

Welcome, New Team Member

Zain Gasparovich has rapidly moved up in the Water-Wastewater Department

Part of Klickitat PUD's long-range planning is ensuring proper training and continuation of department knowledge as long-time employees near retirement. To meet this goal, the water-wastewater department brought on Zain Gasparovich as a trainee in January 2023.

Klickitat PUD owns and operates 10 water systems and six wastewater systems. Time and experience learning the different systems are integral to providing valuable services to several rural communities within Klickitat County. The Department of Ecology has recognized many of our systems for their outstanding performance, and this standard takes high-quality, experienced operators.

Zain was born and raised in Goldendale, graduating from Goldendale High School in 2017. Post-graduation, Zain worked on the road for Granite Construction before relocating back to Goldendale in 2019 working as an equipment operator at Republic Services.

Zain saw the opportunity at Klickitat PUD as a chance to grow in a career and make long-term plans. Since Zain began working at KPUD, he has moved from the trainee position to Water-Wastewater Operator I. This required Zain to complete commercial driver's license school and pass a driving test. He also had to pass a water and wastewater exam.

"These exams are not easy, and it can take people several attempts to pass," says Water-Wastewater Superintendent Brandon Walter.

Zain describes the job as maintaining plant function and parameters, as well as monitoring, sampling and testing. Brandon Walter describes Zain as a hard worker who always takes the initiative to get the job done.

In his free time, Zain enjoys being outdoors, hunting, fishing, floating the Klickitat River and dirt biking in the mountains. He also enjoys time with his dog Starla, a sweet mini pit bull.

Please join us in welcoming Zain as the newest water-wastewater crew member. ■



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