

NEWS RELEASE
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Public Meeting for the Proposed Belfair Sanitary Sewer System

Mason County will host a public meeting on Tuesday, November 8th, 6:30 p.m., to inform residents about and solicit public input on updating the Belfair/Lower Hood Canal Water Reclamation Facility Plan.

The Belfair/Lower Hood Canal Water Reclamation Facility Plan (Facility Plan) is a planning document for the development of the proposed sanitary sewer system in the Belfair area. The Facility Plan was originally submitted in final form to the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) in July 2001. In December 2003, it was amended to further review treatment alternatives and consider service to the Lynch Cove/North Shore area to address a declaration of severe public health hazard in Lynch Cove that was issued by the Washington State Department of Health.

Mason County is in the process of revising population projections for the Belfair Urban Growth Area and a Sewer Service Delineation Study that defined a potential sewer service area in the Lynch Cove/North Shore area has been recently completed. With the revised population projections and extended Lynch Cove/North Shore service area, population and associated wastewater flows are significantly greater than what is presented in the current Facility Plan. This deviation in service population and wastewater flows requires an update of the Facility Plan.

The public meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Belfair Elementary School, 22900 NE Hwy. 3, Belfair and will conclude at 8:00 p.m. The public meeting will consist of a brief presentation on the history of this project, the planning process and the next steps for the project, followed by a question and answer period with county officials, staff and consultants.

If you have questions please contact Doug Micheau, Director of Parks, Utilities, and Waste Management at (360) 427-9670 extension 270, or through the local Belfair number at 275-4467 extension 270.

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