



Mason County PUD No. 1
Regular Board Meeting
August 12, 2025
1:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85869053743>

Meeting ID: 858 6905 3743
1 (253) 215-8782

1) Call Regular Business Meeting to Order

2) Public Comment- *Members of the public wishing to comment may request permission to do so during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Comments shall be limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker. There will be no action or discussion of public comment items, although the board may defer to PUD management for any necessary response.*

3) Consent Agenda

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting July 22, 2025

Disbursements:

Accounts Payable Wire	\$ 139,034.25
Check Nos. 126976 - 127018	\$ 490,498.57
Check Nos. 127021 – 127057	\$ 208,978.31

Payroll Wire	\$ 103,518.66
Check Nos. 127019 – 127020	\$ 5,383.82

Grand Total **\$ 947,414.61**

4) Business Agenda

- a. Resolution 2097 Surplus Equipment
- b. 106 to Sunnyside – Change Order No.1
- c. BPA – Rate Impact Model
- d. June & 2nd Qtr Financials

5) Staff Reports

- a. General Manager
- b. District Treasurer
- c. Water Resource Manager
- d. Legal Counsel

6) Correspondence

7) Board Comments

8) Other Business/Public Comment

9) Executive Session may be held as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30.110)

10) Adjourn

2025 Calendar

Sept 3 & 4	Public Power Council	Portland
Sept 17-19	WPUDA Association Meetings	Grant PUD
Sept 24-26	WPUDA Water Workshop	TBD
Oct 1 & 2	Public Power Council	Portland
Oct 3	PUD 1 Customer Appreciation Event	PUD 1
Oct TBD	WPUDA/Energy Northwest Forum	Kennewick
Nov 12-14	WPUDA Association Meetings	TBD
Nov 5 & 6	Public Power Council Annual Meeting	Portland
Jan 14-16	WPUDA Association Meeting	Olympia
Jan 14	WPUDA Legislative Reception	Olympia
Feb 11-13	WPUDA Association Meeting	Olympia
Feb 11	WPUDA PUD Day on the Hill	Olympia
Feb 23-26	APPA/WPUDA Legislative Rally	Washington D.C.
Mar 18-20	WPUDA Association Meeting	Olympia
Mar 27	WPUDA Water Committee/WWUC	Vancouver
Apr 29-May 1	WPUDA Annual Conference	Suquamish
May 14	WPUDA Strategic Planning Committee	Olympia
May 18-21	NWPPA Annual Conference	Spokane
May 29	Water Committee/WWUC	Olympia
June 26-July 1	APPA National Conference	Boston, MA
July 15-17	WPUDA Association Meeting	TBD
Sep 16-18	WPUDA Association Meeting	TBD
Sep 30-Oct 2	WPUDA Water Workshop	Wenatchee
Oct 15	WPUDA Budget Committee	Olympia
Nov 18-20	WPUDA Association Meeting	Olympia



Mason County Public Utility District No. 1
Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting
June 22, 2025, Potlatch, Washington

Present:

Ron Gold, President
Mike Sheetz, Vice President
Jack Janda, Board Secretary
Katie Arnold, District Treasurer
Brandy Milroy, Water Resource Manager
Rob Johnson, Legal Counsel
Holly Paul, Business Service Coordinator

Excused:

Kristin Masteller, General Manager

CALL TO ORDER: Ron called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:	Regular Board Meeting Jul 08, 2025		
Disbursements:	Accounts Payable Wire	\$	283,566.94
	Check Nos. 126900 - 126975	\$	266,970.96
	Payroll Wire	\$	91,580.75
	Grand Total	\$	642,118.65

Jack made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Business Agenda:

Discussion on Energy Northwest SMR Approval Process – Jack brought up a discussion on the Governance Review process for the Energy Northwest Small Modular Reactor project. Currently, this process is under examination by the Full and Executive Board at Energy Northwest, and a vote is expected during the next board meeting. Three options have been put forward for review, and Jack has received input regarding PUD 1's preference.

Approve Resolution 2096 – Jack made a motion to approve Resolution 2096, Lease Agreement for the Digger Derrick as presented; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

General Manager – Excused.

District Treasurer – The District Treasurer provided an update regarding the safety meeting staff attended earlier in July. She also stated that a tabletop disaster training is scheduled for the Fall. She participated in the Jefferson BOCC meeting to address the Telecom Finance Agreement between PUD 1 and Jefferson County. The Board voted on the agreement, and it was passed unanimously. Additionally, she attended the State Auditor's Office meeting and the Pre-Audit Meeting.



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Water Resource Manager – The Water Resource Manager delivered an update concerning the extension of water rights for Alderbrook on well 3, as well as future well 4 and Tiger Lake. She noted that the extension has been approved for a duration of 10 years, while the extension for Lake Arrowhead's water rights is currently in progress. Additionally, she gave an update on the water crews' projects, stating that tie-ins are in progress at Lake Arrowhead, and once complete, the crew will shift focus to well-house improvements. Later this week, she will attend the Pre-Construction meeting for the Manzanita Water Storage project. She is also scheduled to be at the Mason County Fire Chief's meeting regarding the testing of fire hydrants on PUD 1 systems.

Legal – No report.

Correspondence – Reviewed by the Board.

Board Reports

Mike – No report.

