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**JACKSON BOTTOM WETLAND NORTH VIEWING AREA TO CLOSE FOR
CONSTRUCTION APRIL 18 – NOVEMBER 30**

Hillsboro, OR – The Jackson Bottom Wetlands (JBW) north viewing area (S. 1st Avenue/Hwy 219 approx. 4 blocks south of SW Oak St/Hwy 8) will close to the public on April 18, 2011 and re-open December 1, 2011 with new and improved amenities for year-round bird watching and nature enjoyment. During the closure, the public can visit the JBW Education Center just to the south which has a viewing deck and trails.

This restoration is being made possible through a partnership with Clean Water Services. The area will be temporarily used by Clean Water Services as a staging area for the construction of a new influent pump station and other improvements at Clean Water Services' Hillsboro Wastewater Treatment Plant immediately north of the site. The \$3 million project will upgrade the 42-year-old facility including modification of the aeration basin and a new entrance gate for improved security and access.

Then, in conjunction with Jackson Bottom Wetlands and City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation, Clean Water Services will restore the viewing area and add various improvements including bike racks, an interpretive kiosk, access for a future multi-use path and a plaza area.

“This partnership will greatly benefit the public by providing a better wildlife and nature viewing area at this very accessible year-round site on the wetland,” says Ed Becker, City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Manager in charge of Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve.

“By working together, Clean Water Services can accomplish needed improvements to our treatment facility in the most practical way and also enhance the JBW viewing area for the public's future use,” says Steve Kebbe, Clean Water Services Project Manager.

For more information on this project, call Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve at 503-681-6206.

Clean Water Services is a water resource management utility for more than 520,000 people in urban Washington County and small portions of Multnomah County, Clackamas County, Lake Oswego, and Portland. Clean Water Services operates four wastewater treatment facilities, constructs and maintains flood management and water quality projects, and manages flow in

the Tualatin River to improve water quality and protect fish habitat. Although Clean Water Services maintains a close working relationship with Washington County government, it is a separately managed and financed public utility.

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve is a 725-acre wildlife preserve located within the city limits of Hillsboro. JBWP is owned by the City of Hillsboro (City) and Clean Water Services (CWS) and is managed by the JBWP non-profit organization. JBWP's mission is to "Connect Water, Wildlife and People," and a main goal is to preserve and restore the regionally significant Jackson Bottom Wetland area for education of the public and for preserving the functions and values performed by the wetland. For more information about Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve visit www.jacksonbottom.org.

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