

RESOLUTION NO. 2244-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, GRANTING THE GENERAL MANAGER AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY AGREEMENT NO. WQC-2017-SCPUD1-00038 (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GILLIGAN CREEK WATERSHED PROPERTY PROTECTION PROJECT)

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County 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 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 Gilligan Creek Watershed Property Protection, and

WHEREAS, the District's staff under the direction of the General Manager applied to Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for financial assistance through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the District was awarded funding through a low interest loan for property acquisition (Gilligan Creek Watershed Property Protection Project) in the amount of \$1,590,000. The Project will improve water quality through property protection in the Gilligan Creek watershed in Skagit County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission grants to the General Manager the authority to enter into Ecology's Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement No. WQC-2017-SCPUD1-00038. The General Manager may delegate to specific District employees such contracting authority as he considers reasonable for diligent administration of the Contract.

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 March, 2017.

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Robbie Robertson, President

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Eron Berg, Vice President

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Al Littlefield, Secretary