

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

October 25, 2022

1. Call to Order | Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Commissioner Christine Grant. Said meeting was open to the public and notice thereof had been given as required by law. Those present in person included: Commissioner Mike Murphy; Commissioner Atul Deshmane; and Legal Counsel Jon Sitkin. Staff: General Manager Chris Heimgartner; Ann Grimm, Executive Assistant; Andrew Entrikin, Broadband Program Manager; and Steve Jilk, In-House Consultant. Those present via Zoom included: Commissioner Christine Grant; Brian Walters, Assistant General Manager; Annette Smith, Director of Finance; Rebecca Schlotterback, Manager of Contracts and Regulatory Compliance; Paul Siegmund, Manager of Automation and Technology; Aaron Peterson, IT/SCADA Technician; Jon Littlefield, Electric System Supervisor; Traci Irvine, Accountant I; and Kurt Wank, Director of Utility Operations;

Public attending:

Rick Maricle, Citizen	Carryn Vande Griend, Puget Sound Energy
Dave Olson, Citizen	Eric Alm, Citizen
Max Perry, Citizen	

2. Approval of Agenda

No changes.

ACTION: Commissioner Murphy made the motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 25, 2022. Commissioner Deshmane second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 11, 2022; and
- Approval of the Claims of October 25, 2022:

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
ALL SEASON SPRAYING	854.08
ASPEN, INC.	3,296.00
ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO	44,324.43
BIRCH EQUIPMENT COMPANY	841.11
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION	614,607.00
BRIDGEVIEW AUTO PARTS	39.12
CHMELIK SITKIN & DAVIS	8,317.00
COMCAST	186.57
COMCAST - NWRC	300.00
CULLIGAN NORTHWEST	184.63
EES CONSULTING	10,280.00
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	167.37
GENEVA CONSULTING	5,397.75
GUARDIAN SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	456.12
HARDWARE SALES, INC	15.26
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	16,528.70
MASSMUTUAL RETIREMENT SVCS LLC	9,133.33
MURRAYSMITH	48,203.00
NESS CRANE SERVICE, INC	4,650.67
NW PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION	135.00
P&P EXCAVATING, LLC	31,959.68
PACIFIC UNDERWRITERS CORP INC	236.00
PAYLOCITY	176.68
PAYROLL	206,654.26
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	1,394.76
PROBUILD - OSO LUMBER	49.48
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	488.91

RH2 ENGINEERING, INC	10,603.63
SMITH MECHANICAL	1,330.73
SPRAYING SYSTEMS INC.	906.38
TENABLE, INC.	13,038.00
UNIT PROCESS COMPANY	1,994.16
WA FEDERAL VISA CARD MEMBER SERV	5,114.43
WA ST DEPT OF REVENUE	71,077.62
WA ST DEPT OF REVENUE LEASEHOLD TAX	707.10
WESTERN CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS	7,374.50
WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE DEPT	44,332.00
WINDWOOD ENTERPRISES INC.	3,138.54
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,168,494.00

ACTION: Commissioner Deshmane made the motion to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA OF OCTOBER 25, 2022. Commissioner Murphy second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

No comments.

5. Whatcom County Councilmember Kaylee Galloway

Council member Galloway presented an update on Whatcom County government’s interest in being an active partner in the ongoing broadband effort with the Port and PUD. She discussed the proposed “Dig-Once” and affiliated policies idea and funding response - \$2.75 million from EDI funds over the past few years and established \$4 million for upcoming broadband deployment.

ACTION: No action taken or requested of. Information only.

6. Old Business

• Broadband Program Update

Whatcom County Council

- Heimgartner said he and Entrikin will be meeting with the Council to discuss the Port/PUD’s relationship and progress on broadband later this afternoon.

WA State Broadband Office (WSBO)

- WSBO’s *Call for Comment* has responded to the stakeholders that provided comments. Two submittals were not in favor of open access. WSBO is now planning an in-person public comment meeting.
- Waiting for the WSBO’s announcement for fall funding opportunities.
- FCC Fabric Data – Acting as an extension of the FCC to help identify where the businesses and residences that are un- or under-served (mapping address locations). The original data from the census was not adequate; and has now received data/address information from the US Postal Service to compare addresses.

