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City of Scappoose Receives LOC's Excellence Award

NORTH BEND, Ore. – During its 2025 Local Government Spring Conference Friday, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) presented its 2025 Award for Excellence to the city of Scappoose for its Biosolids Upgrade project. The award, which recognizes progressive and innovative city operations and services, was presented to co-recipients, with the cities of Falls City and Oregon City also winning.

About the Scappoose Biosolids Upgrade Project

The city recently completed the upgrade to address storage, land application sites, and nuisance odors. Scappoose contracted with Consor Engineering for project upgrades and researched a wide range of methods for biosolids handling. Ultimately, the city selected the BioDryer, an innovative technology that produces a nutrient-rich Class A material which greatly reduces storage requirements, removes the need for certified land application sites, and significantly reduces odors. The Biodryer is a modular configuration, allowing units to be added to increase capacity and production of rich organic material. Because it uses the metabolic energy of the bacteria that naturally occur in biosolids, instead of costly fossil fuels, the BioDryer can save up to 70% in energy costs compared to a conventional belt or paddle dryer. After six months of Class A biosolids production, the city is meeting project goals, and expects to execute the land application process with minimal impact.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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