

Date: December 2, 2004  
To: Interested Parties  
From: Clean Water Services  
Subject: **Ballot Measure 37 Claims**

On November 2, 2004, voters approved Ballot Measure 37, which took effect on December 2, 2004. Measure 37 requires that some governments either waive certain land use regulations that reduce the value of property, or pay compensation for diminished value to the owners of that property if those regulations are not waived.

Clean Water Services is the sanitary sewer and surface water management special service district serving urban Washington County. Although we maintain a close working relationship with Washington County government, Clean Water Services is a separately managed and financed utility. Measure 37 expressly applies to the State, metropolitan service districts, cities, and counties, not special districts such as Clean Water Services.

For the convenience of the public, Clean Water Services' regulations for sanitary and storm and surface water management are coordinated with the land use process administered by Washington County and cities within our service district. Clean Water Services' rules and regulations are designed to protect public health and safety through proper sanitation practices and pollution control. Additionally, Clean Water Services is required to implement and comply with the rules and regulations of both the federal Clean Water Act and the federal Endangered Species Act. Accordingly, the drafters of Measure 37 specifically exempted activities designed to protect public health and safety and to comply with federal law.

However, Clean Water Services is committed to working closely with property owners to review development applications in a timely manner and to maximize use of their property while protecting water quality, public health and safety.

If you nevertheless believe you are entitled to file a claim with Clean Water Services, it would be helpful for you to provide information similar to information being requested by the State of Oregon or Washington County. The information for the State can be found at [www.oregon.gov/DAS/Risk/M37.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/Risk/M37.shtml). Washington County's form can be picked up at the Public Services Building located at 155 N. First Avenue in Hillsboro.

NOTE: The above information is not intended as legal advice. You may want to contact an attorney if you have additional questions about the application of Measure 37 to your particular circumstance.