Jack – No report.

Ron – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Adjournment: 1:49 p.m.

Ron Gold, President

Mike Sheetz, Vice President

Jack Janda, Secretary



**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF MASON COUNTY**

N. 21971 Hwy. 101
Shelton, Washington 98584

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MIKE SHEETZ, Commissioner
JACK JANDA, Commissioner
RON GOLD, Commissioner

A RESOLUTION DECLARING ITEMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2097

WHEREAS, the listed items of personal property located on exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by this reference are no longer usable by Public Utility District No. 1 of Mason County (the "District").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Mason County PUD No. 1 that the listed items of personal property are declared surplus and that the district is hereby authorized to sell the salable items to the person or persons presenting quotations resulting in the best return to the district, or to dispose of unsalable items as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached items are hereby made a part of Resolution No. 2097,

ADOPTED this 12th day of August 2025.

Mike Sheetz, Vice President

Jack Janda, Secretary

ATTEST:

Ron Gold, President

Regular Meeting – District Office/Potlatch
A Resolution Declaring Surplus Items
Date: May 13, 2025
No. 2092



PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF MASON COUNTY
N. 21971 Hwy. 101
Shelton, Washington 98584

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MIKE SHEETZ, Commissioner
JACK JANDA, Commissioner
RON GOLD, Commissioner

Attachment A

Bid No. SURPLUS-2097
Surplus Equipment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1. PUD VEH. ID #110, QTY. 1
Description: 2018 MAXXD DECK OVER TILT TRAILER
VIN: 5R8PK2428JM054858
2. PUD VEH. ID #73, QTY. 1
Description: 2020 CHEVY SILVERADO
VIN: 3GCUYAEF4LG248183 miles 77,696
3. PUD Material Inventory item #69821615, QTY. 2
Description: Regulator, 34.5kv 200AMP, 690KVA
4. PUD Material Inventory item #TM-IT1/0Meter-O, AMI Meters QTY. 48
Description: Itron/Tantalus CL200 2S 240v C25XD with Integrated TUNet Module to include 5 collectors model TR-1901 Tantalus



PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF MASON COUNTY

N. 21971 Hwy. 101
Shelton, Washington 98584

MIKE SHEETZ, Commissioner
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RON GOLD, Commissioner

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT

CHANGE ORDER FORM

NO. 01_____

The following changes are hereby incorporated into this Contract:

A. Description of Change:

Remove unsuitable soils along the trenching route. Load and export unsuitable soils and purchase/truck/placement of imported suitable material. This is inclusive of all labor and equipment needed, including extra traffic control.

B. Contract Price Adjustment:

As a result of this Change Order, the total Contract shall be increased by the sum of \$121,821.57, plus sales tax, which the amount Contractor acknowledges is full and complete compensation for the Contract Work, including changes incorporated by this Change Order.

This Change Order shall not provide any basis for any other payments to or claims by the Contractor as a result of or arising out of the performance of the work described herein. The new total revised Contract Price is \$554,115.83, including sales tax.

C. Except as specifically provided herein, all other Contract terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

CONTRACTOR

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MASON COUNTY

Company: Hanson Excavation

Accepted by: _____

Accepted by: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

ESTIMATE

Hanson Excavation LLC
86 SE Banjo LN
Shelton, WA 98584

jared@hansonex.com
+1 (360) 239-6792



Bill to
Mason County PUD #1
21971 US-101
Shelton, WA 98584

Ship to
Mason County PUD #1
21971 US-101
Shelton, WA 98584

Estimate details
Estimate no.: 1567
Estimate date: 08/06/2025

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		Change Order	Remove Unsuitable soils along trenching route. Load and export unsuitable soils and purchase/truck/placement of imported suitable material. This is inclusive of all labor and equipment needed, Including extra traffic control. This covers the area outlined in the field with Jeremiah Waugh from Pud 1 and discussed during our weekly job meetings.	1	\$121,821.57	\$121,821.57

Note to customer
HWY 101 Sunnyside to 106

Subtotal	\$121,821.57
Sales tax	\$10,476.66
Total	\$132,298.23

Accepted date

Accepted by

BPA POWER RIM - SUMMARY BP26 FINAL PROPOSAL RATES

Customer	Mason County PUD #1
Forecast Year	FY2026

Tier 1 POWER EFFECTIVE ANNUAL RATE	BP26	BP24	% Rate Impact
Tier 1 Effective Rate (\$/MWh)	\$ 40.24	\$ 38.87	3.52%

TIER 1 POWER EFFECTIVE MONTHLY RATES (USING BP26 LOA)	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Annual
BP26 (\$/MWh)	\$ 53.97	\$ 36.89	\$ 42.45	\$ 34.73	\$ 43.66	\$ 35.24	\$ 40.22	\$ 38.86	\$ 41.66	\$ 36.45	\$ 36.97	\$ 44.11	\$ 40.24
BP24 (\$/MWh)	\$ 48.41	\$ 34.48	\$ 45.45	\$ 35.28	\$ 42.22	\$ 34.03	\$ 36.91	\$ 35.54	\$ 39.73	\$ 35.84	\$ 38.84	\$ 37.77	\$ 38.87
DIFFERENCE:	\$ 5.56	\$ 2.41	\$ (2.99)	\$ (0.55)	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.21	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.32	\$ 1.92	\$ 0.61	\$ (1.87)	\$ 6.33	\$ 1.37

