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## RHODODENDRON WATER ASSOCIATION RECEIVES OUTSTANDING PERFORMER DESIGNATION

After a tri-annual system survey performed on November 1 by the state of Oregon Drinking Water Services, the Rhododendron Water Association (RWA) was notified they have received the coveted “OUTSTANDING PERFORMER” designation from Oregon Health Authority.

This designation is bestowed upon Oregon water systems that have demonstrated exceptional water treatment techniques, record keeping, have stayed on schedule with all testing criteria, and was found to not have any reporting violations within the last three years. The full criteria list is available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/OPERATIONS/Documents/ospcriteria.pdf>

Association President, Steven Graeper said, “This award means a great deal to the association and the Board of Directors who make the hard decisions for the association. But most of all, the credit goes to the association Water Master, David Jacob. Without David’s skill and expertise in running water systems RWA never would have achieved this milestone.”

There are over 3395 water systems throughout Oregon and less than 10% (295) have received “Outstanding Performer” designation. Water systems that receive this designation not only receive the distinction of being listed as “Outstanding Performer”, but they also have their system surveys reduced from once every three years to once every five years. System surveys cost the system \$2700 to have the system surveyed by the state Drinking Water services.

Other water systems in the Hoodland area that have also received “Outstanding Performer” are Alder Creek Barlow Water, Government Camp Water, and Salmon Valley Water.

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<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/OPERATIONS/Pages/osp.aspx>