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Mason PUD 1 Receives Awards in Communication from NWPPA



Glenden Beach, OR.- At the Northwest Public Power Association's (NWPPA) Energy and Innovations Conference held at the Salishan Resort in Oregon on September 17th, Mason County Public Utility District No. 1 placed in the top three rankings in five different categories of the Excellence in Communications contest. PUD 1 competes in the Group A category for utilities with less than 10,000 customers. Two of the five honors resulted in first place plaques for the District's quarterly newsletter and website. The other three honors were for brochures, press releases, and social media campaign.

Kristin Masteller, the District's director of employee & public relations (pictured left) stated, "At our utility, we work with a very conservative budget and look for innovative and low cost methods for communicating to our ratepayers. The feedback from customers has been very positive over the last year and it's great to be recognized by our industry peers as well for our communications efforts."

NWPPA is a not-for-profit trade association of nearly 160 public/people's utility districts, electric cooperatives, municipalities and crown corporations in the western United States and Canada. This annual conference provides communication seminars and training, as well as recognizes outstanding communications efforts from NWPPA's member utilities.

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Founded in 1935, Mason County PUD No. 1 was the first public utility district formed in Washington State. PUD 1 provides non-for-profit water, sewer and electric services to approximately 7,000 customers in both Mason and Jefferson counties. The District's mission is to provide customers with safe, reliable and locally-controlled utility services with the highest possible value at the lowest possible cost.