TIER 1 POWER CHARGES (USING BP26 LOAD FORECAST)	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Annual
BP26 (\$)	\$ 353,424	\$ 319,733	\$ 459,295	\$ 341,224	\$ 397,764	\$ 307,123	\$ 282,601	\$ 212,027	\$ 195,584	\$ 188,731	\$ 182,822	\$ 215,645	\$ 3,455,973
BP24 (\$)	\$ 316,999	\$ 298,869	\$ 491,691	\$ 346,588	\$ 384,716	\$ 296,557	\$ 259,391	\$ 193,890	\$ 186,552	\$ 185,574	\$ 192,084	\$ 184,683	\$ 3,337,594
DIFFERENCE:	\$ 36,425	\$ 20,864	\$ (32,396)	\$ (5,364)	\$ 13,048	\$ 10,566	\$ 23,210	\$ 18,137	\$ 9,032	\$ 3,157	\$ (9,262)	\$ 30,962	\$ 118,379

BP26 Inputs Used To Calculate Rate Impacts		
Total Retail Load (aMW)	BP26 10.345	BP24 10.345
Existing Resources	0.542	0.542
NLSL Resources	0.000	0.000
Above-RHWM Load	0.000	0.000
New Resources	0.000	0.000
New Resource Remarketing	0.000	0.000
BPA Tier 2	0.000	0.000
Above-RHWM Served with Load Shaping	0.764	0.816
TOCA	0.127140%	0.127230%
CHWM	9.121	9.121
RHWM	9.039	8.987
RT1SC	7109.552	7063.365
Applicable Low Density Discount Rate	0.000%	0.000%

Notes:

- (1) This Rate Impact Model (RIM) uses load forecasts which are published in the BP26 Rate Case Billing Determinant Model
- (2) BP26 Tier 1 Charges include the Irrigation Rate Discount, and Low Density Discount
- (3) BP26 Total Power Charges include Tier 1 Charges, Tier 2 Charges, Resource Support Services Charges, and other resource related charges
- (4) This RIM uses BP26 monthly load forecasts (TRL and CSP) to compare BP26 and BP24 Effective Charges and Rates. However, it varies TOCAs, RT1SC, RHWM, and Above-RHWM Loads by Rate Study. Please also note that the difference in total hours between leap year and non-leap year will affect the aMW amounts shown.
- (5) BP26 and BP24 Tier 1 Charges may include Transfer Charges, if applicable. Such charges were determined using load estimates from the BP26 Proposal.
- (6) RIM provides an estimate of Tier 1 charges. Actual Tier 1 charges will vary based on actual Tier 1 loads and customer system peaks, which may vary from the forecast used in RIM.

	BP26	BP24	Δ	Change YoY (%)
Composite Charge (% of System)	\$3,266,928	\$3,169,476	\$97,452	3%
Non-Slice Charge	(\$558,540)	(\$556,992)	(\$1,548)	0%
Net Customer Charge	\$2,708,388	\$2,612,484	\$95,904	4%
Demand	\$378,832	\$342,407	\$36,425	11%
Load Shaping HLH	\$95,352	\$176,289	(\$80,937)	-46%
Load Shaping LLH	\$273,401	\$206,414	\$66,987	32%
Load Shaping Total	\$368,753	\$382,703	(\$13,950)	-4%
Irrigation Rate Discount	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Low Density Discount	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Load Shaping Charge True-Up	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Transfer Service Delivery Charge	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
PBL Provided Reg. & Freq. Response	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Transfer Service Regional Compliance Enforcement	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Transfer Reserves (Spinning + Supplemental)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Dividend Distribution Credit	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Tier 1 Charges	\$3,455,973	\$3,337,594	\$118,379	4%
Tier 1 Load (MWh)	85,874	85,874	0	0%
Tier 1 Effective Rate (\$/MWh)	\$40.24	\$38.87	\$1.37	4%
Tier 2 Short Term	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Tier 2 Load Growth	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Resource related charges (RSS, GMS, TSS, TCMS)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
New Resource Remarketing	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
TOTAL Power Charges	\$3,455,973	\$3,337,594	\$118,379	4%
Total PF Load (Tier 1 and Tier 2) (MWh)	85,874	85,874	\$0	0%
Tier 2 Non-Federal Resources	0	0	\$0	0%
TOTAL Effective Rate Tier 1 and Tier 2 (\$/MWh)	\$40.24	\$38.87	\$1.38	4%



PUD1 – Executive Summary – June 2025

This report summarizes information on the current financial status of Mason County
PUD No. 1 for the month of June 2025:

- **Work in Progress:**
 - Grant Applications – Ongoing
 - CEIP – 2026-2029
- **Completed Projects:**
 - 2024 Annual Report (Due 05/30/25)
 - 2025 Budget
 - 2024 Privilege Tax Return (Due 02/25/25)
 - 2024 Form 7 (Due March 31, 2025)
 - 2022 / 2023 Accountability Audit
 - 2024 EIA Report (Due 04/30/25)
 - Pole Attachment Rate Update

Financial Highlights:

- Revenue – Gross Revenue was \$1,289,578 the month of June 2025.
- Expenditures –Gross expenditures were \$1,074,841 for the month of June 2025.
- As of June 30, the PUD has \$469,485 grant reimbursements outstanding for ongoing projects, which is an equivalent of about 16 days of our cash on hand.

