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COWLITZ COUNTY PUD

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Cowlitz PUD Names Don McMaster Chief Operating Officer

Longview, WA — Don McMaster has been named Cowlitz PUD's Chief Operating Officer (COO), effective September 20. He has over 27 years of PUD experience in Washington, including the last two as the Assistant Manager at Franklin County PUD in Pasco, WA.

As the COO, McMaster is responsible for the day-to-day business operations of the utility under the direction of General Manager Brian Skeahan. McMaster will interact extensively with department directors to provide coordination and direction for PUD activities and will be responsible for operational decisions.

"We are thrilled to have Don at Cowlitz PUD," Skeahan said. "He offers a tremendous amount of experience to our team, especially with his background in engineering and operations. He's highly respected among his utility peers across the Pacific Northwest."

McMaster began his working career as a Project Engineer for Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. in Chalmette, Louisiana. Following two years at Kaiser, McMaster took a design engineering position at Lamb-Grays Harbor in Hoquiam and worked there for two years.

McMaster began his PUD career as a Senior Mechanical/Civil Engineer with Grays Harbor PUD in Aberdeen, WA. He worked 23 years at Grays Harbor and held the positions of Fleet Supervisor, Operations Support Supervisor, Senior Engineer-Power Supply, and Power Supply & Marketing Manager.

In 2002, he was hired by Franklin PUD as Director of Engineering and in 2004 was promoted to Assistant Manager.

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McMaster was a member of the Pasco/Kennewick Rotary Club, the Tri-Cities YMCA Board of Directors, Tridec Agriculture Committee, Tridec Medical Committee, and was a Board Member of Power Resource Managers.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Washington State University, has taken graduate courses in Civil Engineering from University of New Orleans, and has attended management training through American Public Power Association and Northwest Public Power Association.

McMaster has three grown children, Don W., Ryan and Nicole.

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