

SNO-KING WATER-SEWER DISTRICT COALITION

2019 Legislative Agenda

Who we are: Sno-King Water-Sewer Coalition consists of seven water and sewer districts within King and Snohomish Counties serving over 400,000 people. The Coalition is comprised of Alderwood Water & Wastewater District, Sammamish Plateau Water, Woodinville Water District, Cross Valley Water District, Olympic View Water and Sewer District, Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District, and Coal Creek Utility District.

Governed under Title 57 RCW, these districts operate and maintain critical infrastructure that is essential to public health, environmental safety and business growth. Coalition members are committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water and sewer service to homes, businesses and industry. We engage in local and regional water supply and sewer treatment planning and inter-system coordination with cities, counties, tribes and other special purpose districts.

Purpose/Goal of Sno-King: The purpose and goal of Sno-King is to support state legislation and regulations that assist water and sewer districts in their mission in an environmentally sensitive way.

2019 Legislative Agenda: Following are the top 2019 legislative and regulatory priorities of Sno-King:

1. Support long-term protection of water sources, including potable surface and wellfield water from pollution by storm water or reclaimed water.
2. Oppose efforts by King County and others to impose charges or fees for the use of public roads or rights-of-way by public and private utilities or additional utility fees or taxes.
3. Support legislative funding of the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) especially re-filling the capital projects pool.
4. Support rules and/or legislation that insures the distribution and use of reclaimed water within a district's service area requires a mutually agreed upon agreement between the district and entity providing any amount of reclaimed water for use (previous HB 2743/SB 6390).
5. Monitor and support technical changes to the "811 Dig Call" law.

Additional issues being monitored by Sno-King:

1. The Department of Ecology, in its new RCW (90.94) and draft rule, has misspoken about "streamflow restoration" when it should be "watershed restoration and enhancement". There might be a need for legislation to rectify the wording since it is now called out incorrectly in the RCW.
2. Opposes legislation that adds complexity to billing processes, such as the previous Transparency of Local Taxing Districts bill which mandates taxing information be placed on utility bills.
3. Supporting a Department of Health capital budget item of \$10 million for WSARP funding.

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