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting

- Heimgartner, Entrikin, Commissioner Grant, and staff from the Port will be attending this afternoon’s meeting to present information regarding broadband projects and planning.

b) Cherry Point Development Study Discussion

Goldberg (Port) is developing a committee to meet with *Heartland* to develop the proposed economic development study by County Executive Sidhu. *Heartland* has worked with the Port on other studies in the past. Heimgartner said the PUD has been involved with similar studies done at Cherry Point in the past--relating from zoning permits from Whatcom County to ready-to-serve services, depending on the need.

Heimgartner added that he does not see any direct benefit for current PUD customers, who, would be paying in addition to regular rates, to fund it. The PUD can assist as a member of the committee but there is no recommendation to help fund the study.

ACTION: No action taken or requested of. Information only.

7. New Business

a) Approve Resolution 819 – Cancellation of Warrant

Smith said the warrant was processed to Asplundh Tree Expert Co. Due to a clerical error, Warrant No.01155521 issued on October 18, 2022 in the amount of \$46,463.64 to Asplundh Tree Expert Co. was issued in the wrong amount and has not been tendered. The District has requested that the County cancel Warrant No.01155521 and will be reissued by the County in the next check run. There is no fiscal impact.

ACTION: Commissioner Murphy made the motion to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 819 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF WARRANT. Commissioner Deshmane second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b) 2023 Draft Budget Presentation

Finance Director Smith provided the first draft presentation of the 2023 Budget.

Budget Schedule:

- November 2, 2022: Customer Meetings on Draft Budget
- November 22, 2022: Second draft 2023 budget presentation to Commission and Public Hearing
- December 13, 2022: 2023 Final Budget and Rates approved.

Slides from the 2023 Draft Budget PowerPoint are attached at the end of the Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: No action taken or requested of. Information only.

CLERK NOTE: At 9:45, the Commission requested a ten (10) minute recess.

8. General Manager Report

- Suggested topics for the Water Workshop (date TBD) were presented. The main subjects are Nature and Physics, Laws Governing Water and Operations of the Utility.
- Jon Humphrey's public records request is now totaling over \$46,000. There is least one more installment to come in November before the request is complete.
- Clean Tech Alliance held "Fusion Week" with a series of discussion panels for adopting fusion energy where Heimgartner was invited to speak. There are 29 worldwide companies, four in Seattle, that are generating fusion energy. One Seattle company was potentially looking at Cherry Point for a location. Small fusion power plants may arrive sooner (20 years) as compared to large fusion power plants (50 years).
- Will be attending the WPUA General Managers Committee meeting and Energy Northwest this week, Wednesday – Friday.

9. Operations Report

- Good news for electric operations - the contractor, Potelco, started remobilizing to move forward on the Ferndale Pump Station project and anticipates completion by second quarter 2023.
- Walters discussed the impacts of Nooksack River low flows on the District's two water intake plants. The major impacts on the flow of water into the intakes are caused by Frazil Ice in the fall/winter which clogs the intake screens, and/or high sediment/turbidity. Plant 1 is most impacted due to its design and location in the water (below Main Street Bridge).

Lowest flow records from the *USGS Ferndale Gauge* were in November 1988, at 466 cubic feet per second (cfs) or 2.15 feet. In October 1988, another low flow recorded was 477 cfs. The most current report is at 670 cfs. An extremely low flow of 150 cfs would still put the surface of the river at the top of our Water Plant 1 intake screens; however, the real issue at low flow is the higher amount of sediment deposited on and inside of the screens. Divers are brought in once or twice a year, to clean the sediment off and check the condition of the screens. Alarms are set to notify staff if water levels in the intake wet wells get to low. This indicates that the screens are impaired and too little water is entering. If this occurs, sometimes a pump(s) will need to be shut down to avoid damage due to de-watering. Unless there is an extremely low flow water event (less than 150 cfs, which has never occurred), there is still sufficient water to meet customer needs.

In regards to the *Whatcom County Drought Plan*, the State did not issue a drought advisory for Western Washington in 2022. However, a drought advisory/emergency was declared in some sections of Eastern Washington, but were pulled in April due to the late winter snowpack and heavy rains. Whatcom PUD irrigation customers used less water in 2022 than 2021 – the wet spring delayed the use of irrigation until late summer. The biggest impact was on well owners who experienced wells running dry.

