

**Mason County PUD 1
Public Hearing at Union Fire Hall
March 8, 2011**

The Mason County PUD No. 1 Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 8, 2011 at the Union Fire Hall in Union, Washington.

Present

Ron Gold – President

Karl Denison – Secretary

Steve Taylor – General Manager

Jocelyne Gray- Director of Operations-Water

Tracy Colard – Director of Operations-Electric

Union Water System

- Attendees included customers from Union, Alderbrook and Madrona Water Systems
- Expansions for the Union Water System were discussed
- Leak detection, location of valves, and pressure were also discussed
- The issue of Fire Hydrants was discussed relating to the Lane vs. City of Seattle legal case
- Boundaries for the Union Water System include SR 106 to Union Heights, McReavy to SR 106 and Warren Drive
- Greg Stairs commented on the increased capacity allowing for more connections to the Union Water System and also commented on policy changes
- Steve Carlson called in to file public comments. The inactive connection policy was discussed as well as possible locations for his water meter. Jocelyne will follow up by August 20, 1011 regarding work required to install his meter

Other Water Systems

- The Marimount Water System buys water from Pebble Beach and asked if the PUD would expand to Marimount, only if asked by owners
- Neighbors have been driving over the Madrona Septic system drain field with ATVs
- Chlorination and Fluoridation of water systems was discussed. PUD will fight fluoridation of water systems, and only chlorinates when required by the DOH

Electric

- The Tidal Flats Transmission replacement and the RUS work plan were discussed
- The work plan addresses very old facilities and lack of capacity

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- The Alderbrook underground replacement, lightning arresters, pole replacements, and the issue of high voltage transmission into distribution in November were discussed
- The PUD is looking at solutions relating to the November voltage issue
- The PUD is working on the issue of limiting overvoltage before distribution goes underground
- The Alder trees on SR 106 are a concern. Customers recommend removal. The PUD will work with the Department of Transportation to identify danger trees
- The installation of water and power lines in the same trench may improve the aesthetics but causes longer and more costly outages
- The Dalby Water Wheel project was discussed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Ron Gold - President

Jack Janda - Vice President

Karl Denison –Secretary