

Mason County PUD No. 1 Special Board Meeting November 12, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 858 6905 3743

1 (253) 215-8782

10:00 a.m.-

- 1) Call 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 October 28, 2025

Disbursements: Accounts Payable Wire \$ 317,117.67

Check Nos. 127467 - 127556 \$ 492,357.13

Payroll Wire \$ 97,219.54

Grand Total \$ 906,694.34

4) Business Agenda

- a. 3rd Quarter Energy Efficiency Rebates Report
- b. 3rd Ouarter Collections Write Offs
- c. September 2025 & 3rd Quarter Financial Report
- d. Generator Installation Change Order No. 1
- e. Lake Arrowhead Change Order No. 2

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

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
	2026	

January 7-8	Public Power Council	Portland
February 4-5	Public Power Council	Portland
March 4-5	Public Power Council	Portland
April 1-2	Public Power Council	Portland
May 6-7	Public Power Council	Portland
June 3-4	Public Power Council	Portland
August 5-6	Public Power Council	Portland
September 2-3	Public Power Council	Portland
October 7-8	Public Power Council	Portland
November 4	Public Power Council Town Hall	Portland
November 5	Public Power Council Annual Meeting	Portland

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Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
1345 11/03/2025	WIRE	IRS	WEST COAST BANK	FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY	37,945.23
1346 11/03/2025	WIRE	WASH 1	WA DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYS	STATE RETIREMENT - PLAN 2	19,653.88
1347 11/03/2025	WIRE	WASH 7	WA STATE TREAS-MS: PO-11	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	14,006.76
1348 11/03/2025	WIRE	HRA	HRA VEBA TRUST CONTRIBUTI	VEBA MEDICAL SAVINGS	4,359.14
1349 11/03/2025	WIRE	DSHS	DSHS	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES	241.45
1350 11/05/2025	WIRE	BPA	COLUMBIA BANK	POWER USAGE	191,303.00
1351 11/04/2025	WIRE	WASH 4	WA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY	2025 3RD QTR FMLA	5,842.85
1352 11/03/2025	WIRE	WASH 25	WASHINGTON STATE EMPLOYMENT S	2025 3RD QUARTER WA CARES PREMIUM	1,531.15
1353 10/28/2025	WIRE	WASH 3	WA DEPT OF REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	26,263.07
1355 11/03/2025	WIRE	DEPT10	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIE	3RD QUARTER 2025	15,971.14
127467 10/24/2025	CHK	2	CHAMPION CHIROPRACTIC CENTER	INACTIVE REFUND	377.60
127468 10/24/2025	CHK	2	SANDRA DISTLER	INACTIVE REFUND	18.61
127469 10/24/2025	CHK	2	KAAREN DUBEE	INACTIVE REFUND	212.19
127470 10/24/2025	CHK	2	TALBOT FAIRBANKS	INACTIVE REFUND	410.92
127471 10/24/2025	CHK	2	LESLIE MCGHEE	INACTIVE REFUND	73.40
127472 10/24/2025	CHK	2	MIKE MCGRAW	INACTIVE REFUND	87.05
127473 10/27/2025	CHK	DON SMALL & S	DON SMALL & SONS OIL DIST	UNLEADED & DIESEL	1,966.72
127474 10/27/2025	CHK	EVER	EVERGREEN RURAL	2ND YEAR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM-KOBE	3,024.00
127475 10/27/2025	CHK	57	FJORDIN CROSSIN	2025 FJORDIN CORSSIN-ADVERTISER	500.00
127476 10/27/2025	CHK	GORDON TRUC	FREIGHTLINER NORTHWEST OLYMPIA	VEHICLE#81 & #82-FUEL & WATER SEP FILTER	740.19
127477 10/27/2025	CHK	${\bf HOODSPORT\ AC}$	HOODSPORT ACE & LUMBER	(5)SHOVELS	146.56
127478 10/27/2025	CHK	KRISTMAS TOW	KRISTMAS TOWN KIWANIS	2025 CHRISTMAS TOWN USA PARADE	25.00
127479 10/27/2025	CHK	MASTELLER	KRISTIN MASTELLER	TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	1,591.39
127480 10/27/2025	CHK	PUD#3	PUD #3 OF MASON COUNTY	ELECTRIC NON INVENTORY-600A LOADBREAK	4,831.60
127481 10/27/2025	CHK	ROGNLIN'S	ROGNLIN'S, INC	MANZANITA RESERVOIR & BOOSTER	196,122.50
127482 10/27/2025	CHK	SPECTRA LAB	SPECTRA LABORATORIES - KITSAP, LL	PFAS TESTING	1,653.00

