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February 9, 2026

John M. Peterson, P.E.
Executive Director
Discovery Clean Water Alliance
8000 NE 52nd Court
Vancouver, WA 98665

RE: Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding for Salmon Creek
Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency and Modernization Upgrades

Dear Mr. Peterson,

On behalf of the City of Battle Ground, a Board of Directors Member for the Discovery Clean Water Alliance (Alliance), I write to express Battle Ground's strong support for your Congressional funding request to replace positive displacement blowers at the Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (SCTP). As one of the Member organizations that make up the Alliance, our community stands to directly benefit from the completion of these projects.

The SCTP is a critical infrastructure asset that provides our community with an invaluable service that plays a role in allowing us to thrive. As you know, the Alliance takes their responsibility seriously and needs to make significant investments in this regional system to not only ensure reliable operations but also to do so in a way that is environmentally responsible. Replacing the positive displacement blowers will ensure increased reliability for the SCTP but also to do in a way that decreases the reliance on energy, a benefit to our entire community.

We're confident this federal investment will be put to work quickly, spent on a high value investment, and will allow the Alliance to make needed and strategic investments to reduce its overall impacts to the environment.

As a partner committed to efficient government and a healthy environment, we thank you for putting this forward as a Congressional funding request.

Sincerely,

Eric Overholser, Mayor
City of Battle Ground



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*Chief Executive Officer/
General Manager*

Lena Wittler

February 6, 2026

John Peterson, P.E.
Executive Director
Discovery Clean Water Alliance
8000 NE 52nd Court
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Dear Mr. Peterson,

On behalf of Clark Public Utilities please accept this letter as a demonstration of our organization's strong support for the Discovery Clean Water Alliance's (Alliance) Congressional funding request to replace aging positive displacement blowers that are anticipated to provide significant energy savings.

The Alliance's request aligns with Clark Public Utilities' goals of working with our large energy consumer customers to reduce energy waste through efficient process optimization and equipment improvements. Replaced positive displacement blowers at the Alliance's Salmon Creek Treatment Plant are anticipated to save 350,000 kWh in energy consumption each year. These benefits are good for Clark Public Utilities, the Alliance, and the communities we collectively serve.

Once again, we're pleased to support this request and appreciate the Alliance's ongoing work to improve its energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Andersen".

Steve Andersen
Director of Energy Resources



THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

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February 11, 2026

John M. Peterson, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Peterson,

On behalf of the City of Ridgefield, I write to express strong support for your Congressional funding request to replace positive displacement blowers at the Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (SCTP). As one of the Member organizations that make up the Alliance, our community stands to directly benefit from completion of this project.

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Sincerely,

Steve Stuart
City Manager
City of Ridgefield



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RE: Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding for Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency and Modernization Upgrades

Dear Mr. Peterson,

On behalf of Clark County, a Board of Directors Member for the Discovery Clean Water Alliance (Alliance), I write to express Clark County's strong support for your Congressional funding request to replace positive displacement blowers at the Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (SCTP). As one of the Member organizations that make up the Alliance, our community stands to directly benefit from the completion of these projects.

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Sincerely,

Sue Marshall,
Clark County Council Chair

FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD

February 21, 2026

John M. Peterson P.E., Executive Director
Discovery Clean Water Alliance
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Subject: Letter of Support for the Discovery Clean Water Alliance's request to allocate funds from the current **Congressionally Directed Spending for the Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant's Project to replace the existing 30-year-old aeration equipment that reached the end of its useful life.**

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This letter is written on behalf of the Felida Neighborhood Association (Felida NA)¹ Executive Board composed of community volunteers with a variety of professional, academic, and volunteer training, experience, and skills. For over twenty years, Felida NA's Board volunteers provided educational opportunities, public input and cooperative efforts between public/municipal services and community stakeholders; use of effective/efficient technology and implementation of best management practices to protect public health, safety, welfare; quality of life, and environment.

The Felida NA Board supports the Discovery Clean Water Alliance's² - request for allocation of funds from the current above-cited funding source to **replace the existing 30-year-old aeration equipment that - after 30 years of service - has reached the end of its useful life. The new aeration equipment is more efficient, effective, technologically improved, uses less energy to operate, reduces noise and odors for adjacent and nearby subdivisions, and parts may be easier to find for the new equipment (as old equipment is being phased out).**

In addition, the community is anticipating extensive development in the existing Alliance service area - as cities and County are planning for future development within Urban Growth Boundaries (UGBs). Proposed plans for re-zoning to higher density for "affordable housing" on smaller lots. The projected population growth and development will increase demand for sanitation and wastewater treatment services that the old aeration equipment may not handle; and/or may result in negative impacts on-site/off-site; unintended consequences; loss of life and property; and substantial environmental damage in Salmon Creek Watershed, Columbia River, and Ridgefield wildlife refuge.

