

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT No. 1
of Whatcom County

**Agenda for the
Regular Meeting of May 8, 2018
8:00 a.m. at the PUD Office**

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes held April 24, 2018
3. Approval of Claims for May 8, 2018
4. Approve 2017 District Financial Report
5. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Surveying and Engineering Services Agreement for Pacific Surveying and Engineering, Inc.
6. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Engineering Services Agreement for RH2 Engineering, Inc.
7. Award of Bid: 2018 Small Works Project 115kV Transmission Line Pole Replacement for Structures 1 and 2
8. Fiscal Agent (Lead Entity) – Salmon Recovery Board
9. Manager's Report
10. Adjourn

Next Commission Meetings

May 22 and June 12, 2018 – Regular Meetings

*All meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. at PUD Administration Office -
1705 Trigg Road, Ferndale, WA unless other location announced.*

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AGENDA ITEM #8
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Memo

To: Commissioners Kenner, Murphy, and McClure

From: Stephan Jilk, General Manager

Date: May 8, 2018

Re: Fiscal Agent (Lead Entity) – Salmon Recovery Board

Background: The District has received a request from the Lummi Nation to have the PUD take on the role of “fiscal agent” for the WRIA1 Lead Entity function for the WRIA1 Watershed Management Board. This “fiscal agent” role is for the implementation of the Salmon Recovery Plan in Whatcom County.

This “fiscal agent” role is just for the administration of the grants provided through the Watershed Management Board. It is not for the actual management of the Watershed Management Board. The fiscal agent would enter into a contract with the State of Washington Agency that is the State’s administrator of the program, the *Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office*. This is a two year commitment. Currently the Lummi Nation assumes this role. Due to changing conditions at the Lummi Nation, the Nation has asked if the PUD would assume this role for the next two years beginning July 1, 2018.

This request was considered at the last Watershed Management team (MT) meeting and there was support from all MT members for the PUD to take this role. PUD staff has had discussions with Lummi staff and State program staff on the roles and responsibilities that we would assume and how the transition would best be managed transitioning from Lummi to the PUD.

Based on our discussions with Lummi staff and state program staff on the program, and the administrative responsibilities we now understand that the PUD would assume and in considerations of other watershed management work the PUD is currently involved in, it is staff’s recommendation that we ask the Lummi Nation to continue assuming this “fiscal agent” role for one more year. As the PUD continues to work on other water management programs and projects over the next 12 months, we will revisit this request in March of 2019.

Requested Action: NOT ASSUME THE “FISCAL AGENT” ROLE FOR THE SALMON RECOVERY PLAN IN 2018 AND REVISIT THE REQUEST IN MARCH OF 2019