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127483 10/27/2025	CHK	TOZIER	TOZIER BROS, INC	PROPANE-FORKLIFT	90.86
127484 10/27/2025	CHK	NAPA AUTO PA	WESTBAY NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE #79-FUEL FILTER	213.26
127485 10/27/2025	CHK	2	NATIONAL UTILITY INDUSTRY TRAINI	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE TEXTBOOK-REESE	99.23
127486 10/27/2025	CHK	CITI CARDS	CITI CARDS	MONTHLY CITI/COSTCO ACCT# ENDING IN 4326	9,960.30
127487 10/28/2025	CHK	CAROW	CAROW, CINDI	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	468.23
127488 10/28/2025	CHK	GRAYJU	GRAY, JULIE	MONTHLY REIMBRUSEMENT	930.75
127489 10/28/2025	CHK	KESTER	KESTER, GREGORY C.	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	1,685.06
127490 10/28/2025	CHK	MUNCHR	MUNCH, ROY	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	892.22
127491 10/31/2025	CHK	WASH 8	WASHINGTON STATE	OCTOBER 2025-HEALTH, DENTAL, & LTD	57,097.17
127492 10/31/2025	CHK	WSDOT	WASHINGTON STATE DOT	UTILITY PERMIT	150.00
127493 10/31/2025	CHK	US BANK-CCC	US BANK	MO.CREDIT CARD #4484 7345 5001 2554	34,562.35
127494 11/03/2025	CHK	IBEW	IBEW LOCAL UNION #77	UNION DUES	1,208.58
127495 11/03/2025	CHK	PUDEMP	PUD #1 EMPLOYEE FUND	EMPLOYEE FUND	220.00
127496 11/03/2025	CHK	SUTTELL&HAM	SUTTELL & HAMMER, P.S.	CASE NO 23CV0941	845.62
127497 11/04/2025	CHK	AFLAC	AFLAC	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	358.74
127498 11/04/2025	CHK	ALPHA NW	ALPHA NW	ELECTRIC NON INVENTORY PARTS-AUTO SPLICE	3,550.75
127499 11/04/2025	CHK	ASW	ARCHBRIGHT	Q4 2025 L&I CLAIM ONLY SERVICE FEE	793.86
127500 11/04/2025	CHK	BUMA HYDRAU	BUMA HYDRAULICS, INC	VEHICLE #65A-HYDRAULIC SAW	130.32
127501 11/04/2025	CHK	DAY	DAY WIRELESS SYSTEMS	MONTHLY BILLING-(40)RADIOS	2,261.95
127502 11/04/2025	CHK	DEPT 15	DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	UTILITY PERMIT FEMA - S25 TO S77	1,065.38
127503 11/04/2025	CHK	DON SMALL & S	DON SMALL & SONS OIL DIST	UNLEADED & DIESEL	2,379.16
127504 11/04/2025	CHK	GE SOFTWARE	GE SOFTWARE INC DBA EKOS	EKOS FUEL SITE MODULE	80.00
127505 11/04/2025	CHK	GENPAC	GENERAL PACIFIC INC	ELECTRIC NON INVENTORY PARTS	4,239.37
127506 11/04/2025	CHK	GEOSYNTEC	GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS, INC	UNION REGIONAL GW MODEL WORK PLAN	11,842.00
127507 11/04/2025	CHK	HDFOWL	HD FOWLER COMPANY	WATER INVENTORY PARTS-6" PIPE	4,296.21
127508 11/04/2025	CHK	HOODCA	HOOD CANAL COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET, IT SERVICES, & ALARM DIALER	15,436.45

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127509 11/04/2025				HAMMA RIDGE WATER-CONCRETE	56.44
127510 11/04/2025	CHK	NORTHWEST RO	NORTHWEST ROCK, INC	SHOP-ROCK	2,758.65
127511 11/04/2025	CHK	NWSS	NORTHWEST SAFETY SERVICE LLC	SAFETY TRAINING OCTOBER 16TH, 2025	1,136.25
127512 11/04/2025	CHK	PAPE KENWORT	PAPE KENWORTH	VEHICLE #76-FILTER	30.26
127513 11/04/2025	CHK	SPIKES	SPIKES HYDRAULICS & EQUIP	VEHICLE #79-HOSE & FITTINGS	248.96
127514 11/04/2025	CHK	VERIZO	VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY TABLETS & (4) CELLULAR CHARGES	522.52
127515 11/04/2025	CHK	34	WASHINGTON ALARM, INC	MONTHLY BILLING - SECURITY SYSTEM SHOP	218.73
127516 11/04/2025	CHK	WEST	WEST COAST MOBILE EQUIPMENT REP	VEHICLE #81-CHANGED OIL	5,839.01
127517 11/04/2025	CHK	NAPA AUTO PA	WESTBAY NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE #84-WIPERS & AIR FILTER	314.56
127518 11/05/2025	CHK	COLONI	COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	601.89
127519 11/05/2025	CHK	MAS 10	MASON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS	MANZANITA UTILITY PERMIT	828.75 VOID
127520 11/06/2025	CHK	MASON2	MASON COUNTY TREASURER	MANZANITA UTILITY PERMIT	828.75
127521 11/07/2025	CHK	AAA	AAA SEPTIC TANK PUMPING	Hamma Ridge Water - 413 N Hamma Ridge Dr	137.62
127522 11/07/2025	CHK	ANIXTER	ANIXTER INC	ELECTRIC NON INVENTORY PARTS	641.17
127523 11/07/2025	CHK	41	LISA CATES	TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	7.60
127524 11/07/2025	CHK	CRC	COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER, INC	SAFTER HOURS ANSWERING SERVICE	3,032.50
127525 11/07/2025	CHK	DOUBLE D	DOUBLE D ELECTRICAL, INC	INSTALL TRANSFER SWITCH-MANZANITA SUB	7,051.32
127526 11/07/2025	CHK	EXCELSIOR CLE	EXCELSIOR CLEANING	MONTHLY JANITORIAL SERVICES	1,282.50
127527 11/07/2025	CHK	FICS	FASTENAL COMPANY	SHOP SUPPLIES	1,402.74
127528 11/07/2025	CHK	FERRIER	JANIECE FERRIER	MO. REIMBURSEMENT-#51058600	950.35
127529 11/07/2025	CHK	GORDON TRUC	FREIGHTLINER NORTHWEST OLYMPIA	VEHICLE #65-SPRINGS & GAS CAP	383.25
127530 11/07/2025	CHK	GILLIARDI LOG	GILLIARDI LOGGING AND CONSTRUCT	SHOP-ROCK	388.37
127531 11/07/2025	CHK	GOLDSTREET	GOLDSTREET DESIGN AGENCY, INC.	WEBSITE HOSTING	60.00
127532 11/07/2025	CHK	GRAIN	GRAINGER	SHOP SUPPLIES	104.02
127533 11/07/2025	CHK	HANSON EXCAV	HANSON EXCAVATION LLC	ASPHALT PATCH ON SKOKOMISH RESERVATION	2,172.00
127534 11/07/2025	CHK	HOODSPORT AC	HOODSPORT ACE & LUMBER	AIR FILTERS FOR SHOP HEATERS	91.09

