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**CITY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

The Newport City Council is soliciting names of persons interested in serving on the city's Technical Advisory Task Force. The Technical Advisory Task Force will advise and work with the city on activities relating to ocean monitoring and testing. The Technical Advisory Task Force will have 5-7 members and be effective from the date of appointment until January 2012.

In 2009, the city established a task force to work with the city and Georgia-Pacific (G-P) in reaching an agreement related to G-P's use of city rights-of-ways. During the course of their work, the task force recommended that franchise fees paid by G-P for the use of city rights-of-way be used for the monitoring and testing of ocean waters, habitat, beaches, and animals near the G-P outfall.

G-P paid the city approximately \$170,000 in franchise fees which will be used for ocean monitoring and testing. Firms or persons conducting ocean monitoring will be selected through a proposal process. It is anticipated that the Technical Advisory Task Force will be actively involved in assisting the city in activities relating to the preparation of grant guidelines, grant solicitations, proposal review, and award recommendations, and monitoring the work performed under grant awards.

Anyone interested in serving on the city's Technical Advisory Task Force should apply using the city's committee application which is found on the city website at [www.newportoregon.gov](http://www.newportoregon.gov); click on "City;" then on "Committees;" and then on "Application for Committee/Commission." The completed form can be submitted electronically. Copies of the committee application form can also be obtained by contacting the City Manager's Office at 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365, or by calling 541.574.0603.

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