



**Mason County PUD No. 1
Regular Board Meeting
September 09, 2025
1:00 p.m.**

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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 August 26, 2025

Disbursements:

Accounts Payable Wire	\$ 113,875.04
Check Nos. 127111 - 127156	\$ 483,466.59
Payroll Wire	\$ 91,133.66

Grand Total **\$ 688,475.29**

4) Business Agenda

- Joe Schmit, Executive Director, MACECOM 911
- Award Reservoir Cleaning & Inspection Contract to H2O Solutions, LLC
- Award Generator Installation Contract to Hanson Excavation, LLC
- Shar Lane Underground Project – Change Order No. 1

5) Staff Reports

- General Manager
- District Treasurer
- Water Resource Manager
- 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 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
August 12, 2025, Potlatch, Washington

Present:

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

Visitors:

None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:	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

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

Business Agenda:

Resolution 2097 Surplus Equipment – Jack made a motion to approve Resolution 2097 as presented; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

106 to Sunnyside – Change Order No.1 – Jack made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$121,821.57; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

BPA – Rate Impact Model – The General Manager provided an overview of the BPA's Rate Impact Model. Highlighting that BPA is increasing its Tier 1 power rate by 3.52%.

June & 2nd Qtr. Financials – The District Treasurer provided a financial report for June 2025 and answered the Board of Commissioners' questions.



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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)

Staff Reports

General Manager – The General Manager provided an update on the current power projects: Hwy 106 to Sunnyside underground, stating they are ahead of schedule. The N. Valley Drive to Bourgault pre-construction meeting is scheduled for two weeks from now. The Manzanita substation cutover is scheduled for the end of September. Kristin submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Commerce, U.S. Economic Development Administration for the Jorstad Substation, and has started work on five additional grant proposals to support grid resiliency. She and Brandy were guest speakers at the monthly meeting of the Mason County Fire Chiefs regarding the PUD 1 fire hydrants. She informed them that a new map had been added to the website showing the locations of all PUD 1 fire hydrants. She will be attending a meeting with Lilliwaup Falls owners to discuss contract renewal options.

District Treasurer – The District Treasurer provided an update regarding the ongoing audit and the Commerce report.

Water Resource Manager – The Water Resource Manager provided an update on the current water projects, specifically for Lake Arrowhead, Shadowood, and Manzanita. She stated that Lake Arrowhead will be complete once the crew finishes the last five services. The land at Shadowood has been prepped, and the contractor is on schedule. Manzanita is scheduled to start in September.

Legal – No report.

Correspondence – Reviewed by the Board.



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Board Reports

Mike – Attended the PPC meeting.

Jack – No report.

Ron – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Adjournment: 1:37 p.m.

Ron Gold, President

Mike Sheetz, Vice President

Jack Janda, Secretary

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Accounts Payable Check Register

