

**DATE:** January 5, 2026  
**TO:** Clean Water Services Advisory Commission Members and Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Elizabeth Edwards, Chief of Staff  
**SUBJECT:** **INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 14, 2026, CWAC MEETING**

A Clean Water Services Advisory Commission (CWAC) meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**. The meeting will be in a hybrid format at the **CWS Central Building in Beaverton** and on Zoom. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting location:**

- **In person in the** Central Large Conference Room at the CWS Central Building, 15195 NW Greenbrier Parkway in Beaverton.
- **Online via Zoom.** Zoom offers the option to connect to video, slides, and audio via a device with internet access, or an audio-only connection through any telephone line.
  - Interested parties should register for this meeting by January 12 by following the instructions on the [website](#).
  - Please plan to establish your connection to the meeting 10-15 minutes before the 6:30 p.m. start time to allow the meeting to begin promptly.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. for CWAC members attending in person. CWAC members should notify Katie Cheney ([CheneyK@CleanWaterServices.org](mailto:CheneyK@CleanWaterServices.org) 503.681.5116) by Monday, January 12, **if you are unable to attend or if you plan to attend via Zoom** so food is not ordered for you.

The CWAC meeting packet will be emailed to CWAC members and posted to the [CWAC section](#) of the Clean Water Services' website.

Enclosures in this packet include:

- January 14, 2026, agenda and other materials
- November 12, 2025, meeting summary

## **Clean Water Services Advisory Commission**

**January 14, 2026**

### **AGENDA**

**6:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions**

**6:35 p.m. Select Chair and Vice Chair**

The CWAC bylaws require an annual selection of a chair and vice chair. Terry Song served as the chair in 2025; Glenn Fee is the vice chair.

Requested action: *Nominate and elect chair and vice chair*

**6:45 p.m. 2026 State and Federal Legislative Agendas**

The Clean Water Services Board of Directors recently adopted the 2026 state and federal legislative agendas. These agendas include guiding principles and more specific priorities that will provide CWS with necessary policy direction for the upcoming 2026 state legislative short session, as well as at the federal level.

- Tracy Rainey, Government Relations Manager

Requested action: *Informational/discussion item*

**7:15 p.m. Public Meeting Law Training**

CWAC is a public entity subject to public meetings laws and other state requirements. Staff will provide a training that includes background on CWS and CWAC, and statutes governing responsibilities related to serving on an advisory commission to a government including public meetings, ethics law, and public records.

- Brad Anderson, Senior Assistant Legal Counsel

Requested action: *Informational/discussion item*

**8:00 p.m. FY 2024-25 Year-End Financial Report**

- Kathy Leader, Chief Financial Officer

Requested action: *Informational/discussion item*

**8:20 p.m. Invitation for Public Comment**

**8:30 p.m. Announcements and Adjournment**

**Next meeting: February 11, 2026**

# 2026 State & Federal Legislative Agendas

Tracy Rainey, Government Relations Manager

Clean Water Services Advisory Commission

January 14, 2026



# Presentation Overview

- CWS legislative agenda development process
- 2026 state legislative session - preview
- 2026 state legislative agenda (principle and priorities)
- 2026 congressional overview
- 2026 federal legislative agenda (principles and priorities)



# CWS Legislative Agenda Development Process

- CWS internal review and discussions
  - August-September (2025)
- Board work sessions
  - November 4
  - December 2
- Board adoption
  - December 16

# State Legislative Session Preview

- Oregon State legislature – key dates
  - January 16: Legislative concepts filed
  - February 2: First day of session
  - February 4: Revenue forecast
  - Must adjourn by March 9
- Limit on bills to be introduced
  - 2 per legislator
  - 3 per committee (with exception of Rules, Ways & Means and Conduct committees); Governor's office; Chief Justice of Oregon Supreme Court
- Key issues
  - Budget (agency budget cuts/federal tax disconnect)
  - Economic development

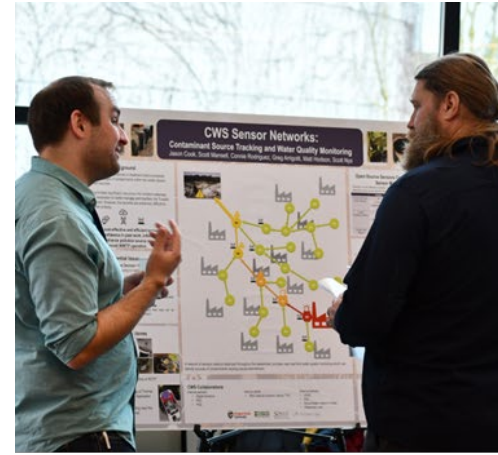
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# 2026 State Guiding Principle

- Clean Water Services will support efforts, policies, and investments to maintain or improve the infrastructure, innovation, efficiency, and effectiveness of water resources to ensure quality of life and economic vitality throughout the Tualatin River Watershed.



# CWS Proposed 2026 State Legislative Priorities

- Protect and advocate for statewide and project-specific investments in water-related infrastructure, including investments to promote the protection of water quality and public health; support maintenance and improvements to existing systems; and build capacity to support community growth, including housing production.
  - Legislative efforts to continue funding for septic loan program; ongoing conversations with Oregon Legislative Water Caucus on funding options
- Ensure sufficient funding and service levels for the Department of Environmental Quality's Water Quality Division, including funding necessary to develop and implement appropriate water quality standards.
  - Legislative conversations with Joint Ways & Means Natural Resources Subcommittee co-chairs & DEQ
- Continue to work with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and key stakeholders to update and implement Oregon's regulatory framework for water reuse and advocate for incentives, resources, policies, and tools to advance reuse projects.
  - Legislative report submitted by DEQ (December 2025)
- Preserve local infrastructure financing tools for water infrastructure.
  - LCDC rulemaking on model System Development Charges (SDCs)

# CWS Proposed 2026 State Legislative Priorities

- Support policies and investments to promote resource recovery, including renewable energy production, nutrient recovery, and water resources.
- Advocate to ensure that policies and regulations related to emerging contaminants are protective of the environment and public health, informed by sound data and science, and reflective of a producer responsibility model to protect utility ratepayers.
- Support efforts to maintain and further promote water utility responsiveness, efficiency, and resiliency, including elevating water workforce needs.
  - [Legislation to establish Water Workforce Appreciation Week](#)
- Support funding opportunities and efficiencies in policies that promote housing production while ensuring protection of water quality and public health.

