

SNO-KING WATER DISTRICT COALITION

Regular Meeting – Monday, December 12, 2016
10:00AM

Cross Valley Water District
8802 180TH St SE
Snohomish WA, 98296

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Sno-King President Tom Rainville at 10:00 am.

In attendance were:

- Steve Lindstrom – SnoKing Lobbyist
- Curt Brees – Cross Valley Water District
- Ginger Desy – Cross Valley Water District
- Lora Petso – Olympic View Water & Sewer
- Lynne Danielson - Olympic View Water & Sewer
- Tom Rainville – Mukilteo Water & Wastewater District
- Jim Voetberg – Mukilteo Water & Wastewater District
- Jeff Clarke – Alderwood Water & Sewer District
- Ken Howe – Woodinville Water District
- Dale Knapiniski – Woodinville Water District
- Tom Harman – Sammamish Plateau Water
- Joseph Bennett – Hendricks-Bennett, PLLC

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made for new attendees to the meeting

3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None

4. Review and Approve Minutes:

The Draft November 14, 2016 Minutes were distributed to the members were districted by email were reviewed, spelling of a name was corrected. A motion was made by Lora Petso to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Jeff Clark and the minutes were approved with one abstention by Dale Knapiniski.

5. By-Laws Update – Joe Bennett

Mr. Joseph Bennett from Hendricks-Bennett, PLLC distributed handouts (Draft Bylaws and a redline version of the same document), Mr. Bennett detailed the updates he had made to the original document to prepare the new draft, a discussion followed where minor edits, word choice and spelling were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the draft as revised by Jeff Clark, second by Lora Petso. The motion was approved with one opposed, Tom Harman. A clean version of the document will be prepared for the next meeting.

6. Demonstration by Host District- Curt Brees

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Mr. Curt Brees from the Cross Valley Water District demonstrated the cellular meter reading solution by Badger Meter that they have selected for use in the Cross Valley Water District and are beginning to deploy.

7. Financial Report – Curt Brees presented the current financial report
8. Lobbyist Contract for 2017
The Draft Lobbyist Contract was distributed and reviewed by the group. Curt Brees detailed a few edits he had made in the draft document dealing with additions to the scope, planned meeting schedule and reimbursable expenses. Discussion ensued to review these changes, during the discussion it was determined that reimbursable expenses would be further reduced to \$1,500 and that providing a schedule of the annual work plan for the coalition would be added to the Scope of Work. A motion was made to approve the draft as revised was made, seconded and carried.
9. 2017 Budget-Curt Brees
Curt Brees presented two draft budgets for 2017 reflecting dues by 7 member districts and expenditures based upon discussions from the November meeting. A discussion followed reviewing the draft budgets and participation by SnoKing a member agency in other organizations. Ken Howe made a motion to approve a draft budget with no participation by SnoKing in the WUCC and Washington Water Policy Alliance and reimbursable expenses to the Lobbyist in the amount of \$1,500.00. Total expenditures in 2017 would be \$29,400 and would result in a ending fund balance of approximately \$16,104. Jeff Clark provided the second to the motion, the motion carried with one opposed, Lora Petso.
10. Update on King County Franchise Ordinance – Jeff Clark
Jeff Clark shared with the group information regarding a new ordinance by King County that makes significant changes to the Franchise Agreements by utilities that locate facilities in the county right of way. This ordinance that was approved by King County during a very quick process. The ordinance will potentially generate approximately 10 million in general fund revenue for King County from “rents”, the impact to Water/Sewer Districts is estimated at 3 million per year. There is some speculation that there will be legal challenges possibly on the basis that the “rent” is an unauthorized tax to generate general fund revenue.
11. 2017 Legislative Agenda – Steve Lindstrom
Steve will distribute a draft via email with discussion and possible approval at the next meeting.
12. Legislative Activity Update – Steve Lindstrom
Mr. Lindstrom provided a legislative update discussing several topics including:
 - Status of fish consumption rules and the US EPA, it is uncertain as to if there will there be changes with the new administration.

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- Updates on staffing of committees in the house and senate, following the election, discussed what is still unknown.
- Mr. Lindstrom indicated that it is good time for SnoKing to send out a letter of introduction to the Legislative members.
- Possible legislation on topics relating to Water and Sewer districts were discussed, it is not certain which will be the subject of legislation in 2017.
- Discussed that a draft budget by the Governor is due before the year's end and how if funding is not included for the PWB that is will be an uphill battle. There will be a push by the PWB for approximately 100 million in loans.
- The recent Hirst Decision was also discussed, there may be attempts to make a legislative fix.

13. Other Business

Dale Knapiniski, indicated that it was the position of the Woodinville Water District not to include a host member demonstration in future meetings. However, other members shared that so far they had found them beneficial. It was suggested that the decision to include in future meeting should be discussed at the next meeting

Lynne Danielson shared that the Growth Management Board will be holding a meeting at Olympic View this week if anyone was interested in attending.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 pm.

The Next Meeting will be held at the Coal Creek utility District on 1/9/2017 at 10AM. A draft schedule for all of 2017 was provided.