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### **CITY ORGANIZES TEAM FOR LAKE OSWEGO INTERCEPTOR SEWER PROJECT**

LAKE OSWEGO – The City of Lake Oswego has organized a new staff team to provide project oversight and communication for the Lake Oswego Interceptor Sewer (LOIS) Project. The project is the largest public works undertaking in the City's history.

Joel Komarek has been named Project Director. Jane Heisler, Communication Director, will lead the public outreach efforts for the project. Additional staff includes Pat McDougal, Associate Engineer and Susie Shinn, Administrative Support, both current City employees. One additional communication position will also be added.

Joel Komarek stepped down from his role as City Engineer, a position he has held since 2002, where he was responsible for the management, planning, design and construction of the City's infrastructure, including drinking water treatment, storage and distribution systems; storm and surface water systems; and street and traffic systems. Prior to joining the City in 1994, Joel spent 7 years as a design engineer with a well known, local consulting engineering firm, working exclusively with municipal clients. Joel graduated from Portland State University in 1987 with a degree in Civil Engineering and is a registered professional engineer and water rights examiner.

Jane Heisler, formerly Director of Public Affairs for the City, has been with the City for over 20 years and brings strong management skills and communications experience to the project. In addition to the Director of Public Affairs, during the past six years Jane has also been Assistant to the City Manager and the Community Planning Manager. Jane also held positions as Project Planner and Associate Planner during her tenure at the City. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and graduated in 1984 with a Masters degree in Urban Planning from Portland State University.

"Joel Komarek and Jane Heisler are committed to the success of this project," said Alex McIntyre, City Manager. "Their combined experience, leadership skills and vision for the City, make this team the right choice to lead this project."

To ensure ongoing operations are covered in both Engineering and Public Affairs, positions vacated by City staff transferring to the LOIS project will be back-filled, some just for the duration of the LOIS project. Once the project is complete, at least three positions are anticipated to continue in different program areas for the City, including the Joint Water Supply Project, a partnership with the City of Tigard, and public outreach projects.

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Brant Williams will be returning to the City to take on his former position as Director of Capital Projects. Brant will oversee a variety of projects in the City including coordination of the Lake Oswego Streetcar extension from Portland, exploring redevelopment opportunities in the Foothills neighborhood, working with the City Council and the community on the uses and opportunities of the West End Building, and reviewing major needs for all city facilities and properties. Previously, Brant was the Director of the Office of Transportation for the City of Portland and a State Traffic Engineer for ODOT. During his time with the Portland Office of Transportation, Brant helped develop a number of larger-scale transportation projects as well as a numerous neighborhood-oriented projects. Brant has a Bachelors and Masters degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming and the University of Oregon.

### **About the Project**

Nearly 50 years ago, 24,000 feet of large sewer pipeline (interceptor) was constructed through Oswego Lake to serve the City's wastewater collection needs. Made of concrete and cast iron, this piping system collects flows from smaller tributary lines and serves more than two-thirds of the City's current businesses and residences.

The existing interceptor is now undersized and structurally unsound. A new pipeline is being designed to meet the needs of residents for at least another 75 years. Its larger size and robust design will greatly reduce the risk of overflows and damage during seismic events, ensuring continued service and clean water in our lakes and streams.

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