# Congressional Preview for 2026

- 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, second session
  - Republican controlled House and Senate
  - Midterm election year
  - Budget – Federal government currently funded through January 30, 2026
- Key issues
  - Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act (H.R.1267)
  - Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act (H.R. 4733)
  - WIPPES Act (H.R. 2269/S.1092)
  - Permitting/Regulatory Reform (PERMIT Act H.R.3898)
    - ❖ Confidence in Clean Water Permits Act (H.R.3897)
    - ❖ Water Quality Standards Attainability Act (H.R. 3934)
    - ❖ Water Quality Criteria Development & Transparency Act (H.R. 3888)
  - State Revolving Fund Reauthorization

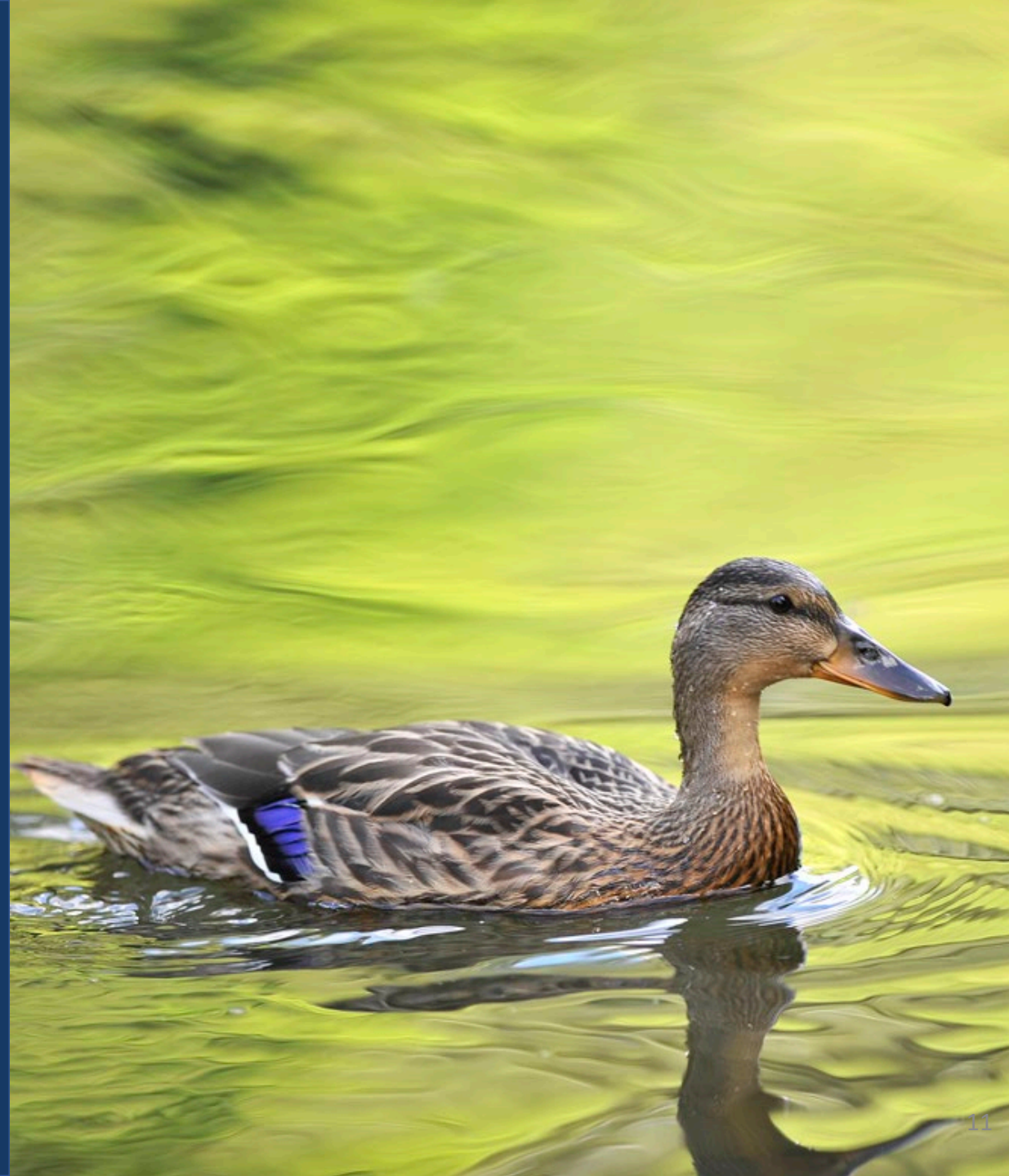
# CWS 2026 Federal Guiding Principles

- Support continued and expanded federal investment for grants, low-interest loan programs, and principal forgiveness to help finance water-related infrastructure. Oppose cuts to critical water infrastructure funding sources, including the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund.
- Support initiatives, including funding assistance and integrated planning approaches, to promote the long-term resilience, efficiency, effectiveness, and safety of water utilities and infrastructure.
- Support continued investment in local conservation technical assistance programs and incentives.
- Support strategies to better understand and respond to arising challenges, including impacts from emerging pollutants and climate-related events, including achievable targets, source control strategies, and policies to help mitigate increased treatment and infrastructure costs for publicly owned treatment works.

