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LOTT Receives National Environmental Achievement Award

Last night the LOTT Clean Water Alliance was awarded a 2025 National Environmental Achievement Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to environmental protection and the clean water community. In the “Watershed Collaboration” category, LOTT’s designation was for its Clean Water Community Connections program. The program is designed to play an active role in broader community efforts that support water quality, including the development of additional affordable housing, collaborative planning for sea level rise, creating joint educational and recreational amenities, partnering with school districts and more.

Matt Kennelly, LOTT’s executive director, commented, “I’m honored to accept this award on behalf of the dedicated staff at the LOTT Clean Water Alliance. We are committed to meeting our community’s growing wastewater treatment needs and designing supportive programs that benefit overall water quality for decades to come.”

Kennelly, along with LOTT Board of Directors Tye Menser and Leatta Dahlhoff, were in California to accept the prestigious award. Menser, a Thurston County commissioner and chair of the board, said, “From a regional perspective and beyond, LOTT continues to innovate and raise the bar. LOTT is viewed as a critical partner in adapting to climate change and sea level rise.” City of Tumwater Councilmember and Board Vice Chair Dahlhoff added, “LOTT’s mission is to preserve and protect public health and the environment by cleaning water and restoring resources for our community. As one of the jurisdictional partners, the City of Tumwater appreciates LOTT’s regional collaboration. This award demonstrates that LOTT goes above and beyond as an innovative utility.”

For more information about LOTT or the Clean Water Community Connections program, visit www.lottcleanwater.org.

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