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08/22/2025 To 09/04/2025

Bank Account: 4 - UMPQUA BANK - DISTRICT

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
1308 08/26/2025	WIRE	WASH 3	WA DEPT OF REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	41,260.94
127111 08/26/2025	CHK	2M COMPANY	2M COMPANY INC	WATER NON INVENTORY SUPPLIES-PELLEN SALT	1,469.87
127112 08/26/2025	CHK	ADVANCE	ADVANCE GLASS	VEHICLE #67-WINDSHIELD	404.85
127113 08/26/2025	CHK	CAROW	CAROW, CINDI	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	468.23
127114 08/26/2025	CHK	CUSTOM TRUCK	CUSTOM TRUCK CAPITAL	VEHICLE #88-CONTRACT PAYMENT	9,324.68
127115 08/26/2025	CHK	DEPT 15	DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	HWY 119 MP 1.55-1.57 & HWY 101 MP 324.28	475.23
127116 08/26/2025	CHK	FICS	FASTENAL COMPANY	FR SAFETY GLOVES, GLASSES, & SHOP SUPPLY	3,382.10
127117 08/26/2025	CHK	GDS ASSOCIATE	GDS ASSOCIATES, INC	MONTHLY WPAG EXPENSES	115.61
127118 08/26/2025	CHK	GENPAC	GENERAL PACIFIC INC	ELECTRIC INVENTORY SUPPLIES	27,283.04
127119 08/26/2025	CHK	GRAIN	GRAINGER	BITE/STING RELIEF-WATER DEPT	31.63
127120 08/26/2025	CHK	GRAYJU	GRAY, JULIE	MONTHLY REIMBRUSEMENT	930.75
127121 08/26/2025	CHK	HANSON EXCAV	HANSON EXCAVATION LLC	FEMA PROJECT-HWY 106 TO SUNNYSIDE	295,022.76
127122 08/26/2025	CHK	HDFOWL	HD FOWLER COMPANY	WATER NON INVENTORY PARTS	816.17
127123 08/26/2025	CHK	HOODSPORT AC	HOODSPORT ACE & LUMBER	SHOP SUPPLIES	158.40
127124 08/26/2025	CHK	J&I	J & I POWER EQUIPMENT INC	EQUIPMENT #106-PARTS	236.06
127125 08/26/2025	CHK	KESTER	KESTER, GREGORY C.	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	1,685.06
127126 08/26/2025	CHK	SHEL 2	MASON COUNTY JOURNAL	BOLDUC & MADRONA PARK WATER GENERATOR-AD	1,344.00
127127 08/26/2025	CHK	MUNCHR	MUNCH, ROY	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	892.22
127128 08/26/2025	CHK	NATIONAL MET	NATIONAL METERING & TECHNICAL S	JORNEYMAN METERMAN-3-PHASE SUNRISE RESOR	877.50
127129 08/26/2025	CHK	SPIKES	SPIKES HYDRAULICS & EQUIP	EQUIPMENT #106-PARTS	237.18
127130 08/26/2025	CHK	TOZIER	TOZIER BROS, INC	FORKLIFT-PROPANE	67.30
127131 08/26/2025	CHK	WEST	WEST COAST MOBILE EQUIPMENT REP	EQUIPMENT #105-HVAC AIRFLOW ISSUE	2,839.89
127132 08/26/2025	CHK	NAPA AUTO PA	WESTBAY NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	191.88
127133 08/26/2025	CHK	XYLEM LLC	XYLEM TREE EXPERTS	2024 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT-RETAINAGE	12,199.00
127134 08/26/2025	CHK	HANSON EXCAV	HANSON EXCAVATION LLC	RIPPLEWOOD MAINLINE REPLACEMENT-RETAINAG	22,927.00
127135 08/27/2025	CHK	2	GLORIA CAMERON	INACTIVE REFUND	132.24