# CWS Proposed 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities

- Advancing structural seismic modifications for Scoggins Dam to effectively reduce risk from a Cascadia subduction zone event; opposing reductions in stored water capacity.
  - [Budget Report Language and Direct Appropriation \(FY26 Senate Energy & Water Appropriations Bill\)](#)
- Advancing water reuse opportunities.
  - [National WaterReuse Association coalition letter - Title XVI Reuse Grants Program funding](#)
- Advocating for federal investment for low-income water ratepayer assistance.
  - [Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act \(H.R. 4733\)](#)
- Support funding to ensure effective management of Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- Support funding for agricultural conservation incentives and programs.
  - [Farm Bill \(last passed in 2018; expired 2023\) – extended three times, including in recent legislation ending government shutdown](#)
- Advocate for policies and regulations that are protective of the environment and human health from exposure to emerging contaminants; work to ensure producer responsibility in a manner that protects utility ratepayers.
  - [Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act \(H.R.1267\)](#)

# CWAC Questions and Discussion

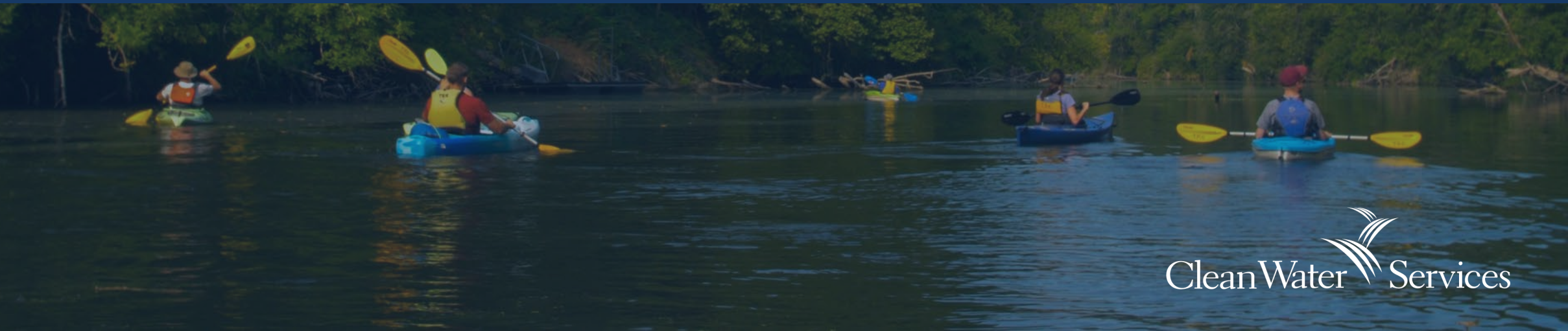


# Oregon Public Meetings Law, Oregon Ethics Law, and Public Records Law Refresher

Brad Anderson, Senior Assistant Legal Counsel

Clean Water Services Advisory Commission

January 14, 2026



# Agenda: What You Will Learn

1. CWS form of government and CWAC history
2. Oregon public meetings law
3. Oregon ethics law
4. Oregon public records



# CWS Form of Government

- Clean Water Services is a regional county service district formed under ORS Chapter 451
- Washington County Commissioners sit as the CWS Board of Directors
- Charged with providing wastewater, stormwater, and surface water management services
- Originally established as the Unified Sewerage Agency (USA) of Washington County on February 4, 1970
- USA renamed to Clean Water Services in 2001 with a broader set of responsibilities
- Nation's first watershed-based National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued in 2004



# CWAC History

- An advisory commission has been in existence since CWS' inception (as Unified Sewerage Agency) in 1970
- Charge of the organization has evolved
- Size varied from as small as five members to current size of 15 members
- The current configuration of CWAC was established by Resolution & Order 91-82
- Members are appointed by the Board of Directors
- CWAC is governed by the bylaws in Resolution & Order 12-1

1 IN THE UNIFIED SEWERAGE AGENCY  
 2 OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

3 In the Matter of the Creation )  
 4 of an Advisory Committee to the )  
 5 Unified Sewerage Agency of Wash- )  
 6 ington County; the Delegation of )  
 Duties and Responsibilities to )  
 said Committee; and the Initial )  
 Appointments to said Committee. )

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8 The above entitled matter came on regularly before the Board  
 9 of County Commissioners of Washington County, acting as the govern-  
 10 ing body of the Unified Sewerage Agency of Washington County at a  
 11 special meeting duly called on February 4, 1970; and

12 It appearing to the Board that it has this date issued a  
 13 proclamation of election results and adopted a Resolution and Order  
 14 formally establishing the Unified Sewerage Agency of Washington County,  
 15 a county service district, duly organized by a majority vote of the  
 16 qualified voters residing within said district, pursuant to ORS 451,  
 17 as amended by Chapter 646, Oregon Laws 1969; and

18 It appearing to the Board that it is appropriate that the  
 19 first consideration of the Board acting as the governing body of the  
 20 district conform with their previously announced policy that an  
 21 advisory committee would be immediately formed to assist and re-  
 22 commend to the Board on matters pertaining to the administration of  
 23 the district sewerage program; and

RESOLUTION AND ORDER  
 NO. 5 70-4

FILED  
 RECORDS SECTION  
 WASHINGTON COUNTY  
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 BY *Roger Thomassen*  
 DIRECTOR

# Public Meetings Law

“The Oregon form of government requires an informed public aware of the deliberations and decisions of governing bodies and the information upon which such decisions were made. It is the intent of [the public meetings law] that decisions of governing bodies be arrived at openly.”

