

To: City of Sandy
From: Nellie deVries, deVries Strategies, Inc.
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Re: 2023 Legislative Report

City of Sandy City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief recap on the 2023 Legislative Session. As you know, the City of Sandy asked the Legislature for \$14.5 million to upgrade the Alder Creek treatment plant; repairing reservoirs and replacing the pump station, filters, chemical feed systems, and utility systems; solidifying it as the primary water source for Sandy into the future. The money would also be used to build a transmission line to Portland's new Bull Run Treatment Plant facility, allowing Sandy to access a critical backup water source that meets Federal treatment requirements.

The mayor and city councilors met with every member on the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capitol Construction and received very positive reviews on the project. We also met with our local Senator and Representative repeatedly and with Chair Steiner.

As you know, the Senate Republican walkout provided complications. Some returned for the final week, but at the cost of many projects all for political reasons.

We also tracked many bills that would affect the City of Sandy as outlined in the report.

When I present before you on August 21, I will answer any questions you may have concerning my report or the session itself. We will also have the opportunity to discuss our options and strategies moving forward.

In addition, I'm interested at helping you with Clackamas County and local issues as needed. The City of Sandy has a lot going on and I'm happy to help in any way I can. My recommendation would be to have me facilitate a meeting with the County Government Affairs team. You can discuss all the issues you're working on, and they may have some additional funding ideas. Further, I'm happy to assist with tracking various grants, bonds and loans that the City might want to apply for.

I look forward to our conversation.