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RE: Cmmr. Ring Erickson visits Washington, DC

The Board of Mason County Commissioners is pleased to announce that Cmmr. Lynda Ring Erickson will be visiting our Congressional delegates in Washington, DC on December 7th and 8th to request federal assistance in funding the various water, sewer and stormwater projects in Mason County.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson plans to meet with several of our delegates including Congressman Norm Dicks, Senator Patty Murray and Senator Marie Cantwell.

Mason County has been conducting extensive studies in the Belfair/North Shore area as well as the Hoodsport area to determine the infrastructure needs. Protecting our water quality, especially Hood Canal, is a top priority for Mason County.

The Commission recognizes these infrastructure projects will be very expensive and the Commissioners are making every effort to secure additional funding so these projects can proceed and costs to our citizens will be reduced.

We are certain Cmmr. Ring Erickson's efforts in Washington, DC will have a very positive impact on obtaining additional money.

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