Financial Metrics as Compared with Prior Year:	June 2025	June 2024
Total General Cash and Investments	\$848,475	\$945,196
Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)	2.08 to 1	2.44 to 1
Debt Service Coverage (O&M/ Debt Service)	3.88	3.44
Long-Term Debt to Net Plant	22%	26%
Total Debt to Equity Ratio (Total Liabilities/Total Equity)	33%	33%
Long Term Debt to Equity Ratio (Long Term Debt / Total Equity)	26%	30%
Times Interest Earned Ratio (Earnings before Interest & Taxes/Total Interest)	6.52	6.86
Cash on Hand (Total Available Cash/Average Daily Costs)	30 Days (General) 123 Days (All Funds)	33 Days (General) 107 Days (All Funds)



Mason County PUD No 1

Budget Summary by Division For the Month Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Electric</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 823,916.56	\$ 282,993.67	\$ 982.52	\$ 1,107,892.75
Budgeted	\$ 831,069.34	\$ 281,583.33	\$ 1,018.00	\$ 1,113,670.67
Difference (-/+)	\$ (7,152.78)	\$ 1,410.34	\$ (35.48)	\$ (5,777.92)
% of Budget	99%	101%	97%	99%
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 827,918.10	 \$ 215,844.01	 \$ 834.16	 \$ 1,044,596.27
Budgeted	\$ 832,727.10	\$ 235,437.27	\$ 1,442.37	\$ 1,069,606.74
Difference (-/+)	\$ (4,809.00)	\$ (19,593.26)	\$ (608.21)	\$ (25,010.47)
% of Budget	99%	92%	58%	98%
 Net Operating Margins	 \$ (4,001.54)	 \$ 67,149.66	 \$ 148.36	 \$ 63,296.48
Budgeted	\$ (1,657.76)	\$ 46,146.06	\$ (424.37)	\$ 44,063.93
Difference (-/+)	\$ (2,343.78)	\$ 21,003.60	\$ 572.73	\$ 19,232.55
% of Budget	241%	146%	-35%	144%

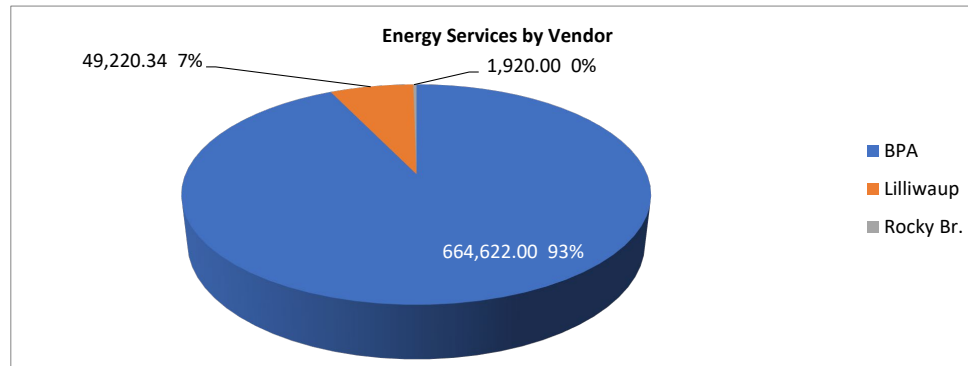
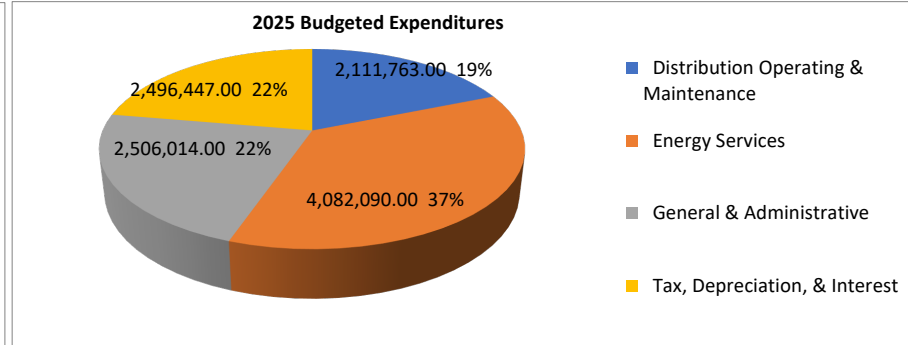
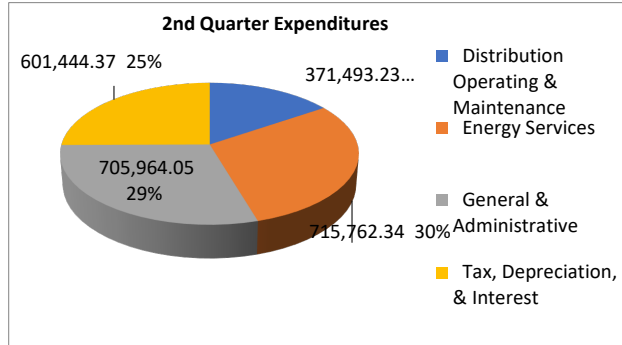
Mason County PUD No. 1

