

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

July 12, 2007
Public Works Director Dunn

WASTEWATER

For 2+ years the City of Sultan Wastewater Treatment Plant has been hauling biosolids to GroCo in Kent, Washington. Recently, we received a letter notifying us that GroCo was discontinuing the service of composting Biosolids due to a shortage of sawdust. Randy Oesch, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor has searched and found an alternative company for Sultan to haul to in LaConner. See Mr. Oesch's report attached.

GARBAGE

For the first half of 2007 Public Works Garbage Crew has picked up and dumped 146.82 tons (293,640 pounds) of domestic garbage.

PARKS

Reese and Sportsman's Park improvement will begin in August, 2007. These are Community Development Block Grant projects.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you Cross Water Community Church for your partnership with the City of Sultan in repairing and painting the Sultan River Gazebo. The City of Sultan purchased the paint and supplies and Cross Water Community Church provided the labor with up to 18 men, women and children. The entire Community of Sultan and Sky Valley benefit from this partnership.

WORKERS

The City of Sultan has two part-time summer help employees working for the City, Brittney Richer and Joe O'Hara. They started working through the Vista Worker program in AMERICORP, but have been offered to work for the City of Sultan as a part-time summer employee(s).

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
For Public Works Issues**

July 17 Sub Committee at 5:00 pm

Discussion Items: Sewer Rate Study
Stormwater Utility Formation
Transportation Improvement Board Grant Applications
Sewer Stub-Out Policy on new construction
River Park Master Plan

July 17 Planning Board

Set Public Hearing on Sewer Rate Increase and Stormwater Utility Formation and Rates

July 26th City Council Meeting

Set Public Hearing for Sewer Rate Increase
Set Public Hearing for Stormwater Utility Formation and Rates

July 31st Planning Board:

Conduct Public Hearing on Sewer Rate Increase
Conduct Public Hearing on Stormwater Utility Formation and Rates

August 9th City Council Meeting

Public Hearing on Sewer Rate Increase
Public Hearing on Stormwater Utility Formation and Rates

Action Items:

Sewer/Water Availability Distribution Policy
No Parking Zones within City of Sultan

Respectfully Submitted
Connie Dunn

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2006 GARBAGE

	COST	COST YTD	TONS	TONS YTD
January	14,809.00		166.39	
February	12,347.00		138.73	
March	13,937.00	41,093.00	156.58	461.70
April	12,928.00		145.00	
May	14,006.00		157.35	
June	13,070.00	81,097.00	146.82	910.87
July				
August				
September		81,097.00		910.87
October				
November				
December		81,097.00		910.87

July 3, 2007

Deborah Knight
City of Sultan City Administrator

Connie Dunn
City of Sultan Public Works Director

In regards to the letter dated May 24, 2007 from Groco, Inc, which is the current recipient of the City of Sultan, WWTP biosolids, we are looking at finding another location to take our biosolids to. Since it was almost three weeks later that I heard about the letter (Copy Attached) I have been frantically looking for somebody that will take them.

Through many hours on the phone and much help from the Department of Ecology and many other operators and individuals in the business we have found a possible recipient of our biosolids.

I have been in contact with Kelly Wynn of Water and Wastewater Services, who based out of La Conner Washington. They have a composting facility there and he has agreed to accept our biosolids. The only problem might be is that our biosolids might not be dry enough. At 10 to 11% our biosolids have more of moisture content than most. He is still willing to try it out and see if it will work.

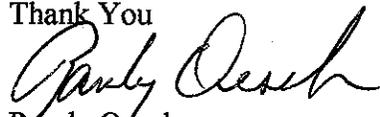
In the year 2006 we took 594 wet tons to Groco Inc. In Kent Washington, and thus far we have taken 350 wet tons. That averages to 49.50 wet tons per month in 2006, and 58.38 wet tons per month so far for the year 2007.

Groco, Inc charges us \$31.00 per wet ton and Water and Wastewater Services has said they will accept them for \$27.00 per wet ton at a savings of \$4.00 per ton. Even though it is approximately 20 miles a trip farther, we can still save approximately \$30.00 a trip. Even though the mileage is farther, and because of the traffic I should still make the trip in the same amount of time.

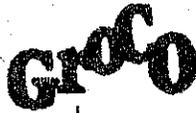
Even though this is crunch time, once again I feel fortunate that we have found a possible location for our biosolids, at least until we get the regional composting and drying facility done which at this time could be at the end of summer 2008.

I would like to go forward with this option at this time and if he will accept us I would like to get an agreement to try and carry us through till we get the regional facility is done.

Thank You



Randy Oesch
City of Sultan, WWTP Supervisor



GroCo, Inc.

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May 24, 2007

Dear Biosolids Producer,

At the present time, GroCo, Inc. is facing a bulking agent shortage. The price has tripled in the last 4 months and the supply has dwindled. We have tried to hold the line hoping that this was a short-term problem, but at this time it appears that it will only get worse. The pulp industry is taking more sawdust due to the shortage of pulp chips. Plus, import lumber is selling for less than the cost of U.S. production. The mills that we are contracted to have cut back production by over 50% and are looking at extended shutdowns if the lumber market doesn't improve. At a ratio of three parts sawdust to one part biosolids the costs have become totally uneconomical plus the fact that the sawdust just is not available at any price.

If the shortage and price does not improve within 60 days, GroCo, Inc. will have no choice other than to stop receiving biosolid. Thank you for understanding our position.

Sincerely,

L.D. (Curley) Winebrenner
Special Project Manager