

Crescent Sanitary District (CSD) has taken on hooking up the Gilchrist Sewer Company's collection system to our treatment facility. The ODEQ has deemed that the Gilchrist Sewer treatment ponds are failing and polluting the Little Deschutes River and causing a possible health hazard to people and wildlife. The Company does not have the funds and has asked CSD to absorb their collection system and reverse their effluent to our treatment ponds. The cost of doing this is approximately \$850,000.00. Crescent Sanitary District has taken a loan out from the ODEQ and is now completing this Project. This loan will cause us to have to raise our rates for our customers most of who are on fixed incomes. It will be difficult for most to pay. CSD would like to obtain lottery money in order to pay down the ODEQ loan so that we can keep the sewer rates at an affordable level. Thank you for your consideration in helping us resolve this health and environmental hazard. Also CSD's construction project was negatively impacted by Covid-19 which delayed our Project completion by 10 months and decreased our capacity to collect sewer revenue by 10 months. This has caused us to be behind on revenue projections that we needed to meet our debt payments.

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