

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

March 16, 2010

A Work Session of the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 was held in the Aqua Room of the utility located at 1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, Washington, on March 16, 2010.

The work session was called to order at 4:30 PM. Those Commissioners in attendance were: Jim Cook, President; Robbie Robertson, Vice President; and Al Littlefield, Secretary. Also in attendance were: Dave Johnson, General Manager; Mark Fredlund, Treasurer; Larry Saunders, Engineering Supervisor; Randy Brower, Environmental Services Coordinator; Kevin Tate, Community Relations Manager; Peter Gilbert, Attorney; and Kim Carpenter, Recording Secretary.

Agenda includes the following topic:

- Watershed Management Planning Discussion

Manager Johnson stated that Environmental Services Coordinator Brower will be presenting information geared toward a long-term concept, rather than a “quick fix” for issues related to watershed management.

Environmental Services Coordinator Brower gave a power point presentation regarding watershed management planning, including the following:

- Historical Background
- Hydrologic Analysis
- Land Use Activities
- Hydrologic Impacts
- Skagit River Diversion Impacts
- Watershed Management Impacts
- Future Plans

Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the information presented.

Manager Johnson summarized the following discussion points, stating he appreciated Commission input:

1. Interest in micro-turbine technology with PRV’s and raw water intakes into Judy Reservoir.
2. Permanent power solution for the Skagit River Diversion pump station.
3. Balance between pumped water from the Skagit River and gravity fed water from the four Cultus streams will most likely take two years of analysis as a pilot study.
4. Resolve issues with and finalize stream flow gauges.
5. Not opposed to forest practice permits, engaging landowners regarding potential or opportunity to purchase property within the watershed; potential of partnering with others to preserve the watershed; potential of land swaps.
6. Potential of using water right within water banks for additional flow from Cultus Mountain streams.

In closing, Manager Johnson referenced Resolution No. 677, adopted by the Commission in 1961, declaring the need to acquire property within the watershed in order to protect the water supply. Resolution No. 677 is still active and has never been rescinded.

The work session was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Jim Cook, President

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Al Littlefield, Secretary

Robbie Robertson, Vice President