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127535 11/07/2025	СНК	L.G.	L. G. ISAACSON CO. INC.	SHOP TOOLS	150.36
127536 11/07/2025	CHK	LEMAY MOBILE	LEMAY MOBILE SHREDDING	(2) 65 GALLON SHRED	144.56
127537 11/07/2025	CHK	MASON CO GAR	MASON COUNTY GARBAGE	MONTHLY GARBAGE CHARGES	946.54
127538 11/07/2025	CHK	MASONWEBTV.	MASONWEBTV.COM	2026 PARTNER LEVEL BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP	1,440.00
127539 11/07/2025	CHK	MILSOFT UTILIT	MILSOFT UTILITY SOLUTIONS	NISC/CIS ANNUAL MILSOFT ENGINEERING	4,887.00
127540 11/07/2025	CHK	NICHOL	NICHOLSON DRILLING, INC.	VUECREST WELL REPLACEMENT	6,396.42
127541 11/07/2025	CHK	PAPE KENWORT	PAPE KENWORTH	VEHICLE #76-STEERING GEAR	4,241.12
127542 11/07/2025	CHK	PINNACLE	PINNACLE INVESTIGATIONS CORP	BACKGROUND CHECK-METER READER POSITION	52.26
127543 11/07/2025	CHK	PLATT ELECTRI	PLATT	ELECTRIC NON INVENTORY PARTS	1,026.72
127544 11/07/2025	CHK	POMP'S	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	VEHICLE #65-(10)NEW TIRES	5,589.88
127545 11/07/2025	CHK	RICOH USA	RICOH USA, INC.	RENT ON TWO MACHINES & ADDTIONAL CHARGES	514.77
127546 11/07/2025	CHK	JOHN 3	ROBERT W. JOHNSON	MONTHLY RETAINER FEES	4,506.25
127547 11/07/2025	CHK	SHEETZ, MIKE	MIKE SHEETZ	OCTOBER TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	820.74
127548 11/07/2025	CHK	SPECTRA LAB	SPECTRA LABORATORIES - KITSAP, LL	MONTHLY COLIFORM TESTING	16,119.40
127549 11/07/2025	CHK	STUART C IRBY	STUART C IRBY CO	ELECTRIC NON INVENTORY PART-AUTO SPLICES	3,448.05
127550 11/07/2025	CHK	STUSSER ELECT	STUSSER ELECTRIC COMPANY	(10)ELECTRIC METERS	3,457.90
127551 11/07/2025	CHK	TRACHTE	TRACHTE	MANZANITA SUBSTATION	39,088.40
127552 11/07/2025	CHK	UTILI1	UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	MONTHLY ELECTRIC LOCATES	185.00
127553 11/07/2025	CHK	WEST	WEST COAST MOBILE EQUIPMENT REF	P EQUIPMENT #110-INSTALLED HYDRAULIC HOSE	233.49
127554 11/07/2025	CHK	NAPA AUTO PA	WESTBAY NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	78.08
127555 11/07/2025	CHK	2	MARCI L DENVER	REFUND-NOT A PUD #1 UTILITY CUSTOMER	163.09
127556 11/07/2025	СНК	2	ELIZABETH LEENHOUTS	REIMBURSE 1/2 OF DOUBLE TREE & WOOD INV	1,139.25

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 Total Voids for Bank Account - 4:
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PARAMETERS ENTERED:

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Vendor: All
Check:
Journal: All

Format: Summary

Extended Reference: No

Sort By: Check/Transaction

Voids: Current

Payment Type: All **Group By Payment Type:** No

Minimum Amount: 0.00 Authorization Listing: No Credit Card Charges: No GENERAL LEDGER

TRANSACTION DETAIL

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Date	Journal Description	Actv BU Project	Mod Jrnl Reference	
			Code	
Account: 0 131.2 CASH-GENERAL FUND (DISTRICT)			Department: 0	
11/03/25	93556 Check Print	0	PL 2 PAYROLL	97,219.54

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PARAMETERS ENTERED:

Divsion: All

Accounts: 0 131.2

Department: All

Activity: All

Sort By: Div/Acct

Date Selection: Period

Period: NOV 2025 To NOV 2025

Module: PL

Journal Activity: All

Accounts With No Transactions: Yes

Extended Reference: No

Interface Detail: No

Group by Department: Yes

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Mason County Public Utility District No. 1

Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting October 28, 2025, Potlatch, Washington

Present: Visitors:

Ron Gold, President
Mike Sheetz, Vice President
Jack Janda, Board Secretary
Kristin Masteller, General Manager
Katie Arnold, District Treasurer
Brandy Milroy, Water Resource Manager
Rob Johnson, Legal Counsel

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 & Workshop October 14, 2025

Special Board Meeting October 24, 2025

Disbursements: Accounts Payable Wire \$ 77,681.10

Check Nos. 127414- 127466 \$ 837,780.47

Justin Baze

Payroll Wire \$ 100,824.85

Grand Total \$1,016,286.42

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

Business Agenda:

Claim for Damages- AGYC- Kristin presented a claim for damages from Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club. During the substation cutover, they sustained damage to their server and equipment in their clubhouse. Engineering and operations investigated the voltage reads from that night and the equipment at the AGYC property and did not find anything that would have caused the damage, nor was there any proof of negligence by the PUD that would have proximately caused the damage to the AGYC equipment. However, staff is recommending that the Board approve sending the claim to Federated insurance for their own investigation and adjudication.

Jack made a motion to submit AGYC's claim to Federated for investigation; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Claim for Damages- Hood Canal School- Kristin stated that this item needs to be moved to a future agenda because she did not receive the claim form prior to the board meeting.

Valley to Bourgault (S25-S77) Change Order No. 2– Jack made a motion to authorize Change Order No. 2 as presented; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.



Mason County Public Utility District No. 1

Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting October 28, 2025, Potlatch, Washington

Valley to Bourgault (S25-S77) Change Order No. 3– Jack made a motion to authorize Change Order No. 3 as presented; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Orchard Beach Water System Satellite Management Agreement– Jack made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute the SMA with Orchard Beach Community; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

2026 WPAG Consulting Services Agreement– Jack made a motion to authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement for Western Public Agency Group services in 2026; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

General Manager – Kristin reported that the Manzanita Substation outage to make the connection repairs will be tonight at 11:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. She is working on wrapping up the pole yard agreement with Tacoma Power and the grant contract with Ecology for that work. She also discussed an issue with CenturyLink regarding poles that she and Rob are working on.