Status of Budget

As of June 30, 2025

ELECTRIC DIVISION

	2nd Quarter 2025	2nd Quarter Budget	% of 2nd Qtr Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget	% of Annual Budget
Revenue	2,811,407.05	2,869,399.02	98%	6,614,254.51	11,679,446.00	57%
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Distribution Operating & Maintenance	371,493.23	474,783.53	78%	820,446.48	2,111,763.00	39%
Energy Services	715,762.34	837,295.00	85%	1,991,105.17	4,082,090.00	49%
General & Administrative	705,964.05	708,629.57	100%	1,274,704.78	2,506,014.00	51%
Tax, Depreciation, & Interest	601,444.37	623,855.55	96%	1,252,208.19	2,496,447.00	50%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,394,663.99	\$ 2,644,563.65	91%	5,338,464.62	\$ 11,196,314.00	48%
NET OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 416,743.06	\$ 224,835.37	185%	1,275,789.89	\$ 483,132.00	264%



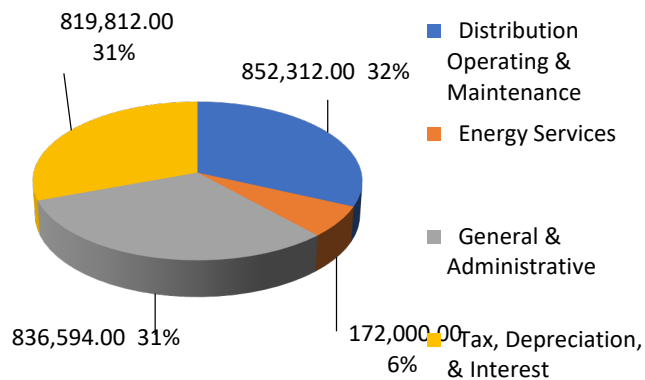
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Status of Budget
As of June 30, 2025

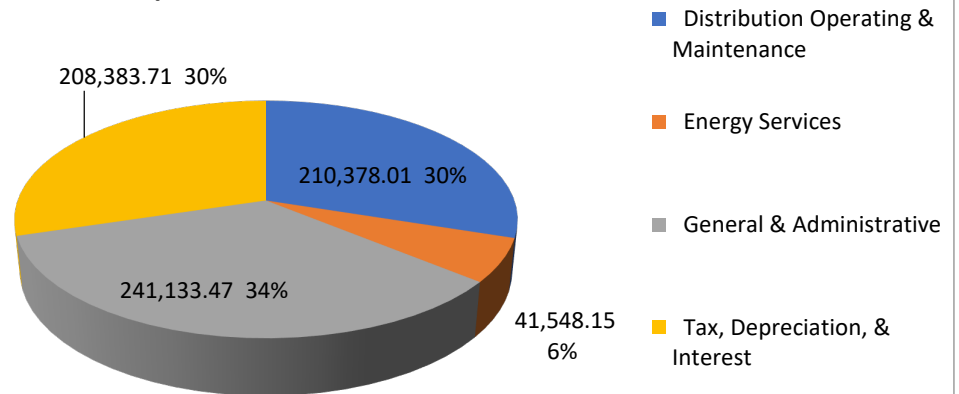
WATER DIVISION

	2nd Quarter 2025	2nd Quarter Budget	% of 2nd Qtr Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget	% of Annual Budget
Revenue	773,286.21	770,605.49	100%	1,513,903.90	3,089,780.00	49%
Expenditures						
Distribution Operating & Maintenance	210,378.01	213,547.98	99%	380,511.58	852,312.00	45%
Energy Services	41,548.15	40,500.00	103%	80,062.19	172,000.00	47%
General & Administrative	241,133.47	216,750.62	111%	410,967.34	836,594.00	49%
Tax, Depreciation, & Interest	208,383.71	203,388.22	102%	414,630.44	819,812.00	51%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 701,443.34	\$ 674,186.82	104%	1,286,171.55	\$ 2,680,718.00	48%
NET OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 71,842.87	\$ 96,418.67	75%	227,732.35	\$ 409,062.00	56%

2025 Budgeted Expenditures



2nd Quarter Expenditures



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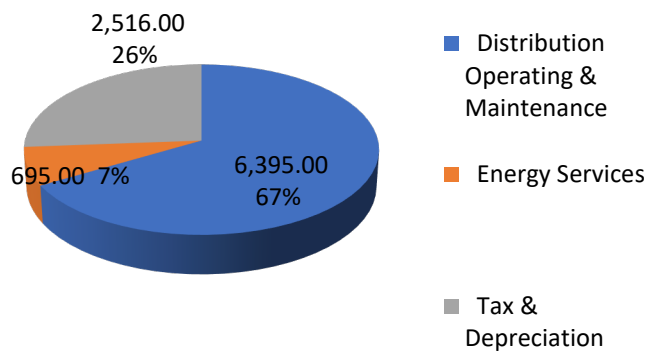
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As of June 30, 2025