10. Commissioner Reports

Murphy:

- Has been meeting with Heimgartner regarding the Water Workshop (TBA); and
- Meeting with farmers and others within the Whatcom community to discuss current and future projects, mainly in regards to water issues.

Deshmane:

- Deshmane suggested a method of delivering potable water which is needed for private well owners that go dry. He suggested using County-funded tanker trucks to deliver drinking water.

Heimgartner responded that while we do have a small potable water plant at Grandview, it is not large enough to provide tanker trucks full of water.

- Attended the Whatcom County Council meeting on October 11;
- Plans to attend one or both of the PUD Budget/Customer Meetings on November 2nd.

Grant:

- Attended the Whatcom Council of Governments meeting;
- Will be attending the Whatcom County Council Committee regarding broadband this afternoon;
- Suggests a PUD work party to join *Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association's* community work party on Saturday, November 19, at Terrell Creek, Blaine.

11. Public Comment

No comments.

12. Executive Session

Commission President Grant requested an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) – Potential Litigation, relating to water rights adjudication on a separate Zoom webinar. Estimated time for Executive Session was thirty minutes. The Commission President indicated no action is anticipated to be taken after the adjournment of Executives Session. After a thirty (30) minute break, the Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

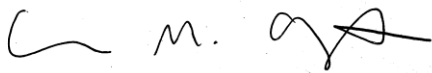
- At 12:15 p.m., an additional 45 minutes was requested;
- At 12:45 p.m., an additional 15 minutes was requested;
- At 1:00 p.m., an additional ten (10) minutes was requested.

Executive Session Adjourn

There being no further business for Executive Session, the Commission rejoined the Regular Commission Meeting at 1:07 p.m.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business for the regular meeting, Commissioner Grant adjourned the regular meeting at 1:08: p.m.



Christine Grant, President/Commissioner



Atul Deshmane, Vice President/Commissioner



Mike Murphy, Secretary/Commissioner

Commission Clerk Notes:

Video recordings of the Whatcom PUD Commission Meetings are available online at the following link on the PUD's Website: <https://www.pudwhatcom.org/the-commission/2022-agendas-packets-meeting-minutes-recordings/>

Public Utility District No. 1 of *Whatcom County*

2023 Budget



Presentation to the Commissioners
October 25, 2022

Commissioner Christine Grant ~ Commissioner Mike Murphy ~ Commissioner Atul Deshmone ~ General Manager Chris Heimgartner

Presentation Outline

- Operating Budget
- Personnel
- Capital Budget
- Extraordinary Maintenance
- Debt
- Reserves
- Strategic Plan Objectives

Budget Book: <https://www.pudwhatcom.org/the-commission/financial-documents/>

Operating Budget

COSTS - 2023	Industrial Water	Grandview	Electric	A	B	A-B	%
				2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL PROJECTED	INCREASE (DECREASE)	
Electric Power Costs & tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,450,000	\$ 9,450,000	\$ 9,462,831	\$ (12,831)	-0.1%
Water Power Net of BPA Credit	545,600	5,500	-	551,100	551,022	78	0.0%
Purchased Water	-	5,800	-	5,800	4,512	1,288	28.5%
Water Purification Costs	452,300	1,100	-	453,400	377,819	75,581	20.0%
Operating Labor & Benefits	2,848,300	107,900	984,200	3,940,400	3,631,819	308,581	8.5%
O&M Expense - On-going	297,000	30,100	150,800	477,900	431,212	46,688	10.8%
Extraordinary Maint	1,010,000	-	250,000	1,260,000	675,474	584,526	86.5%
Admin Expenses	313,400	13,100	122,600	449,100	380,465	68,635	18.0%
Education	26,000	800	14,000	40,800	16,138	24,662	152.8%
Outside Services	259,600	25,700	123,700	409,000	368,855	40,145	10.9%
Insurance	134,400	9,800	41,000	185,200	148,284	36,916	24.9%
Miscellaneous & Election Costs	-	-	-	-	146,072	(146,072)	-100.0%
Electric General Svc Charge	206,400	-	-	206,400	78,960	127,440	161.4%
Business Development / Projects	576,500	1,700	11,800	590,000	372,677	217,323	58.3%
Business Services / Reimbursed	170,000	-	-	170,000	310,412	(140,412)	-45.2%
Taxes on Services	536,300	16,400	176,900	729,600	617,566	112,034	18.1%
LUD Debt Service	-	161,000	-	161,000	164,042	(3,042)	-1.9%
Other Debt Service	1,965,400	-	530,200	2,495,600	2,496,070	(470)	0.0%
Capital Transfers	2,200,000	90,000	150,000	2,440,000	1,715,000	725,000	42.3%
TOTAL BY FUND	\$ 11,541,200	\$ 468,900	\$ 12,005,200	\$ 24,015,300	\$ 21,949,229	\$ 2,066,071	9.4%

