



Gregory L. Geist
Director

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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Recognition of WES Director Greg Geist
For Receiving ACWA Environmental Leadership Award

Purpose/Outcomes	WES Director recognized by trade association
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	N/A
Funding Source	N/A
Duration	N/A
Previous Board Action/Review	N/A
Strategic Plan Alignment	N/A
Contact Person	Matt Glazewski (503) 742-4566
Contract No.	N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) is a private, not-for-profit organization that serves Oregon wastewater treatment and stormwater management agencies. ACWA's goal is to protect and enhance Oregon's water quality. By cooperatively addressing the many water quality issues facing wastewater treatment and stormwater managers, ACWA advocates with federal and state regulatory agencies, identifies areas of collaboration with other water quality stakeholders, and pools resources to meet environmental standards more effectively. Through education, regulatory advocacy, and partnerships for the development of pro-active solutions, ACWA strives toward building water resources management that is environmentally, financially, and organizationally sustainable. Currently, over 126 wastewater treatment and stormwater management agencies, along with associated professionals, are ACWA members.

Each year, ACWA awards recognition to outstanding members and individuals. This year, WES Director Greg Geist was selected as a recipient of the "Outstanding Individual Award" in the "Environmental Leadership" category. Director Geist was noted for his calm style and personal commitment to water quality protection and sustainable wastewater treatment is demonstrated by the number of projects he has championed in just more than a year as WES Director including:

- Building a work environment foundation of trust and respect
- Tackling serious solids handling issues at both Tri-City and Service District #1 in a collaborative, cost effective manner

- Proactively building relationships with all levels of Clackamas County elected officials and its community
- Focusing attention on energy efficiency, waste-to-commodity transition, and renewable power generation
- Securing a peracetic acid disinfection pilot project for Tri-City to become first in Oregon to test this safer and 'greener' disinfection system
- Developing a proactive stormwater management program
- Improving asset management and information management systems

Director Geist's senior management team nominated him for this award, citing his thoughtful leadership, which has created a culture that reflects his passion for public service, his sense of responsibility to ratepayers, and his dedication to strong stewardship of public health and the environment.

RECOMMENDATION:

WES staff respectfully recommends that the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, acting as the governing body of Clackamas County Service District No. 1, the Tri-City Service District, and the Surface Water Management Agency of Clackamas County, formally recognize and congratulate Director Geist for his achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

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