

RESOLUTION NO. 2254-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SECURE EASEMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE JUDY RESERVOIR TO MOUNT VERNON PIPELINE

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County, Washington, as part of the District's preparation of its 2013 Water System Plan, has performed a distribution system analysis that evaluated the water system during a peak hour demand analysis and a maximum day demand plus fire flow analysis, and

WHEREAS, the most significant project that was identified during analysis to meet the peak hour demand was the transmission line between Judy Reservoir and the City of Mount Vernon (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary to protect public health and safety by ensuring adequate and redundant water supply and fire flow to the District's most populated area, and

WHEREAS, the District's purchasing policy authorizes the General Manager to make purchases less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) without approval of the Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Project will likely require additional utility easements, some of which may be on properties with existing conservation easements and other deed restrictions that may require amendments and other third-party actions and/or condemnation actions by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes its General Manager to take those actions necessary to secure the easements required to implement the Project, authorize the purchase of individual easements up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), to bring condemnation recommendations to the Commission, all pursuant to the legal rights provided to the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District is committed to ensuring that in the implementation of this Project, significant adverse environmental impacts are avoided, or, if avoidance is not possible, minimized to the greatest extent possible under the circumstances with adequate mitigation provided, during the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process for the Project.

ADOPTED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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Robbie Robertson, President

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Eron Berg, Vice President

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Al Littlefield, Secretary