

SNO-KING WATER DISTRICT COALITION

2018 Legislative Agenda

Summary of basic principles: The municipal, water-sewer districts of Alderwood, Coal Creek, Cross Valley, Mukilteo, Olympic View, Sammamish Plateau, and Woodinville comprise the Sno-King Water District Coalition. We are committed to providing safe, reliable, and economically-priced potable water—for residential, commercial, industrial, fire protection, and other lawful uses. We also provide sewage collection, transmission, and treatment services and some street lighting services. In addition, we participate in local and regional water supply planning and inter-system coordination (often with cities, counties, tribes, and other special districts).

All water-sewer districts play important roles in several key areas of our society:

- protecting public health and safety through clean water and sanitation,
- protecting the environment,
- supporting growth of communities, and,
- supporting economic activities and development .

Districts support such roles almost exclusively through user fees paid by customers. Increasingly, Sno-King's activities are taxed by local and state agencies and such revenues are being diverted for activities unrelated to our missions. We believe that such diversions are not in the best interests of the State or our communities. Sno-King believes that revenues from rate-payers for water-sewer services should be specifically retained for those purposes.

To convey concerns and discuss future alternatives, the Sno-King Board periodically updates our agenda--reached by consensus--of legislative and regulatory objectives. In 2018, Sno-King expects the following list of specific issues will be actively considered by the Legislature or regulatory agencies. Sno-King will engage these issues and share our position (support, oppose, or amend) based on the points-of-view stated below.

Our 2018 Sno-King priorities will focus on these issues:

1. Sno-King will oppose any new utility taxes, franchise fees, etc. that increase costs to rate-payers.
2. Sno-King will pursue long-term protection of potable surface and wellfield water from pollution by storm water or reclaimed water.
3. Sno-King will monitor and support technical changes to the "811 Dig Call" law.
4. Sno-King will monitor GMA changes in counties as they affect special district boundaries and governance.
5. Sno-King will support the retention of the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), especially including current costs being incurred in between Capital Budgets.

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