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127136 08/27/2025	CHK	2	NICHOLAS CHURCH	INACTIVE REFUND	407.67
127137 08/27/2025	CHK	2	HOLLY GREENWOOD	INACTIVE REFUND	61.25
127138 08/27/2025	CHK	2	ELIZABETH A HOFFMAN	INACTIVE REFUND	14.22
127139 08/27/2025	CHK	2	MICHAEL LITTLE	INACTIVE REFUND	150.42
127140 08/27/2025	CHK	2	CHRISTOPHER NORCROSS	INACTIVE REFUND	24.04
127141 08/27/2025	CHK	2	CHERI REESE	INACTIVE REFUND	50.00
127142 08/27/2025	CHK	2	JAMES VIRDEN	INACTIVE REFUND	37.85
127143 08/27/2025	CHK	DON SMALL & S	DON SMALL & SONS OIL DIST	GAS & DIESEL	2,820.94
127144 08/27/2025	CHK	GONZALES, RU	RUDY GONZALES	TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT-FINAL EXAM	312.40
127145 08/27/2025	CHK	HARB 1	HARBOR SAW & SUPPLY INC.	VEHICLE #87-CAB RACK & CROSS BODY BOX	3,029.55
127146 08/27/2025	CHK	SOUTH SOUND	SOUTH SOUND APPLIANCE	LOW INCOME WASHER/DRYER-1171 N COLONY SU	3,200.00
127147 08/27/2025	CHK	2	RON LARSON	DUCTLESS HEATPUMP REBATE-101 CANAL LN	800.00
127148 08/27/2025	CHK	2	TOM MICHALSKI	DUCTLESS HEATPUMP REBATE-21 KING DR	800.00
127149 08/27/2025	CHK	2	TROUTLODGE INC	DUCTLESS HEATPUMP REBATE-23481 N HWY 101	800.00
127150 08/27/2025	CHK	2	JACOB VAUGHT	DUCTLESS HEATPUMP REBATE-311466 N HWY101	800.00
127151 08/27/2025	CHK	CITI CARDS	CITI CARDS	COSTCO/CITI CARD-ACCT NUMBER ENDING#4326	21,648.16
127152 08/31/2025	CHK	WASH 8	WASHINGTON STATE	AUGUST 2025-HEALTH, DENTAL, & LTD	56,192.76
1310 09/02/2025	WIRE	IRS	WEST COAST BANK	FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY	36,692.60
1311 09/02/2025	WIRE	WASH 1	WA DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYS	STATE RETIREMENT - PLAN 2	17,469.08
1312 09/02/2025	WIRE	WASH 7	WA STATE TREAS-MS: PO-11	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	14,245.01
1313 09/02/2025	WIRE	HRA	HRA VEBA TRUST CONTRIBUTI	VEBA MEDICAL SAVINGS	3,965.96
1314 09/02/2025	WIRE	DSHS	DSHS	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES	241.45
127153 09/02/2025	CHK	IBEW	IBEW LOCAL UNION #77	UNION DUES	1,223.83
127154 09/02/2025	CHK	PUDEMP	PUD #1 EMPLOYEE FUND	EMPLOYEE FUND	220.00
127155 09/02/2025	CHK	SUTTELL&HAM	SUTTELL & HAMMER, P.S.	CASE NO 23CV0941	845.62
127156 09/03/2025	CHK	64	OLYMPIC TRAILER & TRUCK ACCESSO	2026 SUMMIT TRAILER	6,515.23

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TRANSACTION DETAIL

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SEP 2025 To SEP 2025

Date	Journal Description	Actv BU Project	Mod	Jrnl Reference	
			Code		
Account: 0 131.2 CASH-GENERAL FUND (DISTRICT)			Department: 0		
09/02/25	92319 Check Print	0	PL	2 PAYROLL	91,133.66

PARAMETERS ENTERED:

Division: All
Accounts: 0 131.2
Department: All
Activity: All
Sort By: Div/Acct
Date Selection: Period
Period: SEP 2025 To SEP 2025
Module: PL
Journal Activity: All
Accounts With No Transactions: Yes
Extended Reference: No
Interface Detail: No
Group by Department: Yes

Mason County PUD No. 1
Potable Water Reservoir/Tank Inspection and Cleaning 2025
Bid Tabulation Bid Due: August 27, 2025 at 4:00 PM

	H2O Solutions, LLC	Inland Potable Service, Inc	AUS
Reservoirs			
Canal Mutual	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$4,293.39
Mt. View	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,576.03
Union	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,576.03
Hood Canal	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,576.03
Twanoh Heights	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,576.03
Lakewood Heights	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,576.03
Pirate's Cove	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,576.03
Tiger Lake	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,576.03
View Ridge Heights	\$1,450.00	\$1,815.00	\$4,293.39
Subtotal	\$13,050.00		\$26,618.99

Bid Prices			
Subtotal	\$13,050.00	\$0.00	\$26,618.99
8.6% Tax	\$1,122.30	\$0.00	\$2,129.52
Total	\$14,172.30	\$16,335.00	\$28,748.51



