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GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

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Dear Copalis Rocks Property Owners,

The County has been working with your water system owners over the past few years to determine the feasibility of the County taking over your water system operations. The County performed a feasibility study in 2016 and determined that we would assume ownership of the system if specific improvements were made to the system. The County estimated the cost of those improvements to be roughly \$183,000 in 2016 if the improvements were privately made.

The County recently met with your water system owners and representatives from the Department of Health regarding funding options to make the required improvements to the system. During that meeting the County was informed that loans may be available to fund the project if the property owners of Copalis Rocks can agree on a repayment method.

The County has been invited to speak with property owners regarding your water system and the possible financing options available to you. **It is imperative that all property owners attend this meeting** so they have a full understanding of the cost associated with a County takeover. The County will consider a ULID tax assessment as a possible repayment option for the system if 51% of the ownership agrees. Please note that a ULID assessment will affect your property taxes even if you do not have water service on your lot.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

The Meeting will be on September 9th at 11:00 am at the Copalis Beach Community Church.

The County is working to estimate the Counties cost vs. private cost listed in our study. The County cost will increase the project estimates due to prevailing wage requirements for public projects and costs associated with creating a ULID. We do not have an estimate of the actual impact to individual property owners at this time, but we will continue to work towards having some rough estimates at the meeting.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you at the community meeting.

Sincerely,

Mark Cox

Director, Utilities and Facilities