



Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners

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March 10, 2026

Representative Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez
1053 Officers Row
Vancouver WA 98661

Re: Letter of Support for Public Utility District No. 1 of Wahkiakum County

Dear Representative Gluesenkamp-Perez,

We are writing in support of Public Utility District No. 1 of Wahkiakum County's (PUD) Booster Pump Station infrastructure funding proposal.

The PUD has recently acquired the Cathlamet Water System and is making significant improvements to the water system that serves over 50-percent of Wahkiakum County including the residents of Cathlamet and Puget Island. Since the PUD has acquired the Cathlamet Water System they have experienced summer drought conditions and record-setting flooding conditions. This booster pump station will complement the Puget Island Well project and allow much needed water be pumped back to Cathlamet especially during these critical times.

We support the PUD moving forward with the project which will provide increased resiliency and reliability for a safe, reliable, affordable water service to the residents of Cathlamet and Puget Island.

Thank you for your consideration of the PUD's Booster Pump Station funding proposal.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Cothren, Chair
Board of County Commissioner

Lee Tischer
County Commissioner

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Dear Representative Gluesenkamp-Perez and Senators Cantwell and Murray,

On behalf of the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG), I am pleased to support the Public Utility District No. 1 of Wahkiakum County's (PUD) Booster Pump Station infrastructure funding proposal. The CWCOG serves as the federally designated Economic Development District for the two-county district including Cowlitz and Wahkiakum and develops a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region. Goal I2 in the 2023-2028 CEDS addresses the importance of the maintenance of the regional infrastructure system.

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Thank you for your consideration of the PUD's Booster Pump Station funding proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William A. Fashing'.

William A. Fashing
Executive Director



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We support the PUD moving forward with the project which will provide increased readiness and reliability for a safe, affordable water service to the residents of Cathlamet and Puget Island. More families and businesses are calling the lower Columbia home, and it's vital our water systems keep up with that growth.

Thank you for your consideration of the PUD's Booster Pump Station funding proposal.

Ryan Murillo

Ryan Murillo, Executive Director
WAHKIAKUM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Additionally, this will improve fire capabilities especially during these extreme weather events. We support the PUD moving forward with the project which will provide increased resiliency and reliability for our community.

Thank you for your consideration of the PUD's Booster Pump Station funding proposal.

Sincerely,

Vernon Barton
Cathlamet Fire Department
Fire Chief