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Operating Budget

ADMIN EXPENSES		
	2023	2022
Office Expense	\$ 99,500	\$ 95,966
Office - Computer	180,000	137,633
Office - Utilities	52,100	50,580
Dues & Subscriptions	69,400	52,152
Fees, permits, locates	20,200	19,416
Advertisements	18,900	16,420
Mileage & Vehicle expenses	9,000	8,298
	\$ 449,100	\$ 380,465

OUTSIDE SERVICES		
	2023	2022
Accounting	\$ 97,000	\$ 54,120
Computer Services	40,000	54,130
Engineering	100,000	103,478
Legal	120,000	118,934
System Monitoring	4,000	1,914
Outside Consulting - other	38,000	28,568
Power Regulations	10,000	7,711
	\$ 409,000	\$ 368,855

BUSINESS PROJECTS	
Adjudication	\$ 450,000
Water System Services	30,000
Habitat Restoration	25,000
Outreach - NW Washington Fair	25,000
Logo / Rebranding	15,000
Water Supply Management	10,000
Community Education	10,000
Watershed Management Support	10,000
Social Media Work	5,000
Water Association work	5,000
Customer Survey	5,000
PUD Impact Study	5,000
Clean & Renewable Energy	50,000
	\$ 645,000

BUSINESS SERVICES		
Education and Outreach	PSP grant	100,000
Feasibility Study Small Wtr	DOH	70,000
		\$ 170,000

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Personnel

EMPLOYEES w/o Commissioners	2023		2022		2021		
	Budget Count	Change	Forecast Count	Change	Actual Count		
Administration and Finance	17	4	13	1	12		
O&M Management	2	0	2	0	2		
Water Operations	6	0	6	0	6		
Electric Operations	2	0	2	0	2		
TOTAL EMPLOYEE S*	27	4	23	1	22		
LABOR & BENEFIT COSTS							
	Budget	\$ Change	Percent	Forecast	\$ Change	Percent	Actual
Employee	\$ 3,951,326	\$ 408,903	11.5%	\$ 3,542,422	\$ 580,236	19.6%	\$ 2,962,186
Commissioner	209,569	(5,574)	-2.6%	215,142	(10,234)	-4.5%	225,376
TOTAL LABOR & BENEFITS	\$ 4,160,894	\$ 403,330	10.7%	\$ 3,757,564	\$ 570,002	17.9%	\$ 3,187,562
Operations	\$ 3,940,445	\$ 308,627		\$ 3,631,819	\$ 647,103		\$ 2,984,716
Capital	\$ 220,449	\$ 94,703		\$ 125,746	\$ (77,101)		\$ 202,846

NEW POSITIONS			
	# Months		# Months
Contract Manager	6	Asst General Manager	3
Energy Analyst	3	Automation Technician	12
Project Manager	12		

OPERATIONS	IW	GV	Electric	Total
New Positions	\$ 285,463	\$ 2,466	\$ 138,570	\$ 426,499
Existing Staff	2,562,882	105,393	845,671	3,513,946
TOTAL	\$2,848,345	\$107,859	\$984,241	\$3,940,445

