

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

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**ITEM NO:** Presentation - 1

**DATE:** June 25, 2009

**SUBJECT:** 2008 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance

**CONTACT PERSON:** Connie Dunn, Public Works Director 

**PRESENTERS:** Ken Ziebert, Washington Dept. of Ecology Permit Writer  
Karen Burgess, Supervisor – Municipal WWTP Unit

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**ISSUE:**

The Washington State Department of Ecology has identified the Sultan Wastewater Treatment Plant as a recipient for the “2008 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award.

**SUMMARY:**

Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, Sultan’s plant is one of 91 plants that achieved full compliance with its discharge permit in 2008.

Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort Sultan’s Wastewater Treatment Plant dedicated operators have show by maintaining high level of quality in monitoring and reporting requirements and regulatory activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Hear the award presentation
- Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators
  - John Harris started at the City of Sultan March 2001 training under an L & I preferred worker training program. John has been employed by the City of Sultan since May 20, 2002 as a Wastewater Treatment Operator, he received his certificate for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II June 7, 2007
  - Todd Strom has been employed by the City of Sultan since April 3, 2006, then transferring to the Wastewater Treatment Plant in May, 2008. In March 28, 2008 Todd received his Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I Certificate
  - Randy Oesch started at the City July 7, 1999. In May 2000 Randy seized the opportunity to work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and achieve his Wastewater Treatment Plant II state certification in October 2001. On June 1, 2008. Randy resigned from Sultan’s Wastewater Treatment Plant as Supervisor to work in Monroe.



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May 14, 2009

The Honorable Carolyn Eslick  
Mayor of Sultan  
PO Box 1199  
Sultan, WA 98294-1199

Dear Mayor Eslick:

I am pleased to inform you that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified the Sultan Wastewater Treatment Plant as a recipient for the 2008 "Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance" award.

Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, yours is one of 91 that achieved full compliance with its discharge permit in 2008. My staff evaluated each treatment plant for compliance with its effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment, and other regulatory activities.

Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort you and your team demonstrated throughout 2008. The Sultan Wastewater Treatment Plant is run by dedicated operators whose efforts complement one another to ensure outstanding compliance and the protection of our state's water quality. As in past years, we plan to issue a news release about the 2008 award recipients that will mention your facility.

In the past, award recipients have scheduled special public events, such as city council meetings, to receive their award. Ecology will gladly send a representative to attend an event of your choosing and officially present your award. Please contact Betty Leonard at (425) 649-7105 no later than June 5, 2009, if you want to schedule an award presentation. If we don't hear from you by June 5, 2009, we will mail your award to you.

Thank you again and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Kelly Susewind, P.E., P.G.  
Water Quality Program Manager

cc: Connie Dunn

