

Mason County PUD 1  
Public Hearing- Highland Park Water System Plan  
August 23, 2011

The public hearing for the Highland Park Water System Plan for Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on August 23, 2011 at the District Office Board Room in Potlatch.

**Present**

Ron Gold – President  
Karl Denison – Secretary  
Jack Janda – Vice President  
Rob Johnson – District Counsel  
Steven Taylor- General Manager  
Tracy Colard- Director of Ops- Electric  
Jocelyne Gray- Director of Operations-Water  
Kristin Masteller- HR/Communications/Exec. Asst.

**Visitors**

Terry Carr  
Jim Oakley

Jocelyne presented the highlights of the water system plan for review and public discussion. The current system has 77 connections. PUD 1 has assigned 74 of the connections; only 67 are active. The system is approved for 80 connections, but since the system is only capable of 77, there is a chance that the State may reduce the approval limit down to 77. To grow beyond 77 connections, the system will need additional storage and enlarged booster pumps and to enlarge the main line.

Karl asked Jocelyne if there were ways that the PUD could work with the water customers to restrict usage for peak flow to help alleviate costs. Jocelyne stated that any usage reductions we do now will not reward us for three more years down the road since it takes three years of monitoring to establish trends.

Jocelyne and Steve were asked to consult with Bill Clark and WPUDA on discussing these issues with the DOH and DOE about how imposing these restrictions raise the fees for the public and make the utility service unaffordable for our customers. Jocelyne will draft a letter to send to the State DOH & DOE, EPA from the commissioners outlining the main issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Carr agreed with the suggestions made to draft letters on behalf of the board.

No other public comments or questions were made.

**Public Hearing adjourned at 1:28 p.m.**

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Ron Gold – President

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Jack Janda - Vice President

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Karl Denison –Secretary