**Why are Special Districts “Special”?**

Special districts are “special” because they provide specialized services. [NAME OF DISTRICT] is one example of a special district. We provide [SHORT DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES] to [NAME OF COMMUNITIES/REGION].

Other types of special districts in Oregon provide essential services such as fire protection, health, water, utilities, sanitation, parks and recreation, libraries, and even cemeteries and mosquito abatement, that are crucial to our quality of life.

Special districts have the advantage of a focused mission, which is important for any well-run organization. They can concentrate on doing one thing in a manner that best meets the specific needs of their community.

Because of their highly-specialized nature, special districts can be flexible, responsive, innovative, and efficient in how they provide services and use taxpayers’ and ratepayers’ precious dollars.

What’s special about special districts isn’t that they are a public agency, it’s that they are a public agency that stays focused on doing the one thing voters created them to do, doing it well, and doing it with local control.