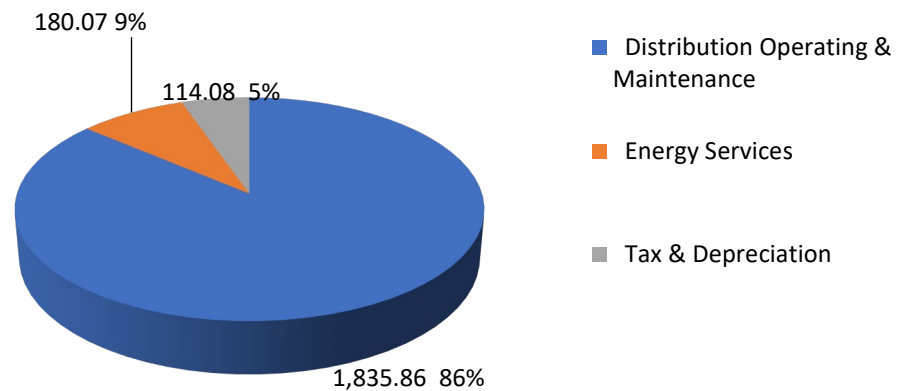
SEWER DIVISION

	2nd Quarter 2025	2nd Quarter Budget	% of 2nd Qtr Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget	% of Annual Budget
Revenue	3,015.00	3,054.00	99%	6,114.83	12,399.00	49%
Expenditures						
Distribution Operating & Maintenance	1,835.86	2,117.41	87%	2,551.34	6,395.00	40%
Energy Services	180.07	201.00	90%	365.63	695.00	53%
Tax & Depreciation	114.08	114.00	100%	228.87	2,516.00	9%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,130.01	\$ 2,432.41	88%	\$ 3,145.84	\$ 9,606.00	33%
NET OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 884.99	\$ 621.59	142%	\$ 2,968.99	\$ 2,793.00	106%

2025 Budgeted Expenditures



2nd Quarter Expenditures



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PUD 1 Celebrates Community Conservation Partnerships

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Mason County PUD No. 1 is celebrating the completion of two large commercial lighting energy conservation projects in partnership with Brinnon School District and the Skokomish Tribe.



Pictured above L-to-R: Kristin Masteller (PUD 1), Melissa Podeszwa (BPA), Josh Bowers (Brinnon School), Cassandra Steiger (PUD 1), Chairman Guy Miller (Skokomish Tribe), Katie Arnold (PUD 1), and Thomas Kachman (Skokomish Tribe).

In 2024, the PUD received two energy conservation grants from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), one for commercial lighting projects and one for a low-income appliance rebate program. The Skokomish Tribe partnered with the PUD to replace commercial lighting for their Tribal business offices, daycare, healthcare clinic, and police station. Brinnon School District also signed on to upgrade lighting in their K-8 school as part of their facility modernization project. PUD 1 serves electricity along the west end of Hood Canal into the town of Brinnon in south Jefferson County.

"We're very excited to bring these grant dollars to Mason and Jefferson Counties and to partner once again with the Skokomish Tribe and Brinnon School District to help them save energy and lower their electric bills," said Cassandra Steiger, PUD 1's Conservation Specialist. "The folks at BPA have been great to work with, helping us put these conservation funds to good use. We're thankful that they chose to fund our projects and for providing support along the way." The two commercial lighting grants, totaling \$28,828, are estimated to produce savings of 133,900.54 kilowatt hours each year, which translates to over \$10,734 in annual energy costs.

In addition to the lighting program grants, the PUD also received \$182,000 for low-income households to purchase new energy-efficient washers and dryers, as well as ductless heat pumps. The PUD collaborated with Shelton's South Sound Appliance to prequalify 20 low-income customers for new appliances. Twenty-five qualifying households also received new ductless heating/cooling units through this grant program.

"We know that energy burden is a real thing many families struggle with, and it is exasperated during times of extreme weather. While these grants may be small overall, they are meaningful to the families who don't have the funds to make the appliance upgrades or to install more efficient heating and cooling systems in their homes. They're also meaningful to the school and Tribe who each have many competing needs that are

higher priorities for the people they serve than lighting projects,” said Steiger. “That’s where the PUD partnerships come in. It’s a very rewarding part of my job that I get to help connect people with these resources.”

Although the grant funded programs are complete, Mason PUD 1 still has annual conservation funding through BPA that connects customers with rebates for heat pumps, qualifying Energy Star appliances, and commercial lighting. Customers should consult with the PUD prior to making purchases to be sure they qualify. Information is available at www.mason-pud1.org/rebates/ or by calling Cassandra Steiger at (360) 877-5249.

Related or Similar Stories

- [Live Fire Training in Union \(Apr 27, 2025\)](#)
- [PUD 1 & Fire District 6 Schedule Practice Burn \(Apr 21, 2025\)](#)
- [Commerce invests \\$6 million to improve Mason County electrical infrastructure, reliability \(Apr 10, 2025\)](#)
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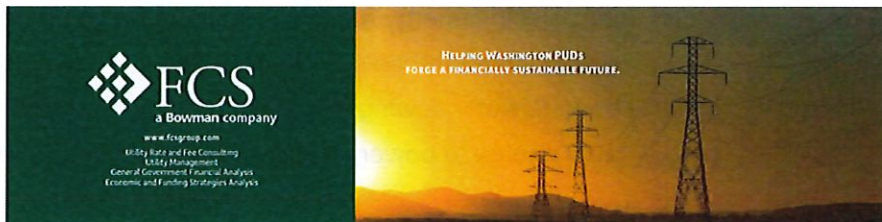
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for WPUDA, will cover the required 25% match for public providers that have applied for the funding or if additional funding is needed.

