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RE: *Belfair Wastewater & Water Reclamation Facilities – Notice to Connect*

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this notification because your property is within 500 feet of the sewer alignment for the Belfair Wastewater and Water Reclamation Facilities Project, and you will be required to connect to the system. **We notified you of your proximity to the project in early 2008, in mid 2009, and in mid 2010. This notice is an update of that information, and will be your final notification before side sewer implementation begins.**

As a reminder, septic systems within key areas of the urban growth area of Belfair are being converted to a county-operated sewer utility. Septic systems have been identified as one of the causes of nitrogen pollution in Hood Canal. The wastewater facilities are needed to provide a sustainable approach to water management that protects Hood Canal and treats wastewater to Class A standards for water reuse. On a long-term basis the project will provide the backbone for urban infrastructure in Belfair as mandated by the Growth Management Act.

Construction is well underway on the conveyance pipes and the treatment plant, and the system is expected to come on line at the end of 2011. We are asking property owners to be prepared to begin construction of your side sewer in summer 2011. To help you prepare for this, we have enclosed the following materials:

- A **map & specifications sheet (11x17 map)** showing the location of your property's side sewer stub and specifications for your system.
- A **how-to guide** explaining the steps you will need to take in connecting to the sewer and constructing your side sewer.
- A **costs and payment options fact sheet** that explains the costs you are responsible for in connecting to the sewer and some payment options identified by the County.
- A **list of contractors** the County has verified has a current business license and is registered with the State. This list is a resource provided to help you select a contractor to build your side sewer.
- A **call before you dig** flyer reminding you of best practices when doing construction on your property.

The County is in the process of finalizing equivalent residential unit (ERU) estimates for properties. There are two types of ERU designations for properties:

- **Single-family residences:** If your property is a single-family residence, you are considered one (1) ERU.
- **Commercial properties:** Businesses are encouraged to provide their 2010 water usage data to facilitate finalization of an ERU designation. Twelve months of water data is requested for verification purposes. If no data is provided, your ERU will be a

standardized estimate based on assumed water usage for properties like yours (i.e. grocery store, hair salon, gas station, etc.). Please call 360-801-2482 or email [info@masoncountywastewater.com](mailto:info@masoncountywastewater.com) to discuss the ERU for your commercial property.

You can find additional information on our website at [www.masoncountywastewater.com](http://www.masoncountywastewater.com). For questions or concerns, call the project hotline at 360-801-2482 or email [info@masoncountywastewater.com](mailto:info@masoncountywastewater.com).

Sincerely,

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