ORS 192.620



# Who Is Required to Hold Public Meetings?

- Governing body of any:
  - State agency
  - Regional government
  - County
  - City
  - Special district
  - Municipal corporation
- Any agency of these entities including:
  - Boards
  - Commissions
  - Subcommittees
  - Advisory groups



# Notice – What Is Required?

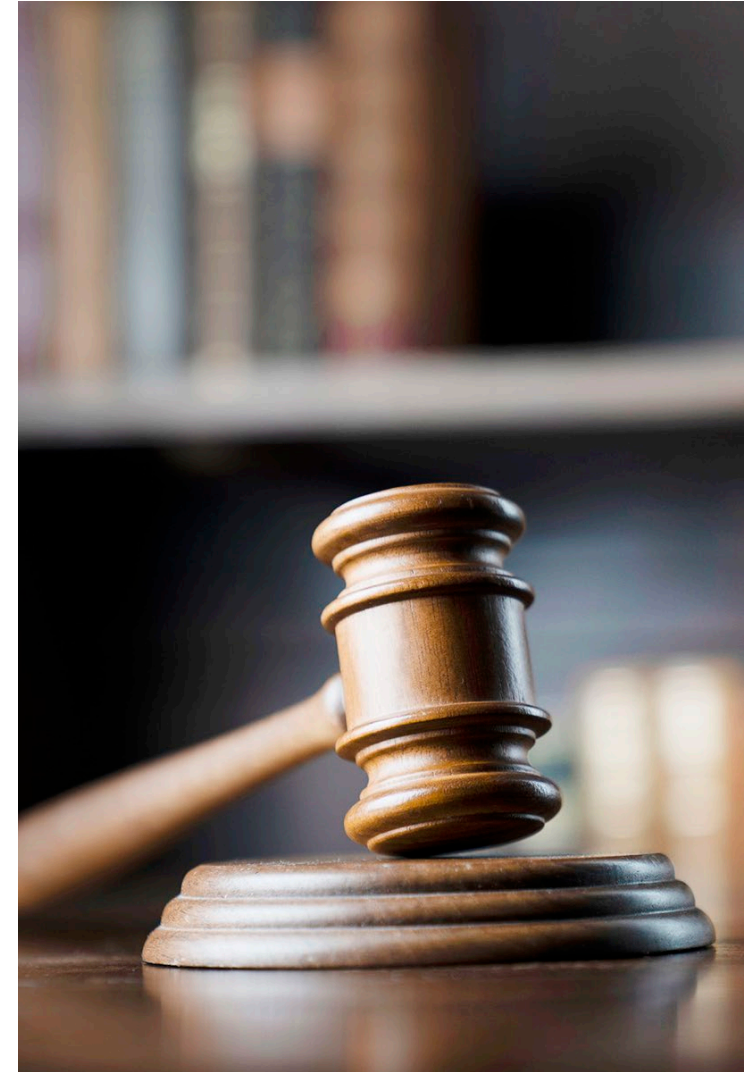
“...[R]easonably calculated to give actual notice to interested persons...”

- Contents of notice
  - Date and time
  - Place
  - Contact for help
  - Agenda (subjects may be added)
- Method of notice
  - Not prescribed by public meetings law. Must meet the “reasonably calculated to inform” standard.
- At least 24 hours unless there is an emergency



# Recordkeeping

- A body must keep written minutes of its meetings AND executive sessions. Written minutes must include:
  - Members present.
  - Motions, proposal, resolutions, ordinances, and measures, and their disposition.
  - Results of all votes and who voted which way – except if the public body has over 25 members.
  - Substance of any discussion on any matter – DO NOT KEEP VERBATIM NOTES – just a true reflection of the matters discussed and views of members.
  - Reference to all documents received or discussed unless exempt under the public records law.



# Oregon Ethics Law

- Congratulations! You are a public official (and so am I!)
  - A public official is “an elected official, appointed official, employee or agent, irrespective of whether the person is compensated for the services.”  
ORS 244.020(15).
- Subject to the Oregon ethics law.
- Great resource: [Oregon Government Ethics Law: A Guide for Public Officials.](#)



# Relatives of Public Officials

## General rule:

A public official cannot use the official's position to benefit the official, a relative, household member, or business with which the official is associated.

## Who are relatives?

- Spouse
- Children
- Children of the spouse
- Siblings
- Siblings of spouse
- Spouse of siblings
- Spouse of siblings of the spouse
- Parents
- Parents of spouse
- Person for whom the public official has a legal support obligation
- Person who receives from or provides benefits to the public official

# Conflicts of Interest

A public official has a conflict of interest when participating in official action that would or could result in a financial benefit or detriment to the public official, a relative of the public official, or a business with which either is associated.

- Would = actual conflict of interest (must not participate)
- Could = potential conflict of interest (may participate after disclosure)
  - The official must announce the nature of the conflict at a public meeting

# Public Records Law

## A public record is:

“any writing that contains information relating to the conduct of the public’s business, including but not limited to court records, mortgages, and deed records, prepared, owned, used or retained by a public body regardless of physical form or characteristics”

## A writing includes:

- Emails
- Text messages
- Chat messages
- Voicemails
- Handwritten notes
- Calendar entries
- To-do and task lists
- Audio or video recordings



# Public Records Law

- **Anything** in the possession of Clean Water Services is a public record.
- **Anything** produced or used by a Clean Water Services employee or official in the course of their duties is a public record.



Questions?



