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Cowlitz County Building and Planning Reorganization

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Cowlitz County has not escaped the economic downturn experienced globally and by national and state governments. Diminished revenues have slowed the ability of local government to provide basic services.

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“We are continuing to address personnel needs, customer service enhancements and budgetary constraints,” says Cowlitz County Commissioner Dennis Weber. “Effective July 1, 2013, there will be a reorganization of the Department of Building and Planning plus the creation of a new Environmental Services Division.”

The Board of Cowlitz County Commissioners appointed Operations Manager Dr. Elaine Placido as Director of the Department of Building and Planning. An Environmental Services Division will be created within the Health Department. Additional reassignments of duties are still pending to assure the continuation of Building and Planning’s customer service focus.

County officials are continuing to analyze county programs and public services.

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