

**SNO-KING WATER DISTRICT COALITION
Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Monday, February 13, 2017**

Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Alderwood Water & Wastewater District Jeff Clarke and Teresa Jones (Minutes Taker)
Cross Valley Water District Skip Schott and Curt Brees
Mukilteo Water & Wastewater District..... Tom Rainville and Jim Voetberg
Olympic View Water & Sewer District Lora Petso
Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District.... Tom Harman
Coalition Lobbyist..... Steve Lindstrom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 13 meeting of the Sno-King Water District Coalition was called to order by President Tom Rainville at 10:03 a.m.

2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

- ADD: Agenda Item No. 7-A - Olympic View Comp Plan Approval Issue

3. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Skip Schott moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017 as presented. Jeff Clarke seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT & APPROVAL

Curt Brees distributed and reviewed the February 13, 2017 Statement of Operating Revenue and Expenses and the Operating Expenses & Budget.

5. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY UPDATE

Lobbyist Steve Lindstrom provided updates on the following topics:

- SB 5119 – This bill modifies water-sewer district provisions regarding: (1) The sale of unnecessary property; (2) The authority of the board of commissioners to adopt a policy to issue its own warrants for payment of claims or other obligations of the district; (3) Contracting for asset management service of water storage assets; and (4) Adding the term "water-sewer district" to the definition of "municipality" for purposes of chapter 70.95A RCW (pollution control--municipal bonding authority).

As of January 25, the bill had been passed to the Senate Rules Committee for a second reading.

- HB 1805 – Lead Content in Drinking Water Infrastructure, Including Pipes, Connections, and Fixtures. The group discussed the bill and noted that Sno-King is opposed to the bill. Some of the reasons for opposing the bill are:
 - ✓ The bill does not address the real problem.

- ✓ There is existing legislation that was previously approved, but never funded (see WAC 246-366).
- ✓ Requiring districts to bear the cost associated with the replacement regardless of ownership of any of any portion of the service line.
- ✓ Requiring all lead service lines to be fully replaced by 2030 is not realistic – 2050 could be a more realistic timeline.

The group also provided the following additional comments to Mr. Lindstrom:

- ✓ Using the preferred term “primarily lead” when referring to the types of pipes that will be required to be changed out, i.e., requiring that the pipe consist of at least 51% lead before it is required to be replaced.
 - ✓ Stressing the homeowner’s responsibility and where their ownership of the pipes begins (to their property line).
- HB 1885 - Water Resources/Local Government. Clarifies the roles of state and local governments in the regulation and mitigation of water resources. Modifies regulation and mitigation of water resources provisions with regard to the roles of state and local governments.
 - HB 1918 – Groundwater Treatment. Addresses treatment of groundwater under state water codes to support rural development while protecting instream flows. Supports rural development and protects instream flows, by modifying provisions relating to the treatment of groundwater under state water codes.
 - SB 5239 – Ensuring water is available to support development.
 - HB 1594 – Improving public records administration.
 - SB 5464 – Establishing the Washington Investment Trust (a state bank).
 - HB 1574 – Relates to construction contracts with public agencies. If enacted, it would invalidate all claim provisions in a construction contract (including but not limited to all public works contracts) that limit a contractor’s ability to make late claims without providing prior notice. The effect of this bill will be significant in that a contractor could assert claims well after a contract has been completed if they believe some condition or order of the public agency increased their costs. It essentially turns every contract into a cost-plus arrangement. The bill as written would also apply to the private development community.

Sno-King does not support this bill.

6. 2017 Legislative Agenda

The group discussed the dissemination process for Sno-King's "2017 Legislative Agenda." It was noted that once Sno-King President, Tom Rainville, signs the document, a cover memo with bullet points that list the top legislative priorities will be added to the legislative agenda and distributed to all of the state legislators' mailboxes.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Olympic View Comp Plan Approval Issue

Jeff Clarke reported on the ongoing dispute over Point Wells in southwest Snohomish County. Recently the Growth Management Hearings Board overturned Snohomish County's approval of the Olympic View Water and Sewer Plan, based on an appeal filed by Ronald Wastewater District and King County. The central factor was a decision by the Board that the District Plan is essentially and legally part of the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan, and therefore it must be considered and approved under the State Growth Management Act Rules, which had not happened. No one is aware of any utility plans being considered in this light, so the decision throws the plan approval process into a good deal of uncertainty.

8. NEXT MEETING LOCATION & DATE

The next Sno-King Coalition meeting is scheduled to be held at Olympic View Water & Sewer District on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m. by President Rainville.