# FY 2024-25 Quarterly Financial Report

Kathleen Leader, Chief Financial Officer

Clean Water Services Advisory Commission

January 14, 2026



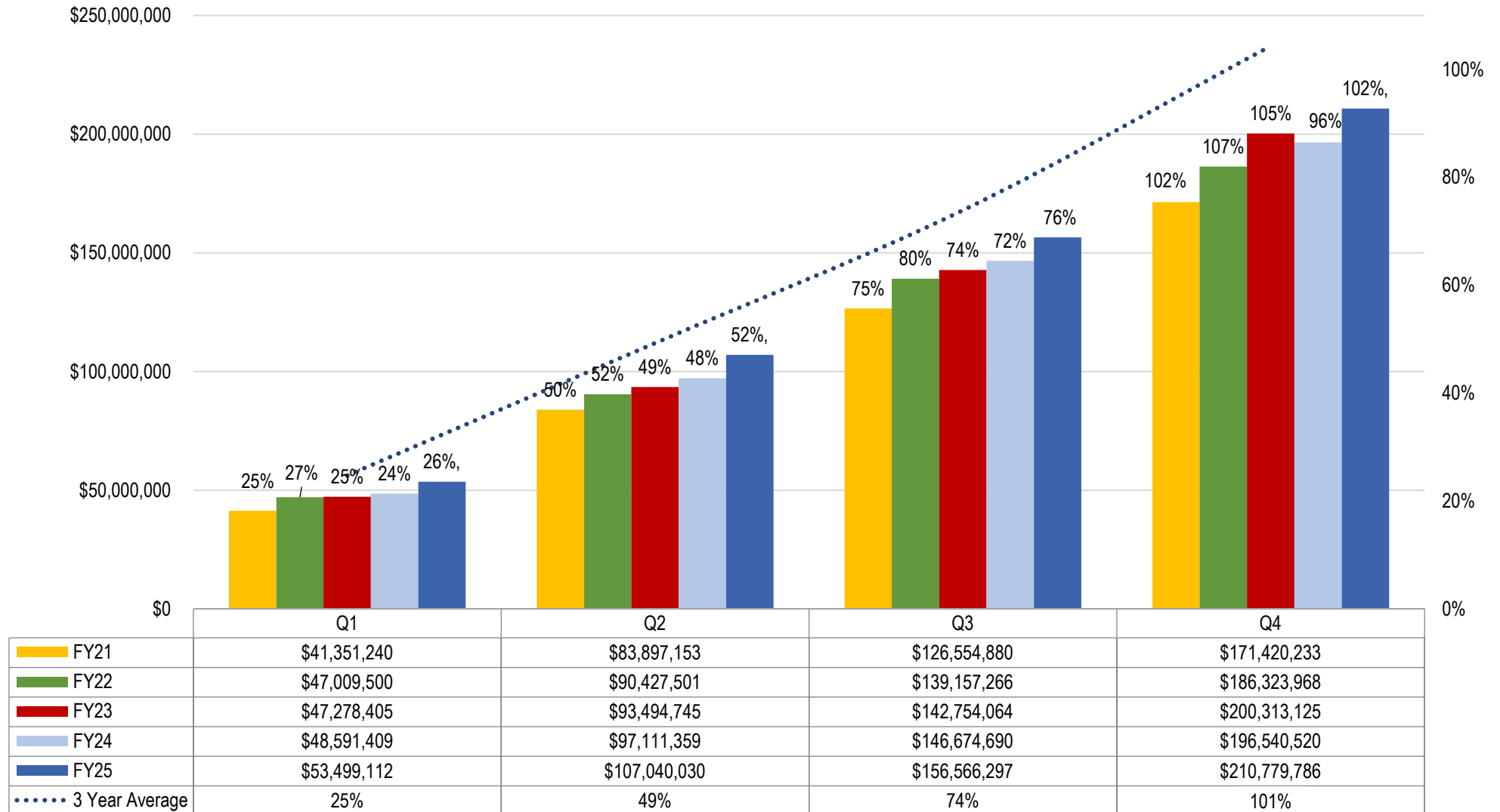
# Presentation Overview

1. Comparison of Q4 percentage of annual budgeted revenue collected, FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25
2. Comparison of Q4 percentage of budget spent, FY 2020-21 through FY 2024-25
3. FY 2024-25 Q4 operations results



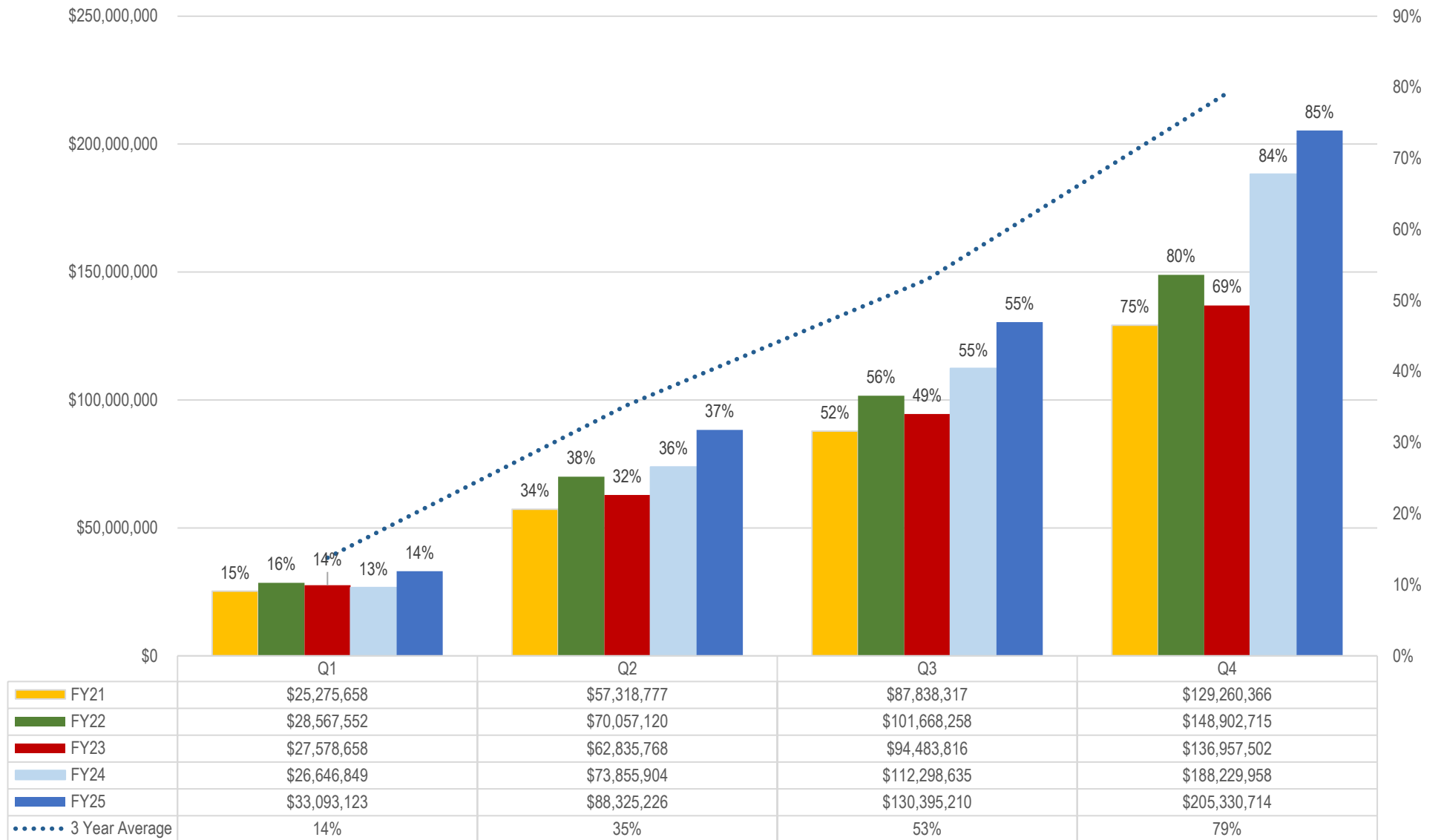
# % of Budgeted Revenue Collected by Quarter: FY21-25