Currently, SCWTP is **the main part of the crucial sanitation and wastewater treatment infrastructure** - providing services in compliance with, and in conjunction with the federal, state, and local regulations to make our communities and environment safe pursuant to public health and safety; and development/industry-specific laws, codes and standards. New equipment will improve wastewater treatment; and remain in compliance during increased demand for services.

SCWTP is the final destination for the sewage/wastewater collected and transported from homes, medical facilities, and businesses through a network of pumps and pipes to the treatment facility located adjacent to the NW Felida residential area. Treated wastewater discharges into **Salmon Creek, Lake River, and Columbia River** that flows west to the ocean.

An off-site support facility is located by the **Klineline Pond/Salmon Creek Trail/Salmon Creek Soccer fields, wetlands,** and NW 119th Street with several schools and residential areas

¹ A 501(c)3 registered with the State of Washington SOS and IRS. (All long-time volunteers. No paid staff or advisors.)

² Established under the joint Municipal Utility Services Act and registered with the State of Washington SOS. The current Alliance membership includes: Salmon Creek Water Treatment Plant, Clark County, Cities of Battle Ground, and Ridgefield.

nearby. One pump station is located west and adjacent to the NW 36th Ave and is adjacent to the Salmon Creek and Trail in NW Felida. Three major areas of wastewater collection, management, processing, and final distribution of the bio-solids and discharge of treated wastewater are located by the **Salmon Creek and Lake River** are located within **the Salmon Creek Watershed** the designated "environmental red-zone" (the worst environmental condition status").

Therefore, the **Felida NA Board recommends that the Discovery Clean Water Alliance's request for the SCWTP's Project is approved for allocation of funds from the above-cited funding program** to prevent unintended consequences and keep providing adequate infrastructure to protect public health, safety, and welfare; environment/ecosystems; and quality of life for current and future generations **locally, within Alliance district, and region-wide.**

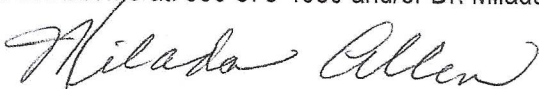
The Felida NA Board commends many awards winning SCWTP's management, professional and support staff for their dedication to safety, proactive infrastructure and facility improvements to the wastewater treatment, clean/safe effluent discharge, and proactive planning for population growth within the Alliance district that includes Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) areas that will be developed in the near future to accommodate County's adopted population projections that will increase demand for SCWTP's wastewater treatment; and treated wastewater discharge into the Salmon Creek, Lake River, and Columbia River located at "ground zero" in NW Felida community. The SCWTP is now surrounded by subdivisions on three sides. Many adjacent stakeholders had complained regarding SCWTP noise and odors in the summer (new equipment may control both).

For years, SCWTP was able to manage and maintain the 30-year-old equipment to comply with all rules and regulations; and water quality requirements pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit -- issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The aeration equipment is part of the SCWTP crucial system of wastewater treatment that uses air/oxygen to break down organic matter into harmless by-products and promote bio-degradation of microorganisms prior to discharge of treated wastewater. Thus, more efficient and effective aeration equipment will improve the safety of treated wastewater prior to discharging it to the Salmon Creek Lake River, and Columbia River and protect health and safety of the community and environment; and serve additional population and business growth within Alliance district, and adjacent to UGBs.

However, safety codes, rules and regulations may be revised in the near future to promote use of upgraded equipment and infrastructure within existing/growing sewer districts. Several stakeholders are concerned with unintended consequences when - not if - the **30-year-old** aeration equipment fails after 30 years of continuous use; increasing volume/demand for services; sewer infrastructure improvements; and increase in fees for businesses and residential ratepayers.

The updated aeration equipment technology is much more effective and efficient than the 30-year-old equipment that outlived its original purpose. The updated aeration equipment is expected to consume 350,000 kWh less electricity each year -- resulting in lower energy consumption and costs; and it will operate at a much lower noise level on-site/off-site for several adjacent and nearby large residential developments at "ground-zero". The treated wastewater discharge will be safer with the use of new more efficient and effective equipment.

The Felida NA Board and community hopes that the SCWTP is approved for the allocation of funds cited above. If you have any questions and/or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 360-573-4030 and/or Dr. Milada Allen, P.O. 61552, Vancouver, WA 98666.



Dr. Milada Allen, Felida NA Board President
Former Clark County Planning Commissioner