

2015 Sustainability Report

Compliance Management

Our goal is to closely monitor regulations regionally and nationally to ensure our sustainability principles are consistent with those regulations. Maintain programs and procedures to ensure compliance.

2015 Accomplishments

- Monitored regulations for requirements applicable to the District;
- Conducted ongoing compliance activities including, but not limited to energy conservation, renewable resources, the environment, system reliability, protection of cyber assets and physical infrastructure;
- Worked with external auditors and regulators on a regular basis to ensure good communication and understanding of requirements

Plans for the Future

- Fully comply with new directives that emerge.

Environmental Stewardship

Fish and Wildlife

Mule Deer Summit - The PUD partnered with the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to host Wenatchee's first-ever mule deer summit. The program provided information to the public about mule deer habitat and why the winter closure in the Sage Hills area west of Wenatchee is important to protect the deer.

Lands and Water

Entiat Park - After a year and half of construction, the completely rebuilt [Entiat Park](#) opened to the public on Friday, May 22, 2015, welcoming campers for the three-day holiday weekend. At the south end of the park, the new Entiatqua trail connects the park to the Entiat River and beyond to a developing outdoor learning center. On the north end, the park connects with the city of Entiat's new trail and waterfront business district. More than a decade of planning and cooperation between the city and Chelan PUD resulted in the park renovations. Construction of the \$7 million project began in September 2013.

Chelan Riverwalk Park – Chelan PUD contracted to build a 110-foot retaining wall above the Promontory Deck in spring 2015. The work was done to improve drainage and trail safety.

Wenatchee Riverfront Park - In October, the PUD removed and replaced the parking lot at "Mid Park" in Wenatchee Riverfront Park. The old surface and storm water system had deteriorated over the years and become ineffective. The District removed more than 200 cubic yards of the old city landfill during the process. The District recapped the landfill and installed storm water conveyance piping.

Home Water Property Reseeding Project - Approximately 794 acres of Chelan PUD's Home Water Preserve burned in the Sleepy Hollow fire in June 2015. Since the fire, Chelan PUD has been working to coordinate with non-profit groups and the Bureau of Land Management to enhance habitat improvement efforts on the Home Water Preserve. This is an excellent opportunity to partner with various groups to provide post-fire habitat improvement on our FERC-required Home Water Preserve property.

Horan Area Restoration - The PUD took steps to restore the much-loved and well-used walking and running trail through the Horan Natural Area to like-new condition in April 2015. The trail was re-graded to provide better public access to the natural area. Over the years, brush had grown in along sections of the once 10-foot-wide path.

Water Conservation - In response to the summer drought and low river flows, Chelan PUD stopped using the well on the Wenatchee River that pumps irrigation water to Wenatchee Confluence Park. The PUD also asked State Parks to cut back on watering from the remaining well that pumps from the Columbia River. Also on the list was mowing the lawns less frequently and letting the grass get a little longer. The PUD took similar action at its other parks, being mindful of the need to conserve water where possible.

Material Use and Disposal

We encourage effective and efficient use of materials and the disposal of waste products.

2015 Accomplishments

- Scrap materials disposal/recycling efforts, including scrap metals, used vehicles, used electrical equipment and oils, used battery recycling, and sales of used/obsolete personal property sold to the public resulted in recycling and reuse of materials and netted \$598,857.59 to the District.

Vehicles and Fuels

Reduce the District's use of fossil fuels and reduce vehicle air pollution considering current regulations and requirements.

2015 Accomplishments

- Continued ordering factory installed idle reduction technology on all new diesel trucks to reduce fuel usage and emission
- Continued to research and monitor technology development, costs and availability of new alternative fuels such as propane auto gas and liquid natural gas.
- Continued use of Biodiesel and Ethanol in District Fleet vehicles and equipment.
- Evaluated and demo'd an all-electric industrial mower to replace a diesel powered mower for use in District parks; the first such mower will be purchased and used by the District in early 2016.