SIX THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CRD'S WORK FOR A

Reliable Water Future

Making a difference...together

1 CRD is investing today to ensure reliable drinking water for generations to come.

CRD is honored by the trust communities place in us to deliver clean and safe drinking water. To ensure we can continue to provide the same reliable service into the future, we are implementing a series of major water infrastructure projects over the next 20 years. These investments will renew aging water facilities, and expand system capacity, to proactively prepare the region for population growth and the impacts of climate change and safeguard public health and our region's economic vitality.

2 We are upgrading the region's essential water supply backbone for reliability and efficient operations.

We are focusing on projects that modernize and reinforce the region's primary water infrastructure: reservoirs/dams and associated intakes, transmission mains, pump stations, storage tanks and treatment. These upgrades will increase reliability, reduce maintenance costs, and extend the life of the entire regional water network.

3 Projects are proactively planned and built for climate resilience and emergencies.

Each project is proactively planned to reduce risks and built to better withstand drought, wildfire, earthquakes, and extreme weather. Redundant supply routes, seismic upgrades, and water treatment improvements ensure that clean and safe water continues to flow to homes and businesses, even under challenging conditions.

4 A modern water filtration facility ensures Sooke and surrounding watersheds will continue to be one of our region's most valuable assets.

With the impacts of our changing climate, a new filtration treatment facility, along with the continued protection of the watersheds, is essential for providing the flexibility to manage the changing conditions. Filtration is essential to a reliable water supply future.

5 We are committed to financial responsibility and maintaining the affordability of our wholesale water supply.

These projects ensure the entire region continues to benefit from a safe, dependable water system. We are committed to managing these projects in a financially responsible manner. CRD is right-sizing projects, seeking diverse funding sources, and continuing CRD's practice of long-term financial planning. To maintain affordability, we are implementing steady, modest wholesale rate adjustments phased over many years so costs can be repaid over time, and shared with people who move here in the future.

6 Supporting local economies and skilled jobs.

This 20-year long reliable water initiative will support our broader regional suppliers, engineers, and construction crews—creating and growing skilled employment and strengthening the region's economic resilience.