



City of McCleary

STAFF REPORT

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Water and Wastewater:

As many of you are aware we had a lot of rain here in McCleary during the month of December. From December 1 to December 31, we had 20.14 inches of rain. For the Aquifer that's great! We have plenty of water available!

For the Wastewater Treatment plant, it is not so great! During the dry season we receive 65-100 gpm into the treatment plant. At times, during the big rain events, we had 700-1100gpm. The Wastewater Treatment Plant was able to handle the excess flows; we just spent more money treating rainwater.

My big concern was that Sam's canal might flood the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Where the flow comes out of the culvert after 7th Ave, Sam's canal was going over its banks. This is in part due to no one keeping the canal clean for at least 15 years. If flows had continued and the canal had flooded the WWTP, we would have all sorts of problems, including environmental and financial costs.

Kevin Trewella