

COLUMBIA HEALTH DISTRICT DISSOLUTION- 2015 PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS

The Columbia Health District ceased operations on June 30, 2011. A District-wide election took place in September, 2011 on the question of whether the District should be dissolved. After the election the Board of the Columbia Health District declared the Columbia Health District dissolved. At that same time the Columbia Health District Board also appointed the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners as the trustees of the District for purposes of winding down and settling its affairs. Soon thereafter citizens started litigation against the Board of Commissioners and the City of St. Helens, causing a delay in settling the affairs of the District, and distribution of District assets. The litigation has now been resolved in the favor of the Board of Commissioners and the City of St. Helens.

All debts of the Columbia Health District have now been paid and its property has been transferred according to the Columbia Health District's liquidation plan and in accordance with Oregon statute. The remaining step is to distribute the balance of funds of the District, \$92,021.42, to the taxpayers within the District. If you own property within the former Columbia Health District boundaries you are receiving a credit against your current assessment on the basis of the property's current assessed value, reflecting your portion of the distribution.

As trustees of the Columbia Health District, the Board of County Commissioners has conducted an audit for each year post-dissolution. The method of distribution of the District's funds was also audited. After the affairs of the Columbia Health District have been fully settled, all books and records of the District, including all audit reports, will be deposited with the County Clerk. At the same time, the Trustees will declare that the District has been dissolved, and its affairs liquidated. Thereafter, the corporate existence of the Columbia Health District will cease and the District will be terminated for all purposes.