- Service fee collections level over fiscal years
- FY25 Q4 102% of budget revenue collected vs 3-year average 101%



# % of Budget Spent by Quarter: FY21-FY25




- Budget spent level over fiscal years
- FY25 Q4 85% of budget spent vs 3-year average 79%






	\$25,275,658	\$57,318,777	\$87,838,317	\$129,260,366
	\$28,567,552	\$70,057,120	\$101,668,258	\$148,902,715
	\$27,578,658	\$62,835,768	\$94,483,816	\$136,957,502
	\$26,646,849	\$73,855,904	\$112,298,635	\$188,229,958
	\$33,093,123	\$88,325,226	\$130,395,210	\$205,330,714
	14%	35%	53%	79%

# FY25: Q4 Operations Results

## 1. Revenue collections are in line with budget

-  a. Service fee revenues collected increased **\$8.7 million (5.4%)** compared to prior year (PY) Q4, in line with 4% rate increase and growth at 1.5%
-  b. Industrial revenues totaled **\$18.9 million**, an increase of **\$1.8 million (10.5%)** compared to PY Q4
-  c. System Development Charges (SDCs) collected totaled **\$22.9 million**, an increase of **\$3.7 million (19.3%)** compared to PY Q4

# FY25: Q4 Operations Results

1. Operating and capital spending are in line with budget
  -  a. Labor costs increased **\$7.6 million (12.5%)** compared to PY Q4 and reflect FTE adds, pay-for-performance, class and compensation reclasses for nonrepresented employees, and benefit cost increases.
  -  b. Materials & Services increased by **\$3.3 million (7.7%)** compared to PY Q4 and reflects anticipated increases in software maintenance, electricity, chemicals, joint utility billing consulting costs, and natural systems revegetation and stewardship enhancement costs, which moved from capital to operating.
  -  c. Capital costs totaled **\$91.1 million** and increased by **\$6.2 million (7.3%)** compared to PY Q4 and reflect increased project delivery.