Mason County PUD 1 Generator Installation 2025

Bid Due Date: Friday August 29, 2025 4:00 PM

	Hanson Excavation LLC	Henden Electric, Inc	Quail Electric	Larry Brown Contruction, Inc	Five Rivers Construction, Inc.	Cannon Constructors, LLC	APEX Mechanical	Zenisco, Inc
Bolduc								
Generator Install	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW
Subtotal	\$ 48,250.00	\$ 54,225.00	\$ 88,561.00	\$ 74,302.50	\$ 98,850.00	\$ 76,220.84	\$ -	\$ 91,025.00
Tax	\$ 4,149.50	\$ 4,663.35	\$ 7,616.25	\$ 6,390.02	\$ 8,501.10	\$ 6,554.99	\$ -	\$ 7,828.15
Total	\$ 52,399.50	\$ 58,888.35	\$ 96,177.25	\$ 80,692.52	\$ 107,351.10	\$ 82,775.83	\$ 130,680.00	\$ 98,853.15
Madrona Park								
Generator Install	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW	30 kW
Subtotal	\$ 48,250.00	\$ 54,225.00	\$ 88,561.00	\$ 74,302.50	\$ 90,990.00	\$ 76,515.83	\$ -	\$ 74,475.00
8.6% Sales Tax	\$ 4,149.50	\$ 4,663.35	\$ 7,616.25	\$ 6,390.02	\$ 7,825.14	\$ 6,580.36	\$ -	\$ 6,404.85
Total	\$ 52,399.50	\$ 58,888.35	\$ 96,177.25	\$ 80,692.52	\$ 98,815.14	\$ 83,096.19	\$ 125,779.50	\$ 80,879.85
Bid Bond	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acknowledged Addenda 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total	\$ 104,799.00	\$ 117,776.70	\$ 192,354.49	\$ 161,385.03	\$ 206,166.24	\$ 165,872.02	\$ 256,459.50	\$ 179,733.00



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

N. 21971 Hwy. 101
Shelton, Washington 98584

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

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT

CHANGE ORDER FORM

NO. 1

The following changes are hereby incorporated into this Contract:

- A. Description of Change: To extend the underground an additional 1,200 ft to the end of the line, so that all of Shar Lane is 100% underground.

- B. Contract Price Adjustment:

As a result of this Change Order, the total Contract shall be increased/decreased by the sum of \$10,000, 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 \$27,388.92, including sales tax.

- C. Time of Completion:

The time of completion shall be increased/decreased by _____ calendar days. The revised completion date shall be _____.

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

CONTRACTOR

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MASON COUNTY

Company: _____

Accepted by: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Accepted by: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Stolen dump truck crashes near Shelton

By June Williams
june@masoncounty.com

A man accused of stealing a dump truck in Lewis County was finally stopped outside of Shelton after he barreled through Belfair on state Route 3, forcing at least six vehicles off the road, according to the Mason County Sheriff's Office.

The truck was reported stolen from a roofing company the morning of Aug. 15 and passed MCSO Deputy Justin Whitley in a turning lane on Route 3 around 10:13 a.m., while the deputy was driving north.

"The vehicle was driving into oncoming traffic causing several other motorists off the roadway," Whitley wrote in a probable cause document.

Law enforcement pursued the speeding truck, but lost sight after the

intersection with Route 106. Dispatch received calls about the vehicle heading through Allyn.

"Several callers called into dispatch advising, their vehicle mirrors were struck by the suspect vehicle. Suspect vehicle was not actively being pursued when striking these other vehicles," Whitley wrote.

Deputies caught up with the truck, now traveling around 90 mph, around Mason Benson Road and state Route 3, according to the probable cause document.

The truck turned onto Mason Benson Road and then Anthony Road.

Deputies set up spike strips at Anthony Road and Route 3, but the truck avoided them and gunned back onto the highway, striking a PUD 3 vehicle.

The truck continued "at speeds of 60-80 mph on Highway 3 into

oncoming traffic and appeared to be intentionally swerving into traffic forcing other vehicles off the road. Suspect showed zero regards for the safety of other drivers and the general public," according to Whitley.

Deputies again deployed spike strips at Route 3 and Mason Lake Road.

This time, at least one of the truck's tires was punctured, but it kept going, swerving in and out of traffic.

A third spike strip was set up in the 3800 block of the highway, deflating more tires, and still the vehicle drove on.

"Suspect continued driving south on Highway 3 into Shelton. Suspect continued to drive into the center of the roadway, forcing on-coming drivers off the roadway. Suspect vehicle lost both front tires going south on Olympic

Highway South. Speeds through City of Shelton were roughly 50 mph," the probable cause document states.