District Treasurer – Katie gave a report on the exit conference with the state auditor's office.

Water Resource Manager – Brandy gave project updates on Hamma Ridge and Shadowood water systems and the Manzanita water storage project.

Legal –Rob attended the APPA legal conference this month.

Correspondence – Reviewed by the Board.

Board Reports

Mike – Attended the Energy Northwest member's forum last week.

Jack – Attended the Energy Northwest member's forum last week as well and announced that he retired from his position on the Energy Northwest executive committee but will continue to serve on their regular board of directors.

Ron – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

Adjournment: 1:39 p.m.

Ron Gold President	Mike Sheetz Vice President	lack landa Secretary

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Customer	Account	<u>Provider</u>	Sort Name	Total AR	Reason
202015	2895108	PUDEL	NELSON KERI	\$ 813.67	House Fire
208384	12382805	PUDEL	ROYALTY BILLIARDS	\$ 1,007.28	Business Sold
203069	12819301	PUDEL	CARL JASMINE	\$ 92.67	Moved
205366	20006702	PUDEL	ROISUM TIM	\$ 642.52	Moved
205366	20006702	PUDWA	ROISUM TIM	\$ 114.65	Moved
208118	20054008	PUDEL	STANLEY CRYSTAL A	\$ 110.94	Moved
202932	20196802	PUDEL	CARDOZA MARISHA	\$ 104.05	Moved
442	2934800	PUDEL	ESTATE OF BILL PURTLE	\$ 112.40	Moved
207601	20201001	PUDWA	YATES KYM	\$ 108.05	Moved
205887	20221802	PUDWA	CHEATHAM JAIME	\$ 141.33	Moved
207640	20272403	PUDWA	HURON META	\$ 228.48	DNP Cutoff
207727	20280302	PUDWA	HOWRY MELLYDEE	\$ 107.54	Moved
			Normal proposed to go to collections	\$ 3,583.58	
206800	7197704	PUDEL	SCOTT HERIGSTAD	\$ 3,153.26	Tamper
			Total Tampering proposed to go to collections	\$ 3,153.26	
1775	101600	PUDEL	CORREA ROY J	\$ 287.52	Deceased
2986	1133800	PUDEL	BYRD JAMES JR	\$ 703.97	Deceased
205668	5143303	PUDEL	GILBERT GLENN	\$ 1,661.55	Deceased
11151	10726804	PUDEL	FLOBERG SUZANNE	\$ 619.56	Deceased
			Total Deceased to Write Off	\$ 3,272.60	

12 PUDEL

5 PUDWA

17 TOTAL

1 DNP Cutoff

9 Moved

1 Business Sold

1 House Fire

1 Tamper

4 Deceased

17 Total

\$ 3,583.58

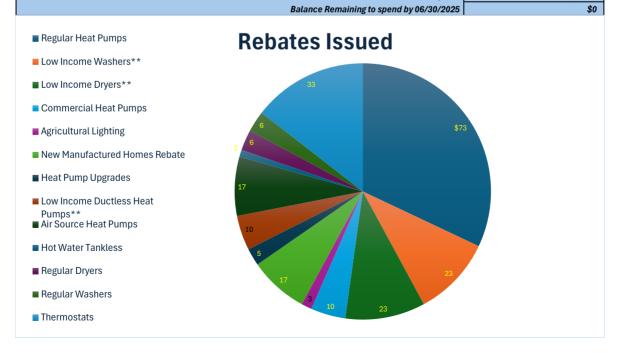
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\$ 3,272.60

\$ 10,009.44

Category	Rebates Issued	Total \$ Value
Regular Heat Pumps	\$73	\$ 58,400.00
Low Income Washers**	23	\$ 18,400.00
Low Income Dryers**	23	\$ 18,400.00
Commercial Heat Pumps	10	\$ 9,000.00
Agricultural Lighting	3	\$10,739.40
New Manufactured Homes Rebate	17	\$20,400
Heat Pump Upgrades	5	\$ 1,000.00
Low Income Ductless Heat Pumps**	10	\$60,000
Air Source Heat Pumps	17	\$20,400
Hot Water Tankless	2	\$1,800
Regular Dryers	6	\$300
Regular Washers	6	\$210
Thermostats	33	\$4,620
Customer Appreiciation BBQ		\$5,000
Total Rebates Issued		\$ 228,669.40
2025 Rebates in the Queue		\$ -
Balance Remaining to spend by 09/30/2025	\$ -	

**Not including Low Income Heat Pump and Appliance Grant	\$ -
BPA GRANT ENDS 06/30/2025	Budget
BPA LIGHTING GRANT for Brinnon School & Skokomish Tribe	\$ 58,288.00
Less Lighting Projects in the Queue	\$ 58,288.00
Balance Remaining to spend by 06/30/2025	\$ -
BPA LOW INCOME HEAT PUMP / APPLIANCE GRANT	\$ 121,960.00
Less Rebates in Queue	\$ 121,960.00



PUD1 – Executive Summary – September 2025

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

• Work in Progress:

- o Grant Applications Ongoing
- CEIP 2026-2029
- o 2026 Budget

• Completed Projects:

- o 2025 Fuel Mix
- o 2024 Financial, Accountability, and Federal Single Audit
- o 2024 Annual Report (Due 05/30/25)
- o 2025 Budget
- o 2024 Privilege Tax Return (Due 02/25/25)
- o 2024 Form 7 (Due March 31, 2025)
- o 2022 / 2023 Accountability Audit
- o 2024 EIA Report (Due 04/30/25)
- o Pole Attachment Rate Update

Financial Highlights:

- Revenue Gross Revenue was \$1,072,894 the month of September 2025.
- Expenditures –Gross expenditures were \$998, 806.51 for the month of September 2025.
- As of September, the PUD has \$1,020,605 grant reimbursements outstanding for ongoing projects, which is an equivalent of about 35 days of our cash on hand.