WPUDA members tapped Matt Stevie with Okanogan PUD to continue to represent PUDs on the Public Works Board (see story in Water Report). Matt is wrapping up his first term and will continue to be the voice of PUDs on the Board. We appreciate his service in this important role.

Have a great weekend!

Liz Anderson
Executive Director

In the News

Skagit PUD and InPipe Energy launch first community-scale HydroXS system to deliver clean, renewable energy

In a groundbreaking and innovative project that underscores the growing importance of infrastructure-driven energy security, Skagit Public Utility District (Skagit PUD) and InPipe Energy, a leader in hydroelectric energy recovery, launched a community-scale deployment of InPipe's HydroXS energy recovery system. The system converts water flowing in a pipeline into renewable electricity, providing clean energy to power critical infrastructure in a community.

This installation, in collaboration with Skagit PUD and Mount Vernon High School, demonstrates how water infrastructure can be easily transformed into a scalable clean energy source for public institutions, community infrastructure, and smart cities worldwide.

Developed in collaboration with Grundfos, a global leader in water technology, the HydroXS combines InPipe Energy's patented, modular energy recovery system with Grundfos' advanced pressure management solutions to ensure optimal efficiency and performance.

"I'm incredibly proud of this project because it shows how shared water infrastructure can do more than deliver water; it can also generate

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power where it's needed most," said Gregg Semler, CEO and founder of InPipe Energy. Energy costs are increasing. I envision a future where we can use existing water pipelines to generate energy to power critical infrastructure. From ensuring safe and reliable water delivery to powering EVs and even data centers, this deployment offers a practical and sustainable path forward for cities everywhere."

The newly installed HydroXS, located at a Skagit PUD, is a storage facility adjacent to Mount Vernon High School. The HydroXS automatically converts flowing water and pressure in a pipeline into carbon-free electricity that would otherwise be wasted. This electricity is used to power EV charging stations for students, faculty, and staff, while also supplementing the school's broader energy needs. With an annual output of up to 300,000 kWh, the system will prevent more than 9.3 million pounds of CO₂ emissions over its 30-year lifespan, equivalent to permanently removing thousands of cars from the road. Beyond environmental benefits, the energy recovery system delivers measurable cost savings to the school district, demonstrating how existing infrastructure can be transformed into a valuable community asset that saves money and reduces the costs of water for SkagitPUD's ratepayers.

"The installation demonstrates how public utilities can deliver long-term efficiency gains and energy security using existing infrastructure," said George Sidhu, general manager of Skagit PUD. "Through energy recovery projects like this one with InPipe Energy, we're protecting our ratepayers from rising electricity costs while ensuring we have an efficient, secure, and affordable water supply for our community."

Funding for this innovative project came from the Washington State Department of Commerce's Rural Clean Energy Grant and TransAlta's Centralia Coal Transition Grant. It is a U.S.-made product, qualifying it for incentives from the Inflation Reduction Act.

"This project is exactly what the Centralia Coal Transition Board was designed to support — community-led solutions that deliver clean, reliable energy. Skagit PUD and InPipe Energy have taken a smart, creative approach to renewable power that benefits local residents, supports education and demonstrates how innovation at the local level

can have meaningful impact. We're proud to be part of it," said John Kousinioris, President & CEO, TransAlta.

InPipe Energy is spearheading a new wave of innovation that reshapes the world's perception of water and energy. Its patented HydroXS system enables water-intensive industries to generate clean power safely, reliably, and cost-effectively wherever pipelines exist.

"This is about unlocking a new energy resource hiding in plain sight," Semler said. "With system-wide deployments of the HydroXS, every city has the potential to create its own water and energy security."

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In witness whereof we have
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Peggy Ware

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May 12, 2025

Holly,

On behalf of the Brinnon-Quilcene VFW Auxiliary, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your participation in this year's Brinnon Loyalty Day parade.

Your presence and support helped make the event a meaningful tribute to our veterans and a memorable day for our entire community.

We deeply appreciate your time, energy, and spirit of patriotism. It's through efforts like yours that we are able to bring our community together and pay proper respect to our nation's heroes.

Thank you again for being a part of this special event. We hope to see you again next year!

Warm regards,

Alicia Simmons
Parade Coordinator

Save the Date!

Loyalty Day Parade

4th Friday of April

Friday, April 24, 2026

1:00pm

**Update – Bee Mill Road Fire | 3:00 AM**

The wildland fire on Bee Mill Road has been fully extinguished and is now 100% contained. Crews will remain on scene throughout the night to monitor for hotspots and ensure the area remains secure. Additional monitoring will continue over the next 24 hours.

Special thanks to our partners at JeffCom 911, Mason County PUD 1, Quilcene Fire Rescue, and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for their quick response and support.

We're grateful for the teamwork and dedication that kept this fire from spreading and protected nearby homes.

Chief

July 28 12:02 am-Night Wildland Fire – Bee Mill Road.

Just after midnight, Brinnon Fire Department and Quilcene Fire Rescue responded to a wildland fire in the 2500 block of Bee Mill Road. The fire, approximately 50 by 100 feet, was threatening three nearby residential structures.

