

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT No. 1
of Whatcom County**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING FOR
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners (“Commission”) of Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County (“District”) will hold a Special Meeting on **Friday, May 30, 2025 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the district’s office, located at 1705 Trigg Road, Ferndale, WA. The meeting will be hybrid in person and zoom.**

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be to:

1. Hold a Vision Workshop to work on the PUD’s vision and mission statements.

The special meeting is anticipated to last three (3) hours **(The length of the meeting is approximate and subject to change.)**

Notice:

All Commissioners will participate either via Zoom/internet or teleconference.

The public meeting can be accessed;

By internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82363793522>

Note: if attending via zoom we would appreciate your full name for the commission record though it is not required.

<p>Or telephone: Dial 1 (253) 215 8782 <u>or</u> 1 (253) 205 0468 Webinar ID: 823 6379 3522</p>

Whatcom PUD Values

- 1. Be committed to those we serve in the community.**
- 2. Treat everyone with respect and compassion.**
- 3. Pursue solutions within the PUD's local authority to help our community.**
- 4. Be innovative. Question the status quo. Act strategically.**
- 5. Practice lasting stewardship of our publicly owned assets and natural resources.**

Vision Test:

1. **Resilient:** able to withstand cultural, technological or economic change
2. **Inclusive:** put into words that inspire us...all of us. Every member of your workforce, community, and customers feel like they can contribute directly to the outcome/cause.
3. **Service-oriented:** the primary benefactor cannot be the contributor. (In this case, the primary beneficiary of your vision would be the customer and/or community, not the PUD)

A. To build the future of Whatcom County with smart investments in clean, sustainable infrastructure that keep our communities resilient in a changing world.

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B. To build clean, resilient infrastructure – supporting access for all to water, power, and telecommunication. Our work will embrace innovation and climate readiness, building a stronger, more connected Whatcom County.

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C. *Whatcom PUD builds and maintains clean infrastructure and delivers reliable utility services to meet all needs while supporting a resilient economy, sustaining vital resources and improving life quality for generations to come.*

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D. *Whatcom PUD will meet the public's growing need for clean, sustainable, and affordable water, energy, and broadband together with other county wide utilities.*

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FIRST PLACE: DRAFT VISION 3:

To build the future of Whatcom County with smart investments in clean, sustainable infrastructure that keep our communities resilient in a changing world.

- It's aspirational, community-focused, gives a nod to our rapidly changing world, speaks to our ability to be resilient, and uses the word "infrastructure" instead of calling out each utility. In the future we may exit telecommunications or add sewer.
- Clean and sustainable infrastructure to support a resilient community in the face of certain change. Makes my utility heart sing.

SECOND PLACE: DRAFT VISION 4:

To build clean, resilient infrastructure – supporting access for all to water, power, and telecommunication. Our work will embrace innovation and climate readiness, building a stronger, more connected Whatcom County.

- I really like "access for all" as it speaks to equity and I would like us to live up to that as a value. I didn't like the utilities being listed.
- Draft Vision #4 to me reads like a stealth DEI statement. Not quite brave enough to be open about it, but hinting strongly at it none-the-less. This was a simple reject for me.
- I like mention of climate readiness,

THIRD PLACE: DRAFT VISION 2:

To be a leader and trusted partner in the development and distribution of affordable water and electric services that support a thriving, carbon-neutral economy.

- is also "meh", and I think the use of the words carbon neutral may be seen as negative to some.
- I like vision #2 because it tells me what sustainable looks like without saying sustainable.
- In both Draft Visions #1 and #2 the word, "affordable" is there. This is clearly a DEI code-word used to build all kinds of redistributive economic programs. This dropped both of these entries far below my first choice of Draft Vision #3.

FOURTH PLACE: DRAFT VISION 1

To be a community leader and trusted partner in the production, distribution and conservation of affordable, dependable, sustainable utility services.

- Version 1 is sort of "meh". Not inspiring.