Financial Metrics as Compared with Prior Year:	September 2025	September 2024
Total General Cash and Investments	\$855,399	\$1,087,351
Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)	1.46 to 1	1.89 to 1
Debt Service Coverage (O&M/ Debt Service)	3.34	3.62
Long-Term Debt to Net Plant	20%	24%
Total Debt to Equity Ratio (Total Liabilities/Total Equity)	36%	35%
Long Term Debt to Equity Ratio (Long Term Debt / Total Equity)	25%	29%
Times Interest Earned Ratio (Earnings before Interest & Taxes/Total Interest)	5.95	6.07
Cash on Hand	35 Days (General)	43 Days (General)
(Total Available Cash/Average Daily Costs)	145 Days (All Funds)	165 Days (All Funds)



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

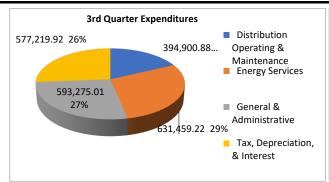
	<u>Electric</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 769,465.54	\$ 302,446.71	\$ 982.07	\$ 1,072,894.32
Budgeted	\$ 805,214.67	\$ 282,438.33	\$ 1,018.00	\$ 1,088,671.00
Difference (-/+)	\$ (35,749.13)	\$ 20,008.38	\$ (35.93)	\$ (15,776.68)
% of Budget	96%	107%	96%	99%
Total Expenditures	\$ 763,893.87	\$ 233,357.36	\$ 1,555.28	\$ 998,806.51
Budgeted	\$ 848,258.00	\$ 233,207.48	\$ 1,450.81	\$ 1,082,916.29
Difference (-/+)	\$ (84,364.13)	\$ 149.88	\$ 104.47	\$ (84,109.78)
% of Budget	90%	100%	107%	92%
Net Operating Margins	\$ 5,571.67	\$ 69,089.35	\$ (573.21)	\$ 74,087.81
Budgeted	\$ (43,043.33)	\$ 49,230.85	\$ (432.81)	\$ 5,754.71
Difference (-/+)	\$ 48,615.00	\$ 19,858.50	\$ (140.40)	\$ 68,333.10
% of Budget	-13%	140%	132%	1287%

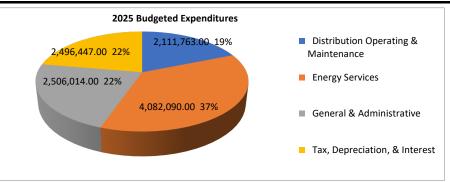
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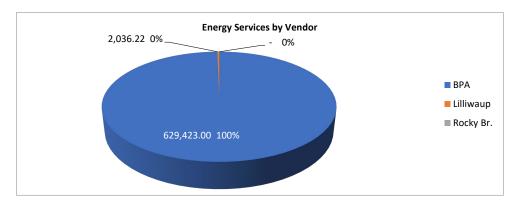
Status of Budget
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ELECTRIC DIVISION

	3rd Quarter 2025	3rd Quarter Budget	% of 3rd Qtr Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget	% of Annual Budget
Revenue	2,393,095.18	2,351,208.01	102%	9,012,530.33	11,679,446.00	77%
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Distribution Operating & Maintenance	394,900.88	495,105.06	80%	1,193,236.61	2,111,763.00	57%
Energy Services	631,459.22	689,114.00	92%	2,622,564.39	4,082,090.00	64%
General & Administrative	593,275.01	767,822.14	77%	2,028,545.98	2,506,014.00	81%
Tax, Depreciation, & Interest	577,219.92	595,945.55	97%	1,829,428.11	2,496,447.00	73%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,196,855.03	\$ 2,547,986.75	86%	7,673,775.09	\$ 11,196,314.00	69%
NET OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 196,240.15	\$ (196,778.74)	-100%	1,338,755.24	\$ 483,132.00	277%





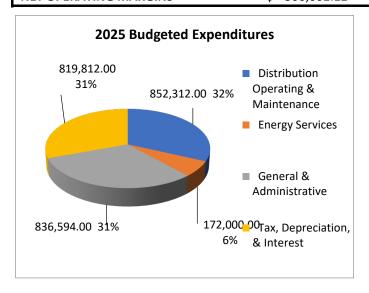


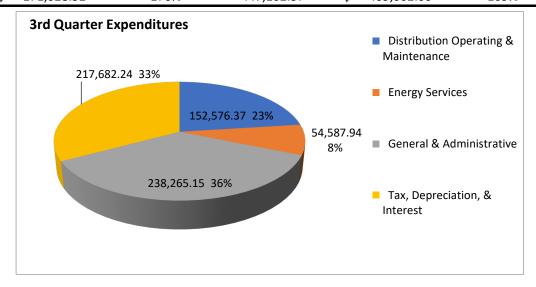
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WATER DIVISION

	3rd Quarter 2025	d Quarter Budget	% of 3rd Qtr Budget	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget	% of Annual Budget
Revenue	963,773.82	877,314.99	110%	2,362,011.11	3,089,780.00	76%
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Distribution Operating & Maintenance	152,576.37	214,764.73	71%	530,709.19	852,312.00	62%
Energy Services	54,587.94	46,000.00	119%	134,650.13	172,000.00	78%
General & Administrative	238,265.15	234,397.52	102%	617,236.74	836,594.00	74%
Tax, Depreciation, & Interest	217,682.24	211,124.22	103%	632,312.68	819,812.00	77%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 663,111.70	\$ 706,286.47	94%	1,914,908.74	\$ 2,680,718.00	71%
NET OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 300,662.12	\$ 171,028.52	176%	447,102.37	\$ 409,062.00	109%



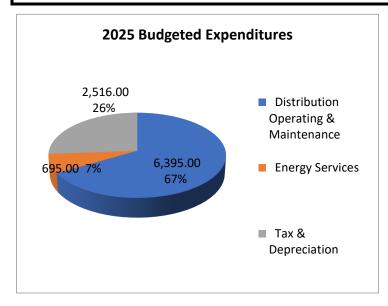


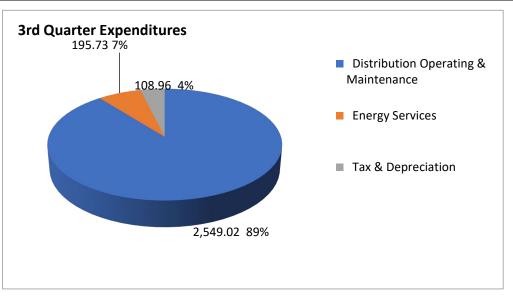
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SEWER DIVISION

