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Clark County, WA Public Works Achieves APWA Accreditation

KANSAS CITY, MO. – November 28, 2017 – The Clark County, WA Public Works Department has been awarded on September 10, 2017 the prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation designation. The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the *APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual*. The Clark County, WA Public Works Department initially applied for Accreditation in September 2014.

The Clark County, WA Public Works Department received the Accreditation award from APWA President-Elect, Jill Marilley, at a presentation ceremony during the County Councilor's meeting on November 7, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. The meeting was held at the 1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor, Vancouver, WA 98666.

The Accreditation of the Clark County Public Works Department indicates the department met all applicable Accreditation documentation and practices over time. "APWA Accreditation demonstrates we have dedicated ourselves to improving the department's policies, procedures and practices. The heroes of this achievement are Public Works employees who strive to provide consistent, superior service to our community," said Public Works Director, Heath Henderson.

The Clark County Public Works Department becomes the 129th agency in North America to be awarded Accreditation and the 8th agency in Washington. In addition to Clark County, the accredited agencies in Washington include Anacortes, Bellevue, Clark Regional Wastewater District, Kitsap County, Pierce County, Tacoma and Thurston County.

For the Clark County review, a team of public works professionals from Bend, OR, Cherry Hills Village, CO, Maryland Heights, MO and Kansas City, MO completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their August 2017 site visit.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 30,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA supports those who operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure through advocacy, education, and member engagement. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, MO, has an office in Washington, DC, and 63 chapters in North America.