



Legislation Text

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COWLITZ CLEAN WATERS “SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION” CALENDAR CONTEST

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure
Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In 2016, the City entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Kelso, Cowlitz County and the Consolidated Diking Improvement District #1 (CDID #1) to develop and implement a collaborative regional stormwater public education and outreach program to meet the requirements for education and awareness activities under each participant’s NPDES municipal stormwater permit.

Under the moniker of Cowlitz Clean Waters, the City has been participating with Kelso, the County, CDID #1 and other local partners to develop a regional education campaign, a website, and program activities.

The first project of Cowlitz Clean Waters is a student calendar contest focused on how we can all prevent stormwater pollution to keep our local waters clean. Middle school students from public, private and home schools are encouraged to submit either artwork or a haiku/short poem on stormwater pollution and ways to prevent it. Twelve winning art entries as well as twelve poems will be selected for a 2018 Cowlitz Clean Waters “Solutions to Stormwater Pollution” Calendar. These calendars will be published and then distributed free of charge as part of the regional stormwater pollution education program.

Attached is the calendar contest flyer that was distributed to public and private schools in Longview and throughout Cowlitz County, as well as about 40 known home schooling parents. The contest entry form and rules are available at www.cowlitzcleanwaters.org/contest <<http://www.cowlitzcleanwaters.org/contest>> . Copies of the entry form and rules are also attached.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Funds to sponsor this contest are shared through the interlocal agreement. The City’s portion of the project is funded by the stormwater utility.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action needed.

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