	3rd Quarto 2025		Quarter dget	% of 3rd Qtr Budget	2025 Ad	ctuals	2025 Budget	% of Annual Budget
Revenue	2,950.2	27 3,	054.00	97%	9,06	55.10	12,399.00	73%
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Distribution Operating & Maintenance	2,549.0)2 2,	121.44	120%	5,10	0.36	6,395.00	80%
Energy Services	195.	73	201.00	97%	56	51.36	695.00	81%
Tax & Depreciation	108.9	06	114.00	96%	33	37.83	2,516.00	13%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,853.7	'1 \$ 2,	436.44	117%	\$ 5,99	9.55	\$ 9,606.00	62%
NET OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 96.5	66 \$	617.56	16%	\$ 3,06	55.55	\$ 2,793.00	110%







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PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT

CHANGE ORDER FORM

NO. <u>01</u>

The following changes are hereby incorporated into this Contract:

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Α.	Descri	ption	ot (Change:

Additional concrete needed for pads.

B. Contract Price Adjustment:

As a result of this Change Order, the total Contract shall be **increased**/decreased by the sum of \$4,000.00, 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 \$109,143.00, including sales tax.

C.	Time of Completion:				
	The time of completion shall be increased/decrease date shall be	d by calendar days. The revised completion			
D.	. Except as specifically provided herein, all other Contract terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.				
<u>co</u>	<u>NTRACTOR</u>	PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MASON COUNTY			
Coı	mpany: <u>Hanson Excavation</u>				
	mpany: <u>Hanson Excavation</u> cepted by:	Accepted by:			
Acc		Accepted by: Title: General Manager			

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.: 1585

Estimate date: 10/30/2025

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		Concrete Work	Additional concrete slab work for Generators Price is for Both Concrete pads/prep work.	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
			Subtotal			\$4,000.00
			Sales tax			\$344.00
			Total		\$	34,344.00

Accepted date

Accepted by



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PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT

CHANGE ORDER FORM

NO. 02

The following changes are hereby incorporated into this Contract:

A. <u>Description of Change:</u>

Additional paving required all along W Arrowhead Dr.

B. Contract Price Adjustment:

As a result of this Change Order, the total Contract shall be **increased**/decreased by the sum of \$82,791.95, 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 \$1,670,562.16, including sales tax.

C.	Time of Completion:	
	The time of completion shall be increased/decreased date shall be	d by calendar days. The revised completion
D.	Except as specifically provided herein, all other Cont	ract terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.
<u>co</u>	NTRACTOR	PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MASON COUNTY
Со	mpany: <u>Rognlin's, Inc.</u>	
Ac	cepted by:	Accepted by:
Titl	e:	Title: General Manager
Da	te:	Date:



321 West State Street P.O. Box 307 Aberdeen, WA. 98520 Phone (360) 532-5220 Fax (360) 532-5761

Mason County PUD NO. 1 Lake Arrowhead Water Main Replacement COP #02

	Asphalt Patching	
Labor Superintendent Laborer/Flaggers Operator Engineer Truck Driver	Base Hourly Wage Rate 50 Hrs. @ \$92.52 200 Hrs. @ \$69.97 50 Hrs. @ \$91.48 50 Hrs. @ \$91.48 Labor Subtotal Overhead and Profit on Labor @ 15% Labor Total	\$4,626.00 \$13,994.00 \$4,574.00 \$4,574.00 \$27,768.00 \$4,165.20 \$31,933.20
Equipment		
Hitachi 85 Excavator KW Solo Dump Truck	50 Hrs. @ \$55.00 60 Hrs. @ \$60.00 0 Hrs. @ \$60.00 0 Hrs. @ \$0.00 0 Hrs. @ \$0.00 0 Hrs. @ \$0.00	\$2,750.00 \$3,600.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00
	Equipment Subtotal Overhead and Profit on Equipment @ 15% Equipment Total	\$6,350.00 \$952.50 \$7,302.50
Materials_		***************************************
Dump Fees	Materials Subtotal Overhead and Profit on Materials @ 15% Material Total	\$500.00 \$0.00 \$500.00 \$75.00 \$575.00
Special Svcs.		
	Special Services Subtotal Overhead and Profit on Special Services @ 15% Special Services Total	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00
Subcontractors		
Lakeside Industries	Subcontractor Subtotal Overhead and Profit on Subcontractors Work @ 15% Subcontractor Total	\$37,375.00 \$37,375.00 \$5,606.25 \$42,981.25
	COP Total	\$82,791.95

Time Extension Requested: 5 Day

Owner Approval:	
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Contractor Approval:	



Aberdeen Division

lakesideindustries.com 2400 Sargent Blvd. / Aberdeen, WA 98520 ph: 360.533.0610 / fax: 360.533.1772

Washington Contractor License No. LAKESI*274JD Oregon Contractor License No. CCB 108542 Equal Opportunity Employer

PROPOSAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT

To:	Rognlin's, Inc.	Contact:	Nick Rognlin
Address:	PO Box 307	Phone:	(360) 532-5220
	Aberdeen, WA 98520	Fax:	
Project Name:	Lake Arrowhead Trench Patching	Bid Number:	
Project Location:	Arrowhead Drive, Elma, WA	Bid Date:	11/3/2025

 Item #
 Item Description
 Estimated Quantity Unit
 Unit Price
 Total Price

 001
 PAVING ONLY:
 115.00 TON
 \$325.00
 \$37,375.00

 Furnish And Install Hot Mix Acade It Patching
 115.00 TON
 \$325.00
 \$37,375.00

Furnish And Install Hot Mix Asphalt Patching 3,160' X 2' @ 3" Depth

Total Bid Price: \$37,375.00

Notes:

