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WTD Customer Portal

Work began in 2014 to replace manual forms submitted by component agency for quarterly reporting. Microsoft Azure, a cloud-based application, is the framework of the software. Users can fill in the form or upload a formatted Excel spreadsheet. Users need a Microsoft Account. There is also a quick reference guide on-line. Need to work on a login issue associated with Office 365 users (about 5 agencies are impacted at this time). A major benefit of this new process is the ability to identify and rectify errors on a quarterly basis. There is also the option to review historic data. WTD is investigating the option to print submitted reports. Chrome is the best internet browser to use with the Customer Portal. Feedback from component agencies is welcome so that the system can be improved to meet user requests in the future. One outstanding item to discuss is what to do with information beyond the State required records retention period. This issue is under discussion by the Regional Negotiation team. System is available for immediate use. It is not mandatory to use, but WTD staff want to encourage everyone to use it for consistency. WTD staff is also open to conducting trainings around the County if desired and Auburn volunteered at the meeting to host a training session. Sharman or Olivia will connect with agencies to provide contact information for suggestions for improvements.

WTD Energy Program – Conservation

About 3 to 4% of U.S. energy consumption is dedicated to wastewater and water treatment. Energy audits, energy analyses, and participation in available local programs are ways to reduce energy use. Each capital project is required to conduct an energy analyses, which helps staff understand available options for energy savings. Power utilities offer strategic energy management (SEM) programs. Finally, talking to staff at the plant is one of the best approaches to identify potential energy conservation measures. Energy ideas are most easily funded by energy cost savings and utility energy efficiency grants. WTD received over \$175,000 in utility grants in 2018. Also in 2018, West Point generated \$1.2 M and South Plant generated \$5.2 M in revenue for renewable resources. West Point electricity is sold to Seattle City Light. South Plant gas is sold to a private third party.