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Capital Budget – by Year

CIP Number	Project Name	2022 Projected	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2023-2027 Budget
INTERNAL SERVICES								
IS-12	SCADA System Analysis, Equipment Eval & Upgrade	\$ 30,167	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 210,000
IS-14	Office Equipment and Computer HW & SW Replace	45,250	32,000	25,000	27,000	7,000	70,000	161,000
IS-15	Communications Backbone System Build-out and Upgrade	73	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,500,000
	Smaller Projects	76,943	90,000	-	-	-	-	90,000
	Sub-Total (IS) Internal Services CIP Projects	\$ 152,432	\$ 472,000	\$ 365,000	\$ 367,000	\$ 347,000	\$ 410,000	\$ 1,961,000
INDUSTRIAL WATER								
RW-14	Water Utility Vehicles	-	\$ 115,000	-	\$ 55,000	-	\$ 55,000	225,000
RW-22	Install Main Line Valves on Distribution System	-	100,000	350,000	450,000	-	-	900,000
RW-28	Water Treatment Plant 1 Project	155,318	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	125,000
RW-33	Petrogas Meter/Valve Relocate	171	272,000	-	-	-	-	272,000
RW-34	PSE-Whitehorn Meter/Valve Relocate	-	280,000	-	-	-	-	280,000
RW-35	Plant 1 & 2 VFD Replacement & Additions	32,837	650,000	-	-	-	-	650,000
RW-38	Plant 1 Retain	606,580	900,000	9,500,000	19,000,000	19,000,000	20,000,000	68,400,000
RW-45	Replace Hydrant valves on Douglas Road	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	750,000
	Smaller Projects	10,000	161,000	559,000	1,073,000	1,098,000	1,104,000	3,995,000
	Sub-Total (RW) Industrial Water CIP Projects	\$ 804,905	\$ 2,653,000	\$ 10,584,000	\$ 20,753,000	\$ 20,273,000	\$ 21,334,000	\$ 75,597,000
GRANDVIEW								
GVP-4	Potable Plant Land Acquisition	-	\$ 75,000	-	-	-	-	\$ 75,000
GVP-5	Road Crossing at 2349 Grandview	-	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
GVP-6	Line Extension on Grandview Rd	-	375,000	-	-	-	-	375,000
	Smaller Projects	8,511	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	1,000	109,000
	Sub-Total (GV) Grandview CIP Projects	\$ 8,511	\$ 727,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 809,000
ELECTRIC								
E-6	115 kV Transmission Structure/Conductor Upgrades	\$ 341	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000
E-22	Upgrade/Replace Ferndale Substation (Plant 1)	981,547	900,000	-	-	-	-	900,000
E-27	Refinery Substation Remodel	153,347	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Smaller Projects	10,000	254,000	18,000	18,000	68,000	19,000	377,000
	Sub-Total (E) Electric CIP Projects	\$ 1,145,235	\$ 1,204,000	\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000	\$ 118,000	\$ 69,000	\$ 1,527,000
Grand Total		\$ 2,111,083	\$ 5,056,000	\$ 11,044,000	\$ 21,215,000	\$ 20,765,000	\$ 21,814,000	\$ 79,894,000

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Public Utility District #1 of Whatcom County

Budget Presentation – October 25, 2022

Extraordinary Maintenance Budget – by Year

EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2023-2027
		Projected	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
RW-M-2	Clean Sediment Settling Ponds	\$ 313,741	\$ 310,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 930,000
RW-M-6	Douglas Rd Vault Power & SCADA Upgrades	243	130,000	-	-	-	-	130,000
RW-M-7	D Station Reliability Upgrades	59,622	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
RW-M-10	High Head Pump Re-build (Annual Maint Project)	128,121	250,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	750,000
GVF-M-2	Grandview Fire System Decommissioning	607	-	25,000	75,000	-	-	100,000
E-M-1	Transmission Line Vegetation Management	-	150,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	250,000
E-M-2	Refinery Substation Testing during turnaround	95,131	-	-	-	-	-	-
E-M-3	Substation Maintenance	-	170,000	135,000	-	-	-	305,000
MMISC	Miscellaneous Extraordinary Maintenance	78,008	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-Total (M) Maintenance Projects		\$ 675,474	\$ 1,260,000	\$ 465,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 305,000	\$ 305,000	\$ 2,715,000

