out our mission, we will:

- ✓ *Render quality service;*
- ✓ *Provide a quality product;*
- ✓ *Employ quality personnel; and*
- ✓ *Make quality decisions.*

WASTEWATER MISSION STATEMENT

West Sound Utility District's Mission for wastewater service is to provide the safest and most reliable services to our customers, while maintaining policies and practices that protect the environment, and promote the health and welfare of the community at a fair and equitable cost.