

Klickitat PUD Dedicates Lyle Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

On April 28, Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County (KPUD) dedicated its new wastewater treatment plant at Lyle, Washington.

The plant includes new head-works, a sequencing batch reactor system, aerobic sludge digestion, drying beds and a disinfection system. The improvements will allow the PUD's Lyle wastewater system to comply with state and federal water quality standards, while benefiting the customers of Lyle.

The planning and design phase of the project was completed with funding from the public works board and the U.S. Forest Service. KPUD completed construction through a Community Investment Fund Grant from the Washington State Department of Trade and Economic Development, as well as a generous grant and zero-interest loan funding package from the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Since 2001, representatives from KPUD, the Department of Ecology, Department of Trade and Economic Development and the Lyle Community Council have worked together to bring this project on line.

During the dedication ceremony, KPUD Commissioner Ray Mosbrucker and General Manager Tom Svendsen acknowledged Gray &



Celebrating the completion of the improved KPUD Lyle wastewater treatment plant during the April 28 dedication were, from left, Tom Tebb of the Washington Department of Ecology, KPUD General Manager Tom Svendsen and KPUD Commissioner Ray Mosbrucker.

Osborne Engineering, who designed the project; Les and Judy McClure of McClure & Sons Construction, who built the project, the Lyle Community Council and the funding agencies who have worked to bring the project to fruition.

A personal thanks was extended to representatives in attendance from the Lyle Community Council, Public Works Board and Department of Ecology.

A special note of thanks was

extended to Tom Tebb, water quality section manager for the Department of Ecology, who was instrumental in ensuring adequate funding was available for construction of the project.

KPUD also expressed thanks to the Yakama Nation for expediting its cultural survey at the beginning of the project, enabling KPUD to remain in compliance with funding requirements.

The following KPUD employees

were acknowledged for their efforts in making the project possible: Engineering Manager Jim Smith, Project Manager Doug Miller, Project Engineer Russ Patton, Project Inspector Tim Furlong, Water-Wastewater Operators Tim McMurrin, Eric Shea and Howard Sinor; and Grant Administrator Roxie Hunter.

The ceremony concluded with tours of the new plant, followed by refreshments at the historic Lyle Hotel. ■