Crews arrived quickly and had the fire knocked down within 30 minutes. Fortunately, no structures were damaged.

We appreciate the support from the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), who responded with mutual aid to assist in full containment.

The fire is currently under investigation, but early indications suggest it may have been caused by tree limbs coming into contact with nearby powerlines.

Thank you to everyone who supports our crews, especially during these late-night calls. Stay safe.

Chief



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Bear Gulch III Fire near Cushman continues to grow

By Justin Johnson
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The Bear Gulch III Fire near Lake Cushman and the Staircase entrance to Olympic National Park has nearly doubled in size during the past week.

As of Wednesday morning, the fire has burned nearly 800 acres in steep, rocky terrain and is progressing into the Mount Skokomish Wilderness and a previous burn scar from the 2006 Bear Gulch II Fire. That's up from 445 acres last week.

There are no evacuation orders related to the fire.

"The fire continues to burn in heavy timber and extremely steep terrain, which rises 3,500 feet from lakeshore to the top of Mount Rose and on to Copper Mountain," a Forest Service incident team news release said Tuesday. "Firefighter, community, and public safety are our number one priority. The steep conditions limit access and the ability for hand crews to work due to rolling debris, rocks, falling trees and cliffs."

The Western Washington Incident Management team that has overseen the fire response timed out on Tuesday and was replaced by a National Incident Management Team beginning Wednesday. Approximately 160 fire personnel are battling the

blaze, which was reported as 19% contained as of Tuesday afternoon.

Due to the fire and to assist teams battling the blaze, the U.S. Forest Service closed several additional areas surrounding the fire last week.

The Mount Ellinor Upper and Lower trailheads and Connector Trail, as well as Copper Creek, Upper Big Creek Loop, Dry Creek and Jefferson Pass trails were closed, as were National Forest Roads 2451, 2419 and 2519-014. Those closures are in addition to the previous closure of all day-use sites, trails and trailheads, including Staircase, beyond FS-24 milepost 10.5. As of Wednesday morning, the Big Creek Campground remained open.

Utilities prepare plans for wildfire mitigation

By June Williams
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Utility customers might see more frequent outages this summer due to wildfire mitigation plans by PUD 1 and PUD 3.

"It's that time of year again where the temperatures are getting consistently high throughout the week, the ground and vegetation is dry, and we are switching our system settings to be more sensitive to mitigate for wildfire risk — especially with two fires already burning in Mason County right now," according to a news release by PUD 1.

PUD 1 includes the Hood Canal area and extends from the Skokomish Valley to Union and north into Jefferson County.

PUD 3, which covers Shelton, Belfair, Allyn, Grapeview, Tahuya and portions of Pierce, south Kitsap and

east Grays Harbor counties, will be monitoring red flag warnings, which are official alerts issued by the National Weather Service when weather conditions such as strong winds, low humidity and lightning create extreme wildfire risk, and adjust settings if necessary.

Officials from both utilities spoke with the *Journal* about the process.

"When a limb comes down and crosses the line, it can create a fault," PUD 3 Customer Service Manager Lynn Eaton said.

"Our system is designed to close and open. It will do that three times, hoping that that limb will fall away," she said.

If it still senses a fault the last time it opens, it will stay open and create an outage.

PUD 1 refers to this as a 1-shot and 3-shot.

"We usually have our system on

3-shot, meaning there has to be three disruptions to the mainline before the system trips, which is why in the rainy season, you might see power fluctuate while a branch bounces or burns off the lines, but you don't actually lose power. In the extreme fire season, we switch it over to 1-shot, so as soon as something makes contact with the lines, the fuses trip and shut down that section of mainline instead of letting the branch burn off the line and throw sparks to the ground," according to the PUD 1 news release.

You may notice your lights blink three times before the power goes out, Eaton said.

"In wildfire situations, when you've got really dry land, you could create little sparks every time that opens and closes," she said.

The utilities want to avoid that in wildfire season.

One-shot switching means linemen will usually be dispatched to investigate.

"They will see longer wait times," PUD 1 Line Superintendent Josh Garlock said about customers.

Eaton said the linemen go out and search for the problem "without really knowing what caused the outage," which may take time.

"They will have to drive along the road and look at the lines and see if they can see any downed line or any reason that cut out opened. It takes a lot longer to restore," she said.

Representatives for both utilities said they hoped customers would be understanding about potentially longer outages during the summer, "especially with two fires already burning in Mason County right now," PUD 1 stated, referring to the Bear Gulch III and Toonerville fires.



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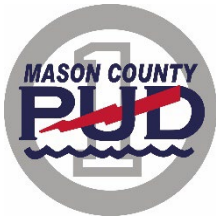
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Although the grant funded programs are complete, Mason PUD 1 still has annual conservation funding through BPA that connects customers with rebates for heat pumps, qualifying Energy Star appliances, and commercial lighting. Customers should consult with the PUD prior to making purchases to be sure they qualify. Information is available at www.mason-pud1.org/rebates/ or by calling Cassandra Steiger at (360) 877-5249.

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For 90 years, PUD 1 has provided non-for-profit electric, water, telecom and wastewater services to approximately 9,000 customers in Mason and Jefferson Counties.

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