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Staff Corner

Meet Kyler Paselk

Kyler is the newest addition to Heceta Water's staff of five. He started work with the District in October of 2021 and is currently an operator in training. He has been working on training materials from California State University for water treatment and distribution. This is part of a multi-year plan that includes completions of a 5-part correspondence course, on the job training and State of Oregon certifications.



History of the District

Many years in the making!

Heceta Water District (HWD) was organized in 1966 to provide potable water to residents immediately north of Florence. After considering several water supplies, Clear Lake was chosen as the most desirable water source in 1967. The first permit to withdraw water from Clear Lake was obtained in 1968, and the District started delivering water in 1969.

On July 1st, 2014, Heceta Water District became Heceta Water People's Utility District.(HWPUD). HWPUD draws domestic drinking water solely from Clear Lake. The District boundaries encompass approximately eleven square miles. There are 2,238 active meters within the District. For more information, visit our website www.hwpud.com



Crew working on "original pipeline"

We work diligently to provide quality, good tasting water at an affordable rate to our customers.



HWPUD draws its water from Clear Lake

Master Plan Updates

The 2019 Water Master Plan was compiled to provide guidance to address the future water needs of HWPUD. The plan summarized the components of the existing water system, analysis of water demand patterns, evaluating the performance of the system, identifying the improvements necessary to remedy system deficiencies and accommodate growth. Through detailed analyses of each major component a long-term capital improvement plan was formed to provide systematic guidance of replacement and improvements within the District. These capital improvement projects are priority ranked 1 through 4, with 1 being the highest priority. Priority 1 projects should be addressed within 5 years. HWPUD's master plan outlines five priority 1 projects: Water Treatment Plant improvements, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) upgrades, Enchanted Valley Pump Station replacement, District Office replacement, and Replacement and up sizing of 12,500 feet of water line. Of these projects the water line replacement and Enchanted Valley Pump Station replacement have been determined the most important, with engineering has starting this summer.



Dyer Partnership Engineers and Planning Inc. completing survey work on Heceta Beach Road for priority 1 water line replacement

Ask the Office:

How is HWPUD governed?

Voters elect 5 board members, one from each of the 5 subdistricts based equally on the US census.

Candidates who are eligible for a 4-year term, must be

- registered to vote, and
- lived within the district for 2 years prior to election

F.A.Q

Q: How is your water treated?

A: Although HWPUD's water is pristine, the District is required to go through several steps to make the water "potable" or safe for human consumption. First the raw water is pumped from the lake through over a mile of water line to the treatment plant located on Hwy 101. There the treatment process starts with chemicals added to aid the filtration process. Then the raw water flows through filter treatment units. Chlorine is added to disinfect the water, and lastly the the water is adjusted for PH before entering the distribution system. Your water treatment plant filters over **173,000,000** gallons of water annually.

Water Testing

HWPUD tests water to safety requirements from the State of Oregon and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Water is tested 365 days a year. Last year over 1,200 samples were taken in the field and tested for more than 50 different contaminants.

Backflow Testing



HOW IMPORTANT IS BACKFLOW TESTING?

Backflow Prevention devices prevent unsafe water from flowing backwards into the public water supply in the event of a loss of water pressure.

Oregon Administrative rules 333-061-070 provide a basis for implementing the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act of 1981, enacted to assure safe drinking water at all water systems which serve the public, and to promote coordination between programs for supervising water systems which are conducted by the Authority and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Thank you for working with us to protect our drinking water!

Work with us!

Heceta Water People's Utility District is looking for a qualified individual to fill the position of Operator 1. Qualified candidates shall be at least 18 years old with a high school diploma or equivalent, be able to pass both a pre-employment physical and pre-employment drug test, need to live within 30 minutes of the Treatment Plant to fill on-call responsibilities and have a clean driving record, have a positive attitude and be a highly motivated individual, have a strong mechanical aptitude, and have a desire to have a long term career in public drinking water. Salary range is \$40,246 – \$62,435 annually PLUS a great benefits package.

Applications and full job descriptions can be picked up at our office at 87845 Hwy 101 or on our website @ HWPUD.com. (**Completed applications need to include a current resume**). Position open until filled.



Contact us by phone 541-997-2446 or email us @ customer-service@hwpud.com

Would you like a tour? Contact us to schedule a tour of HWPUD facilities

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Staff

***General Manager* – Carl Neville**

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***Operator 1* – Kyler Paselk**

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