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Debt

Bond	Issue Amt	Outstanding	Rate	Purpose
2012	\$ 5,980,000	\$ 805,000	2.70%	Refunded 2004 bonds, telecom, work on substation, intake, SCADA
2013	\$ 6,025,000	\$ 3,650,000	2.66%	Finish Plant 2 remodel
2016	\$ 1,457,628	\$ 728,813	2.09%	Refunded 2007 bonds, Grandview line extension (LUD)
EDI	\$ 800,000	\$ 689,910	1.00%	Connection between Industrial Water and Grandview Fire
2021	\$ 14,800,000	\$ 12,630,000	1.45%	Refunded 2010B, Refinery Substation Rebuild
2024	\$ 30,000,000			Water Treatment Plant 1 Rebuild
2026	\$ 39,000,000			Water Treatment Plant 1 Rebuild
TOTAL	\$ 98,062,628	\$ 18,503,723		

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\$ 323,681,070

Per RCW 54.24.018, Current non-voted Debt Capacity (.75% of assessed)

Reserves

		Projected 2023				Current	Change
		Industrial Water	Grandview	Electric	Total		
Operating	60 days Operating Expenses (excludes Extraordinary maintenance, Power Pass thru, Grants, Business Develop)	\$ 812,800	\$ 35,400	\$ 352,700	\$ 1,200,900	\$ 1,171,600	\$ 29,300
Capital	1.5% of Capital Assets	\$ 673,600	\$ 64,000	\$ 266,200	\$ 1,003,800	\$ 962,800	\$ 41,000
Emergency	Emergency	\$ 231,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -
Additional	Retirement Cash-outs	\$ 61,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 23,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500	\$ -
	Invoice float			\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -
	Customer Reduction	\$ 200,000			\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -
		\$ 3,042,200				\$ 2,971,900	\$ 70,300

- Insurance Deductible \$250.00
- Rough estimate: Replace 3 electric transmission structures: \$70,000
- Rough estimate: Line break in Industrial Water: \$350,000

Strategic Plan Action Items

	BUDGET TOTAL	FUNDING SOURCE		BUDGET TOTAL	FUNDING SOURCE
CS <i>CUSTOMER SERVICE: Maintain a high-level degree of customer service to the local industries that rely on PUD power and water.</i>			CL <i>CLEAN INDUSTRY: Advance 'clean' industry in Whatcom County</i>		
Customer Survey	\$ 5,000	A	Infrastructure Projects (county)		B
WR <i>WATER RESOURCES: Continue the PUD's support and assistance in regional efforts to protect and manage local water resources.</i>			RE <i>CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY: Define the PUD's role in advancing clean and renewable, local energy.</i>		
Adjudication	\$ 450,000	A	Clean & Renewable Energy Study	\$ 50,000	B
Water Habitat Restoration (NSEA)	\$ 25,000	A			
Watershed Management Support (Peterson)	\$ 10,000	A			
WA <i>WATER ASSOCIATION SUPPORT: Re-affirm the PUD's commitment to provide technical support to water associations.</i>			CO <i>COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Refresh the PUD's community, governmental, industry, and internal facing identity</i>		
Water Systems Service/Tech Support	\$ 30,000	A	NW Washington Fair booth support	\$ 25,000	A
Feasibility Studies for two small water associations	\$ 70,000	B	Logo / Rebranding	\$ 15,000	A
Working with Whatcom County on Water Associations	\$ 5,000	A	Education & Outreach	\$ 100,000	B
			Community Education	\$ 10,000	A
			Social Media	\$ 5,000	A
WS <i>WATER SUPPLY: Undertake a pilot project with Ecology funding and other partners, to demonstrate the feasibility of providing water supply to those in need.</i>			CA <i>COMMUNITY IMPACT ANALYSIS: Determine the economic impact of the PUD on the Whatcom economy.</i>		
Water Supply Management (preparing for funding application)	\$ 10,000	A	Impact Analysis	\$ 5,000	B
BB <i>BROADBAND: Advance the community wide strategy in making broadband available to underserved areas of Whatcom county</i>			AM <i>ASSET MANAGEMENT: Build asset management culture to ensure sustainable replacement of key physical assets and personnel succession plan.</i>		
Broadband Technician	\$ 160,000	A	Internal Actions / Policies	\$ -	A
A - PUD RATE REVENUE	\$ 750,000		B - GRANTS / ALCOA FUND	\$ 225,000	

What's Next

November 2nd @ 10:00 am - Industrial Water customer meeting

November 2st @ 2:30 pm - Grandview customer meeting

November 22rd - Second presentation and public hearing

December 13th - Final 2023 budget and rates approved