The truck finally crashed into a stump off Mill Creek Road.

The driver, Joshua Mirka, 48, jumped out and starting running, was "surrounded immediately" by numerous law enforcement personnel, and surrendered, according to the document.

Mirka "appeared to have no remorse," and called everyone he forced off the road "bad drivers," according to Whitley.

Mirka was charged with attempting to elude a police vehicle, reckless endangerment and possession of a stolen vehicle. Judge Tirsa Butler set bail at \$10,000 and Mirka's arraignment is Tuesday in Mason County Superior Court.

PUD 1 celebrates completion of rural water projects

Staff report

Mason County PUD No. 1 recently hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of its water construction project in the Vuecrest neighborhood of Union. The PUD's Vuecrest system was one of several systems that had long-standing wait lists for connections due to system constraints on mainline and water storage capacity. Thanks to federal funding that became available in recent years

through the American Rescue Plan Act, the PUD was able to partner with Mason County, the Washington State Department of Health, and 35th District representatives to piece together funding packages to construct these projects that sat on the PUD's Capital Improvement Plan for years.

Vuecrest, Ripplewood, Agate Beach and Shadowood water systems all received funding from 35th District sponsors Travis Couture and Drew MacEwen in the state capital

budget, along with additional ARPA funding from the Mason County Commission and the Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The first three projects have been completed and Shadowood is under construction. Those projects replaced leaking mainlines, built new water reservoirs, assisted in the deployment of rural broadband in Agate and Union through joint trench opportunities, and opened more connections for

property owners to connect to the public water system and finally sell or construct homes on their properties. Vuecrest also received emergency power and water interties to loop feed the development with the neighboring Union Ridge community, creating system redundancy in case of emergencies. "These PUD 1 projects are great examples of how the county and the state can partner with our special purpose districts to invest in rural infrastructure, so the high

cost of construction doesn't fall solely on the public ratepayers," said Mason County Commissioner Sharon Trask, who voted to approve awarding over \$1.5 million in ARPA funding to support PUD 1 water projects.

PUD 1's General Manager Kristin Masteller agreed. "These partnerships have delivered extraordinary outcomes for our water customers — over \$23 million in total water system funding so far," she said.



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We want to thank the members of our community for their continuous support by offering great deals at Nifty Thrifty semi-annual 50% off sale!
826 W Railroad Ave

From: [Kristin](#)
To: [Kristin Masteller](#)
Subject: Fwd: Back-to-school, health care cuts, and local wins: A legislative update from Rep. Travis Couture
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you and your family enjoyed the summer. Like many of you, my family has been busy with back-to-school shopping — and feeling the sting of how much more expensive those supply lists have become.

One way we could have helped families was with my [bipartisan proposal](#) for a back-to-school sales tax holiday. That bill would have saved the average family about \$85 at the checkout stand. Unfortunately, the majority party blocked it. Every little bit helps when you're stretching a family budget, and I'll keep fighting for practical relief like this.

Affordability challenges don't stop there. Earlier this month, I learned from the

nonpartisan Office of Program Research that the budget passed last session cut \$782 million from Medicaid. Ninety-five percent of those cuts will hit our most vulnerable neighbors — low-income families, people with disabilities, and seniors in long-term care. On top of that, hospitals will face both new taxes and program cuts starting in 2025, costs that will ripple out to affect all medical care in Washington, not just Medicaid patients.

As the House Republican budget lead, I'll be working hard in the 2026 session to push for real solutions that make life more affordable for working families while protecting essential services.

On a brighter note, I had the honor of joining Mason County PUD No. 1 for the ribbon-cutting on their new water construction project in the Vuecrest neighborhood of Union. This project opens up long-delayed water connections and adds capacity that residents have needed for years. My seatmates and I were proud to partner with Mason County and others to secure funding and get this across the finish line.

I'll share more updates soon, but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to [reach out to me](#) with your questions, concerns, or ideas. Hearing directly from you is the best way I can represent our district.

Sincerely,



Travis Couture

State Representative Travis Couture
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