

SNO-KING WATER DISTRICT COALITION

Covington Water District
Monday, February 9, 2015
Regular Meeting

Attendees:

Steve Lindstrom	Sno-King Water Sewer District Coalition
Tom Rainville, Jim Voetberg	Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District
Curt Brees	Cross Valley Water District
Ken Howe, Sandy Smith	Woodinville Water District
Jeff Clarke	Alderwood Water and Wastewater District
Thomas Keown, Tal Weberg, Karen Smith	Covington Water District
Lora Petso	Olympic View Water and Sewer District

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rainville at 10:00 a.m.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions to the agenda were proposed.

Review & Approve Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015 as written.

Financial Report Approval

Curt Brees distributed and reviewed the Financial Report with year to date expenses through February 9, 2015. Expenses year to date are \$2,314.80 with the Sno-King fund balance to date of \$41,751.41. Mr. Brees reported receiving a \$2,000 invoice for dues from the NW Section of the WWUC. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to pay the invoice.

Legislative Activity Report

Steve Lindstrom provided updates on the following legislative activities:

- **Senate Bill 5628** would charge a per parcel real estate assessment and apply the proceeds to large competitive grant projects primarily for agricultural/irrigation and flood control—the bill contains a referendum clause, requiring voter approval.
- **Senate Bill 5624** would allow the State Treasurer to bundle loan requests for small/medium sized water-sewer service providers under the state's line of credit with Wall Street.
- **Senate Bill 5055** concerns requiring a local government to extend public sewage system pipes within the public right-of-way at its own expense under certain circumstances to serve a property, if on-site sewage treatment is denied.
- **Senate Bill 5328** would require the list of persons/entities that public participation requirements of GMA to whom notice must be provided of proposed amendments to comprehensive plans and development regulations is expanded to include Group A public water systems that are required to develop water system plans.
- **House Bill 1132** would authorize counties to impose a maximum rate of 6% tax on utilities providing service to consumers within the county, provide certain exemptions from the tax, and obligate counties imposing a utility tax to provide a credit against utility taxes imposed by cities/towns.

- **House Bill 1189** would establish cities, towns, and special purpose districts with office hours of 30 hours per week or less would not be required to maintain a minimum number of office hours for the purposes of the Public Records Act.
- **House Bill 1197** would make technical adjustments to the sale of small parcels of real estate owned by water-sewer districts and permit districts with annual budgets of \$250,000 to \$5,000,000 to become their own treasurers. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that Sno-King would oppose the bill as long as "annual budget" replaced "revenues" in the bill. Steve Lindstrom will contact WASWD Director Blair Burroughs to discuss changing the verbiage from "annual budget" to "revenues".
- **House Bill 1410** would raise the limit on work done by a water-sewer district on its own before bidding the work from \$20,000 to \$90,000, amended so far to \$40,000.
- **House Bill 1417** would allow a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city/town to assume a water-sewer district to be subject to a referendum.
- **House Bill 1464** would transfer the financial administration of the Safe Drinking Water Assistance Account from the Public Works Board/Department of Commerce to Department of Health.
- **House Bill 1985** would prohibit the sale (wholesale or retail) of food/food products grown in sewage, sewage sludge, biosolids, etc. containing human waste unless identified as "Grown in Sewage Sludge".

Other Business

Discussion on several bills to watch related to liens and pensions that had not been on the radar of Sno-King when its 2015 Legislative Agenda was adopted.

Next Meeting Location and Date

Monday, March 9, 2015 at Alderwood Water & Wastewater District

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.