

RESOLUTION NO. 2249-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, GRANTING THE GENERAL MANAGER AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN THE CULTUS MOUNTAIN WATERSHED.

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County is a duly formed special purpose district in the State of Washington to distribute potable water to the residents of Skagit County within its service area which currently totals a population of approximately 65,000, and

WHEREAS, The District has multiple sources of raw water to supply its customers, and

WHEREAS, Gilligan Creek is the District's primary source of water from the Cultus Mountain Watershed, and

WHEREAS, protection of this water source is critical to the operation and mission of the District as identified in the Cultus Mountain Watershed Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Commission passed a motion on August 23, 2016 authorizing the General Manager to enter into negotiations with property owners to purchase a particular piece of land for protection of the Gilligan Creek Watershed, and

WHEREAS, this piece of land is approximately 250 acres in size, is located within Parcel P30001 in Section 2, Township 34 North, Range 5 East, W.M, and would be created by a land division of the existing 549-acre parcel, and

WHEREAS, District staff under the direction of the General Manager has negotiated an agreement with Weyerhaeuser Company to purchase this piece of land around the District's source water intake at Gilligan Creek to protect water quality through property protection in the Gilligan Creek watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby authorizes the General Manager to enter into the agreement to purchase approximately 250 acres of property around the Gilligan Creek intake for the price of \$1,500,000.

ADOPTED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Robbie Robertson, President

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Eron Berg, Vice President

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Al Littlefield, Secretary