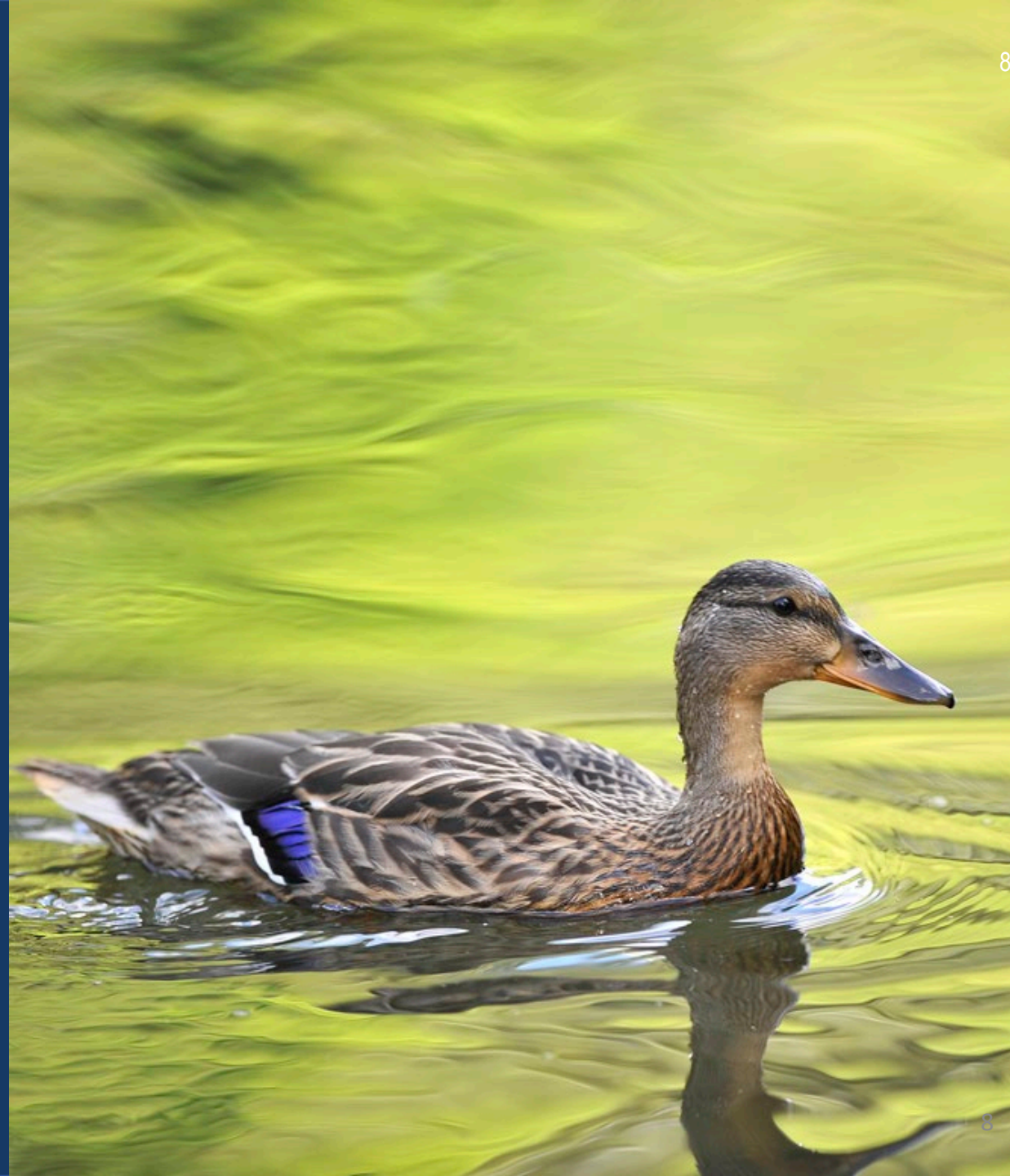
# FY25: Q4 Operations Results

1. Financial data is based on audited financial statements at fiscal year-end.
2. Continued financial stewardship focusing on staff recruitment and delivery of planned capital investments.
3. Nonrestricted reserves increased by \$9.8 million.
4. Transfer of \$75 million from sanitary sewer operations to fund capital construction needs reduced sanitary sewer operating reserves by \$5.7 million.



# Key Takeaways

1. Revenue collections were strong.
2. Capital spending is more aligned with budget.



	2020-21		FY21	2021-22		FY22	2022-23		FY23	2023-24		FY24	2024-25		FY25	Difference CY Actual to PY	%
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>4th Quarter Actual</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>4th Quarter Actual</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>4rd Quarter Actual</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>4rd Quarter Actual</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>4th Quarter Actual</u>	<u>%</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>																	
Service Fees	\$ 149,737,600	153,211,785	102.3%	\$ 158,899,200	162,539,701	102.3%	\$ 169,455,900	\$ 168,796,525	99.6%	\$ 176,672,200	\$ 177,335,247	100.4%	\$ 185,948,800	\$ 187,861,103	101.0%	10,525,856	5.9%
CWS	\$ 57,254,700	57,079,708	99.7%	\$ 59,995,200	61,044,624	101.7%	\$ 63,149,900	\$ 62,993,846	99.8%	\$ 65,712,200	\$ 65,791,163	100.1%	\$ 68,859,900	\$ 68,332,395	99.2%	2,541,232	3.9%
Cities	\$ 76,483,000	81,148,938	106.1%	\$ 83,410,700	86,224,169	103.4%	\$ 89,644,900	\$ 89,720,174	100.1%	\$ 94,398,100	\$ 94,397,646	100.0%	\$ 99,616,200	\$ 100,579,182	101.0%	6,181,535	6.5%
Industrial	\$ 15,999,900	14,983,139	93.6%	\$ 15,493,300	15,270,908	98.6%	\$ 16,661,100	\$ 16,082,506	96.5%	\$ 16,561,900	\$ 17,146,438	103.5%	\$ 17,472,700	\$ 18,949,527	108.5%	1,803,088	10.5%
SDC's	\$ 18,009,000	18,208,448	101.1%	\$ 15,588,600	23,784,267	152.6%	\$ 22,268,400	\$ 31,516,600	141.5%	\$ 27,628,500	\$ 19,205,273	69.5%	\$ 21,210,300	\$ 22,918,683	108.1%	3,713,410	19.3%
CWS	\$ 4,930,800	4,362,215	88.5%	\$ 4,695,400	4,690,775	99.9%	\$ 4,229,200	\$ 4,806,736	113.7%	\$ 5,400,700	\$ 4,285,792	79.4%	\$ 4,238,300	\$ 4,586,957	108.2%	301,165	7.0%
Cities	\$ 13,078,200	13,846,233	105.9%	\$ 10,893,200	19,093,492	175.3%	\$ 18,039,200	\$ 26,709,864	148.1%	\$ 22,227,800	\$ 14,919,481	67.1%	\$ 16,972,000	\$ 18,331,726	108.0%	3,412,246	22.9%
Total	167,746,600	171,420,233	102.2%	174,487,800	186,323,968	106.8%	\$ 191,724,300	\$ 200,313,125	104.5%	\$ 204,300,700	\$ 196,540,520	96.2%	\$ 207,159,100	\$ 210,779,786	101.7%	14,239,266	7.2%
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>																	
Operating	\$ 84,796,800	72,850,130	85.9%	\$ 91,127,100	77,648,208	85.2%	\$ 101,357,300	\$ 90,743,261	89.5%	\$ 123,624,500	\$ 103,344,933	83.6%	\$ 134,767,700	\$ 114,228,585	84.8%	10,883,652	10.5%
Labor	\$ 54,074,800	45,802,406	84.7%	\$ 57,627,700	47,869,210	83.1%	\$ 63,529,500	\$ 55,018,085	86.6%	\$ 76,263,200	\$ 61,035,824	80.0%	\$ 83,007,300	\$ 68,658,220	82.7%	7,622,396	12.5%
Materials & Services	\$ 30,722,000	27,047,724	88.0%	\$ 33,499,400	29,778,998	88.9%	\$ 37,827,800	\$ 35,725,176	94.4%	\$ 47,361,300	\$ 42,309,109	89.3%	\$ 51,760,400	\$ 45,570,365	88.0%	3,261,256	7.7%
Capital	\$ 87,745,100	56,410,236	64.3%	\$ 94,386,400	71,254,507	75.5%	\$ 97,543,700	\$ 46,214,241	47.4%	\$ 101,319,200	\$ 84,885,025	83.8%	\$ 106,906,300	\$ 91,102,129	85.2%	6,217,104	7.3%
Equipment	\$ 5,929,600	2,388,837	40.3%	\$ 5,026,000	3,601,693	71.7%	\$ 1,907,400	\$ 1,152,196	60.4%	\$ 1,809,000	\$ 1,259,892	69.6%	\$ 1,142,500	\$ 614,431	53.8%	(645,461)	-51.2%
Replacement Rnewal	\$ 7,503,500	3,784,887	50.4%	\$ 10,154,500	4,595,502	45.3%	\$ 14,907,800	\$ 6,027,376	40.4%	\$ 15,373,500	\$ 8,485,552	55.2%	\$ 15,957,500	\$ 10,004,238	62.7%	1,518,686	17.9%
New Construction	\$ 74,312,000	50,236,512	67.6%	\$ 79,205,900	63,057,312	79.6%	\$ 80,728,500	\$ 39,034,669	48.4%	\$ 84,136,700	\$ 75,139,581	89.3%	\$ 89,806,300	\$ 80,483,460	89.6%	5,343,879	7.1%
Total	172,541,900	129,260,366	74.9%	185,513,500	148,902,715	80.3%	\$ 198,901,000	\$ 136,957,502	68.9%	\$ 224,943,700	\$ 188,229,958	83.7%	\$ 241,674,000	\$ 205,330,714	85.0%	17,100,756	9.1%