- Price Excludes: Location and/or Adjustment; Traffic Control; Rock or Grading; Insurance Premium over Standard Insurance; Base Repair; Grinding; Bond; Testing; Sawcutting; Striping.
- Subgrades must be firm and unyielding.
- Performance Bond not included in bid price. If required please add 1% to total cost of bid.
- Bid based on approved contract; This proposal & Lakeside Provisions to be a part of all contract documents.
- Lakeside Industries is not responsible for designed cross slopes of less than 1% that hold water after paving is complete.
- · Price based on current petroleum cost. Price escalation to be linked to the WSDOT/ODOT asphalt binder index.
- Unless Contracting Party has signed and returned this Agreement with in thirty (30) days of the date first stated above, LAKESIDE INDUSTRIES' proposal shall be null and void.
- CONTRACTING PARTY'S SIGNATURE ON ONE COPY RETURNED TO LAKESIDE INDUSTRIES INC. WILL RENDER THIS A LEGAL CONTRACT FOR
 THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ABOVE WORK. CONTRACTING PARTY'S SIGNATURE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF LAKESIDE INDUSTRIES
 INC. NOTICE TO CUSTOMER' STATEMENT ATTACHED HERETO.
- Approximate Total (Plus sales tax where applicable) Total price to be based on actual quantity or measured unless otherwise specified.

ACCEPTED:	CONFIRMED:
The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted.	Lakeside Industries - Aberdeen
Buyer:	
Signature:	Authorized Signature:
Date of Acceptance:	Estimator: John Ross
	(360) 533-0610 John.Ross@lakesideindustries.com



OF MASON COUNTY N. 21971 Hwy. 101 Shelton, Washington 98584

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

November 4, 2025

Hon. Nick Brown Attorney General Office of the Attorney General 1125 Washington Street SE P.O. Box 40100 Olympia, WA 98504-0100

RE: Comments on Proposed Updates to the Public Records Act Model Rules (WAC 44-14)

Dear Attorney General Brown,

On behalf of Mason County PUD No. 1, which serves 9,000 utility customers in Mason County, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed updates to the Public Records Act (PRA) Model Rules. As a public water, wastewater, electric and telecom provider, we fully support the goals of transparency, accountability, and public trust that underpin the PRA.

However, several elements of the proposed rule revisions could unintentionally create a significant administrative and financial burden for our PUD, which only has 25 employees. These added requirements as proposed could divert scarce manpower away from essential utility operations and customer service functions that directly benefit ratepayers. Additionally, we believe these costs place a disproportionate burden on low-income customers and conflict with the State's ongoing efforts to reduce affordability challenges for essential utility services.

Maintain Practicality and Proportionality

Many small utilities manage multiple responsibilities such as billing, budgeting, customer service, and board support. As the General Manager, I also am the designated Public Records Officer as well as communications manager, grant writer, project manager and several other hats that small utility managers wear every day. We do not even have an executive assistant or support staff that can be tasked with handling public records requests.

The model rules must reflect this diversity and ensure that compliance expectations remain scalable to agency capacity. Encouraging "best practices" is appropriate, but rigid expectations such as "one-day fulfillment" or "sufficient staffing" risk becoming de facto mandates that small agencies cannot meet. Similarly, any implication that agencies should maintain centralized, enterprise-wide electronic records systems is concerning. These systems can be expensive to acquire, operate, and maintain, and many small districts like Mason PUD 1 lack both the staff and the technical capacity to implement such systems. A one-size-fits-all approach would place small agencies at a serious disadvantage, diverting ratepayer funds from essential infrastructure and operations.



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Avoid Unrealistic or Ambiguous Timelines

We recommend replacing language implying a one-day response or "time-is-of-the-essence" standards with clear, achievable expectations consistent with RCW 42.56.520. Districts already acknowledge requests within five business days and strive for prompt fulfillment. Indeed, most of our public records requests that we receive are easy to produce within a day. However, some are not and leaving subjective language for personal interpretation will lead to expensive and time-consuming litigation. A prescriptive timeline would reduce efficiency and increase legal exposure without measurably improving transparency. Moreover, proposed language regarding "urgent" or "time-sensitive" requests appears inconsistent with RCW 42.56.080(2), which prohibits agencies from requiring requesters to disclose the purpose of a request. Again, the proposed language puts our PUD at odds with the statute and puts us in a precarious position to be unsuccessful, despite our stellar record of responsiveness.

Preserve Privacy and Third-Party Notification Protections

The ability to provide notice when a disclosure may affect private or proprietary information remains a critical due-process safeguard. Under RCW 42.56.270, certain financial, commercial, and proprietary information is exempt from disclosure, as is specific employee information protected under ESHB 1533 (amending RCW 42.56.250). While we support discouraging unnecessary notices, the rule should not narrow this discretion or undermine statutory privacy protections. Those protections, especially for critical infrastructure and public employees' safety and privacy, were implemented for good reason and should be protected.

Support Compliance Through Training, Not Enforcement

The updates should remain advisory, consistent with RCW 42.56.570. Rather than establishing new grounds for litigation, the Attorney General's Office can most effectively improve transparency by offering model forms, checklists, and training resources for small agencies like ours to implement. These tools help agencies achieve uniform compliance without new unfunded mandates. We encourage collaboration with the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC), the State Auditor's Office, and local government associations to develop accessible guidance and implementation materials.

Recognize Fiscal and Operational Realities

Public records compliance competes with essential utility functions that protect public health, safety, and environmental quality. New administrative expectations, especially those implying additional staffing or technology investments, should include fiscal-impact analysis and realistic phase-in schedules to avoid diverting limited ratepayer funds from infrastructure needs. Agencies must also retain the flexibility to close inactive or abandoned requests after a reasonable period, such as 30 days, to manage workloads efficiently.

