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Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Message

In accordance with ORS 294.426, the standing budget committee of CSD established under ORS 294.414 is responsible for receipt of hold as many meetings may be required to receive this budget message, budget documents, and to provide citizens of Crescent and Gilchrist Towns an opportunity to ask questions about and comment on the budget document.

As delineated by ORS 294.331 notice of the budget meeting was published on 11 May 2024.

BUDGET MESSAGE

As a public utility company, CSD is required to prepare and submit to the county and Oregon's SOS specific forms labeled as LB-10, 20, 30, and 31 along with CSD's resolution once approved by both, the budget committee and CSD board of directors. These documents submitted for your review contain CSD's projected income during its fiscal year 2025 derived from utility fees collected, along with its operational and administrative expenses.

Of great importance for this upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024, is the significant increase in the cost of operating a public utility with limited income resources without state subsidies as received in previous fiscal years.

Major Changes:

CSD hired HR answers to do job descriptions, titles and then to do a survey/work study to compare 5 other sewer companies with the same job descriptions and titles with salaries and found that CSD's salaries were not comparable with other sewer companies. As a result of resent OSHA requirements for operations along with the difficulty in hiring qualified personnel with experience in the public sanitary sector because of Crescent's remote location and incomparable salaries CSD is faced with a significant increase in the cost of personnel services.

In the last fiscal year 23-24 operations have had many major setbacks and believe that the next fiscal year 24-25 could be faced with the same situations. CSD found there were mistakes and faulty

equipment used in the engineering, design and construction of the sewer system. The unavoidable replacement of costly grinders and pumps, very expensive electrical work for valve and electrical boxes along with installation of lagoons emergency escape ladder that should have been installed with design and construction and the beginning of annual equipment repairs and chlorination process have increased the operational cost exponentially.