# **Clean Water Services Advisory Commission Meeting Summary**

**Date:** November 12, 2025

**Location:** CWS Administrative Building Complex and on Zoom

## **CWAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Terry Song (District 3/Snider), CWAC chair
- Drake Butsch (Builder/Developer 2)
- Ashley Farrell (Business 1)
- Marc Farrar (Builder/Developer 1)
- Nisha George (At-Large District/Harrington)
- Rebecca Shell Kanarek (District 1/Fai)
- Ramesh Krishnamurthy (District 2/Treece)
- Elaine Stewart (Environment 2)
- Lakshmi Tata (Agriculture 1)
- Sherilyn Lombos (Cities/nonvoting) - remote
- Rick Shanley (CWS/nonvoting)

## **CWAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

- Glenn Fee (Environment 1), CWAC vice chair
- Andy Haugen (District 4/Willey)
- Alan Jesse (Agriculture 2)
- Stu Peterson (Business 2)

## **CWS STAFF**

- Elizabeth Edwards, Chief of Staff
- Damon Reische, Planning & Development Services Division Manager
- Elle Worrlein, Development and Permitting Manager
- Julia Crown, Water Resources Analyst
- Jamie Hughes, Compliance Operations Manager
- Laura Porter, Business Practice Leader 1
- Peter Schauer, Research and Innovation Services Manager
- Kathy Leader, Chief Financial Officer
- Shannon Huggins, Public Involvement Coordinator
- Jody Newcomer, Technical Editor
- Katie Cheney, Executive Assistant
- Josh Bernier, Senior Information Technology Technician

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.....[00:00 on recording](#)**

**3. DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS - STORMWATER REVISIONS.....[02:27 on recording](#)**

- Damon Reische, Planning & Development Services Division Manager

Reische described the proposed plan and timeline for targeted revisions to the Design and Construction Standards, which are needed to align with the updated watershed-based National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that was issued in December 2022. The permit requires incorporating specific stormwater practices by November 1, 2026. While Clean Water Services maintains comprehensive stormwater management standards for new and redevelopment projects, limited updates are necessary to ensure full permit compliance.

**Issues Discussed**

- Maintenance for grey infrastructure.
- Opportunities for interception of rainwater beyond stormwater swales.
- Use of more recent rain and storm data to inform Design and Construction Standards.
- Creating and documenting criteria for green infrastructure.
- What is fee-in-lieu, and how it works.
- Relationship between rates and charges and Design and Construction Standards.
- Opportunities to retrofit older neighborhoods that have stormwater problems.
- Clarifying DEQ requirements, which can be broad or specific.
- Goals, expectations, and timing for stakeholder forum.
- Multiple venues to distribute information and engage stakeholders.
- Priorities, goals, deadlines for the process to revise Design and Construction Standards.

**4. NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL AND PLAN.....[52:52 on recording](#)**

- Jamie Hughes, Compliance Operations Manager
- Laura Porter, Business Practice Leader 1
- Julia Crown, Water Resources Analyst
- Peter Schauer, Research and Innovation Services Manager

Staff provided an overview of how CWS is preparing a renewal application for the NPDES permit and presented the Long-Term Regulatory Compliance Strategic Roadmap.

**Issues Discussed**

- The role of DEQ and EPA in the permit, and state and federal requirements.
- Effect of changes at the federal level on the permit.

- Sources of PFAS, education and source control, and the possibility of permit requirements.
- Current or anticipated permit limits for thermal compliance, stormwater, phosphorus, and PFAS.
- Algae blooms and water quality impairments related to phosphorus.
- Source control versus treatment to address water quality issues.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS ..... [1:52:30 on recording](#)**

- The next CWAC meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2026, at Central. There is no meeting in December.
- Beginning in 2026, meetings will be scheduled in three-month increments. Central will be the primary location.
- There are two more dates for leaf drop-off and food drive (November 22, December 6).

**6. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:25 pm**