Our governing board passed a resolution in 2015 and a policy in 2019 outlining the undue burdens where exemptions are allowed under RCW 42.56.070(3) and RCW 42.56.100, limiting staff time to respond to public records to 20 hour per month, due to our small size and multiple job duties assigned to our staff. To hire a full-time public records manager would amount to a significant rate increase to our water and electric customers to support the new employee salary and benefits to the tune of 5% for our water customers and 2% for our power customers, on top of existing rate increases for operational needs.



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Clarify that the Model Rules Are Guidance, Not Mandates

Many districts, like Mason PUD 1, already follow the 2018 Model Rules and MRSC best practices. The AGO should affirm that agencies acting in good faith continue to be protected under RCW 42.56.060, and that the revised model rules are interpretive guidance intended to promote consistent, not compulsory, practices. This clarity will prevent confusion and avoid unnecessary litigation over nonbinding guidance.

Conclusion

Mason County PUD No. 1 strongly supports the principles of open government and the responsible administration of the Public Records Act. We respectfully urge the AGO to finalize rules that are flexible, scalable, and supportive of small-agency realities, balancing transparency with operational practicality. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with AGO staff and partner organizations to develop training and implementation materials that advance these shared goals.

Sincerely,

Kristin Masteller General Manager

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NEWS PINPOINT WEATHER STREAM NOW KIRO 7 INVESTIGATES SPORTS GETS REAL KIRO 7 CARES STEALS & DEALS



VIDEO: Recovering from weekend wind damage





Storm damage in Mason County

EPAC (Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee) By Heather Boone, member



This month EPAC introduces Kristin Masteller, the General Manager & Chief Administrative Officer of the PUD. She oversees all the operations of the district and reports to the Board of Commissioners. Kristin has worked at PUD since 2011 and will reach her 15th anniversary in early 2026. She has been the General Manager of PUD since 2018.

Kristin has her master's degree in Public Administration. Before coming to the PUD she had nearly 20 years of public sector administration starting at a small rural public hospital district in Grays Harbor County. PUD 1 has afforded her the opportunity to learn about this complex and changing industry and shape the future of public power in the Pacific Northwest through her work on the Washington PUD Association and Public Power Council executive committees. She has also served in many other industry leadership roles over the years. Kristin is passionate about providing quality public services to rural communities. The thing she likes best about working for Mason PUD 1 is the people. She credits them as being the most efficient team she has ever worked with in her nearly 15 years at PUD. Everyone works very hard and wears a lot of hats. They look for efficiencies and go above and beyond for their customers. She likes working with good public servants and the community on the Hood Canal. The customers are very supportive of their PUD and the staff that keep it running.

PUD 1 has been in business since they were incorporated in 1934, as the first public utility district in Washington State. They started electric operations in February of 1935 and water operations (Union Water Systems) in the 1940's. They have been the electric service

provider for the Alderbrook development since its inception. The AGYC water system was transferred to the PUD in 2001. In recent years, the PUD team has partnered with AGYC's General Manager and Hood Canal Communications to coordinate utility work in partnership with AGYC road paving, installing thousands of feet of new water line as well as provisions for future power line upgrades. Additionally, they coordinate with AGYC and Alderbrook Resort on major infrastructure projects, such as the Manzanita Substation as well as the water storage facilities that are being constructed next to the substation. These resources will serve AGYC and the Union area for the next 50+ years.



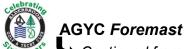
The PUD crew are highly trained and skilled. In

addition to on-the-job training, the line workers undergo a three-year Washington State and IBEW union approved apprenticeship program before taking their journeyman's test. (This includes two years of coursework at Grays Harbor College on weekends, as well as a specific number of hours in different disciplines of their work to ensure proficiency in the different core competencies of line work). Water technicians go through a similar process through the Washington State Department of Health and Evergreen Rural Water Association to become Water Distribution Managers. (PUD has several WDMs in different levels of mastery (Levels 1-5) who also are certified wastewater operators, certified backflow installers and testers, cross connection control specialists, amongst other ongoing education and certifications and competencies). They must be compliant with state regulations for drinking water. PUD employees are highly trained and continue their education annually through utility industry conferences, specialized trainings, and recertifications (continuing education credits). These jobs are inherently dangerous working with live electricity, inside trenches, and along busy highways.



As part of their preparation for emergencies, including natural disasters, PUD has their own Emergency Response Plan and participates in Mason

County's Hazard Mitigation planning and Department of Emergency Management planning meetings. They are in regular contact with Chief Volk at Fire District #6. The PUD's role in emergencies or natural disasters is to get basic essential utility services back online as safely and quickly as possible. Other first responders need PUD to respond so they can do their jobs. This includes removal of downed power lines from roadways and making sure the water systems are repaired and the water is tested and/or treated so it's safe to consume as soon as possible. They have also been focusing on installing backup generators on our water systems to ensure that fire suppression is available if the power goes out in Mason County. They also participate in monthly emergency management meetings and incident command meetings, where appropriate. They have established good relationships with both Mason County leadership, emergency management staff and Washington State's Department of Emergency Management to access FEMA assistance.



Continued from previous page PUD's message for their customers

is to be prepared. We will need to be self-sufficient, particularly in rural areas for some period of time. Even the best laid plans can't mitigate for landslides, miles of downed trees or massive

earthquakes that damage water infrastructure. This is the time to prepare your "Go Bag" and plan where you will go out of harms way. If conditions prevent evacuation, have sufficient water, food, medications, etc. (EPAC suggests visiting ready.gov, mcfd6.com, dna.wa.gov, for more detailed preparedness information). Kristin has been heartened to see the interest and coordination in the communities along the Hood Canal emphasizing the importance of planning,

local self-reliance, offering assistance to each other on community social media pages, and taking care of their neighbors. These are going to be the keys to success when the next big disaster hits our region.

To stay updated on outages follow PUD's social media pages. Facebook and X are updated in real time during outages. (If you don't have a Facebook account you should still be able to access PUD's page). During large events, where thousands of people are out of service or outages last multiple days, PUD will open an emergency outage center phone line staffed 24/7. You can also check PUD's website at: www.mason-pud1.org. Anyone who does not have a smart phone should plan to periodically call a friend or neighbor who is able to monitor PUD's feeds.

