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PUD AWARDS CITY OF EDMONDS WITH \$62,545 FOR ENERGY SAVING SUCCESS

Edmonds waste water treatment plant saving ratepayers \$200,000 annually

(Edmonds, WA) – A multi-year energy savings effort at the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant in partnership with Snohomish County PUD and the State Department of Enterprise Systems (DES) is paying off for Edmonds ratepayers – to the tune of \$62,542 for recent upgrades to the facility's solids handling equipment, and totaling \$250,000 for all energy savings projects since 2012. At this week's council meeting, SnoPUD presented Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling and City Council Members with a check for their most recent efforts.

The City of Edmonds owns and operates a regional wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) which contains a complex system of pumps, tanks, and mechanical systems to clean, disinfect, and ultimately discharge clean water into Puget Sound. In 2010, WWTP staff began working with SnoPUD and their Energy Challenge Program. Edmonds worked with SnoPUD to replace key pieces of treatment plant equipment with more efficient options. Over seven years SnoPUD has provided \$249,000 worth energy incentives to the City. In addition, DES provided a grant of \$255,000. These payments, combined with over \$4,000,000 in local funds have resulted in an overall reduction of 30% in energy use. This reduction in energy cost equates to a savings of \$200,000/year for utility ratepayers. It also has reduced the City's carbon emissions by 1,146 tons per year.

"Our staff is proud to be part of this collaborative effort with SnoPUD and surrounding communities which is clearly paying off for our city and our region." Says City of Edmonds WW Plant Manager Pamela Randolph. "Our plant Energy Team, in collaboration with the Wastewater Energy Coaching program, the WA State Department of Enterprise Services Energy Performance Contracting Program and staff have worked together to reduce energy use and our impact on the environment."

If you're interested in seeing the presentation check out the Oct. 8th City Council meeting video on the City's web site. If you are interested in learning more about the WWTP's efforts to save energy and reduce our impact on the environment, please contact us to schedule a tour.

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