

## MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Clackamas Water Environment Services (“WES”), the regional wastewater treatment provider for the residents of Oregon City, is proposing to construct and obtain easements for an outfall pipeline underneath Jon Storm Park. Chapter X of the Oregon City Charter calls for a vote of the people regarding the easements and for the construction of permanent structures unrelated to recreation on park property.

WES already has the necessary funding for the outfall project, so this proposed measure, if passed, would not increase taxes or rates. The project, which is estimated at \$21,500,000 would be fully funded as part of WES' Capital Improvement Plan. The proposed ballot measure provides City residents the opportunity to vote on allowing access to complete a portion of the project underneath Jon Storm Park.

Constructed in 1984, WES' current outfall carries cleaned wastewater from the Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility (“Tri-City Facility”) in Oregon City to the Willamette River. The outfall is nearing its capacity during peak wet weather events.

To address this issue, WES is proposing to construct a larger outfall pipeline for the Tri-City Facility. The new outfall location, as proposed, would be in a deeper part of the river further away from the cold-water refuge for migrating fish at the mouth of the Clackamas River.

WES' consultants would perform an archeological investigation in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act to prevent any disruption to culturally sensitive resources in the area. If the measure passes, WES would ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements and work with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

WES would target construction for the proposed outfall to be in 2023 and 2024 with anticipated impacts lasting a few months. The extent of the construction impacts would depend on the method of construction and no permanent visible impacts to the park property would result from the project.

If the measure passes, WES would return Jon Storm Park property to its original condition and provide for mitigation improvements. The Oregon City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends the mitigation improvements could be a tree inventory, mediation of hazardous trees, and master planning of the Jon Storm and Clackamette Parks area.

At the request of WES, the Oregon City Commission approved sending this measure to the voters. A “yes” vote would allow the construction of an outfall pipeline underneath Jon Storm Park and the granting of associated permanent and temporary construction easements necessary to complete the project.

A “no” vote would deny the requested authorization to construct the pipeline underneath Jon Storm Park and associated easements necessary to complete the project. The project as proposed would not take place.