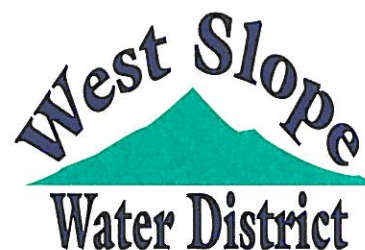


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West Slope Water Receives Excellence Award

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the West Slope Water District by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

“This is a huge achievement,” noted Board Chairman John Horne. “It’s definitely something to be proud of because it demonstrates the District’s sound financial management.”

“According to the GFOA only three water districts in Oregon received the award in 2008,” stated General Manager Jerry Arnold, “and it is possible we will again be one of just two or three in 2009. This is the third year in a row to receive the award and it certainly demonstrates the District’s commitment to making financial data more accessible to our citizens, customers, elected officials and employees.”

In addition to presenting the award at the District’s Board of Commissioners meeting, Bernice Bagnall, the President of the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers Association presented the GFOA Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to Heidi Starks, Finance and Customer Service Manager for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

Incorporated in 1922, the West Slope Water District is a domestic water utility serving 11,060 residents. The District is situated in Washington County, west of Portland, and is bounded by the Multnomah County line on the east and the City of Beaverton on the west. Highway 26 marks the northern border and the Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway is generally the southern border.

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