

SNO-KING WATER DISTRICT COALITION
Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District
Monday, January 12, 2015
8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting

Attendees:

Steve Lindstrom	Sno-King Water District Coalition Lobbyist
Chris Kuehn, Curt Brees	Cross Valley Water District
Lora Petso, Lynne Danielson	Olympic View Water and Sewer District
Jeff Clarke	Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Ken Howe, Dennis Knapiniski, Sandra Smith	Woodinville Water District
Thomas Keown, Tal Weberg	Covington Water District
Tom Harman, Karen Moran, Mahbubul Islam, Jay Krauss, and Paddy Moe	Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District
Jim Voetberg, Tom Rainville	Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Kuehn at 8:32 a.m.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Tom Harman requested the coalition discuss public relations.

3. Review & Approve Minutes

- Tom Rainville made a motion approving the minutes of December 8, 2014. Chris Kuehn seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Financial Report

Curt Brees reviewed the Financial Report with year to date expenses through 12-31-14. Expenses year to date are \$30,345.36 and the Sno-King fund balance, as of 12-31-14, is \$16,063.26.

- Tom Harman made a motion approving the fourth quarter financial statement. Tom Rainville seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Legislative Activity Report

Steve Lindstrom reported on the following legislative topics:

- Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA).
- House Bill 1079, which allows for joint utilization of engineering and architectural service contracts
- Senate Bill 5048 whereby, if a city passes a bill or ordinance to assume a district or portion thereof, it is subject to a referendum. Lindstrom stressed the senate bill could have a statewide effect. Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts is proposing the right for a city to impose a utility tax in exchange for the right to vote by rate-payers on any proposed assumption. WASWD is trying to come to an understanding with AWC.

- The handling of rural water. Department of Ecology has a workgroup regarding “Water availability determinations”. Lindstrom cautioned to be careful it doesn’t impinge unincorporated areas which are part of district service areas.
- Rules of the Department of Health regarding geothermal and heat source wells. Both are being examined to be sure they are not adversely affecting water quality. There was a push to exempt geothermal wells from the permitting process.
- There are continued struggles in Skagit County, (moratorium) regarding the drilling of what were permit exempt wells for rural residential developments. Decisions there could end up impacting water resource decisions state-wide.

6. Other Business

The Coalition discussed public relations.

7. Next Meeting- Location and Date

Monday, February 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting host will be Covington Water District.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.