

Jefferson County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

From: Frank Gifford, Public Works Director *FG*

Agenda Date: February 6, 2012

Subject: Request for Infrastructure Revenue Bonds Funding
Port Hadlock Wastewater Treatment Facility

Statement of Issue: The State is developing an Infrastructure Revenue Bonds proposal. Jefferson County is seeking funding from this proposed program to apply to the Port Hadlock Wastewater Treatment Facility project.

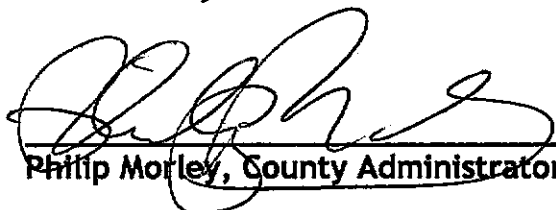
Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's: If the Infrastructure Revenue Bonds program is implemented, it will fund projects like the Port Hadlock Wastewater Treatment Facility. It is important that the County request that this project, the County's top infrastructure priority, be included in the list of projects being considered for funding.

Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis: This request is for \$21,000,000 to be used primarily for construction of the wastewater treatment plant, wastewater reuse facility, and main influent pipeline. Total project cost for the first phase of the sewer project with the collection system is approximately \$35,000,000 (including engineering, permitting, and associated costs). The first phase of the project primarily covers the core Hadlock area and Rhody drive commercial areas.

Recommendation: Sign the request letters to 3 State Representatives and 2 State Senators and send to the addressees. Make copies for Public Works.

Department Contact: Monte Reinders, P.E., County Engineer

Reviewed By:


Philip Morley, County Administrator

2/6/12
Date



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Senator Jim Hargrove
411 Legislative Building
PO Box 40424
Olympia, WA 98504-0424

Re: Port Hadlock Wastewater Treatment Facility Project, Jefferson County

Dear Senator Hargrove:

We are writing to request funding for the Port Hadlock Wastewater Treatment Facility Project as part of the Infrastructure Revenue Bonds proposal being considered in the legislature. We are seeking \$21,000,000 in State grants to fund construction of the Wastewater Treatment and Re-Use Plant.

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The project makes a significant contribution in the effort which is underway to restore and maintain a healthy Puget Sound and Hood Canal. In addition to substantially addressing fecal coliform, nitrates, and other potential pollutants, the project recharges water into the Chimacum Creek aquifer that will help with salmon restoration.

Please act to help fund the Port Hadlock Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. Your action will make a difference for the economic well being of Jefferson County residents and for the long-term health of Hood Canal and our adjacent waters.

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Senator Derek Kilmer
227 John A. Cherberg Building
PO Box 40426
Olympia, WA 98504-0426

Re: Port Hadlock Wastewater Treatment Facility Project, Jefferson County

Dear Senator Kilmer:

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Representative Kevin Van de Wege
434A Legislative Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

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Dear Representative Van de Wege:

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Representative Hans Dunshee
370 John L. O'Brien Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

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Dear Representative Dunshee:

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368 John L. O'Brien Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

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