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August 21, 2025

From: General Manager, John Weidenfeller

To: PUD Commissioners

Subject: Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements Per RCW 39.04.280(2)(b)
Valve Failure at Pattison 500 Water System on Yelm Highway

Commissioners:

In accordance with RCW39.04.280(2)(b), I declare that an emergency exists and have waived the small works roster competitive bidding requirements.

Authorization to award and expedite necessary contracts on behalf of PUD No. 1 of Thurston County to address this public works emergency is approved. The emergency action and waiver of the competitive bidding requirements are necessary.

On Wednesday, August 20, 2025, an essential valve that manages the control of water between the Chestnut Hill Reservoirs, and the Christmas Tree well and Casebolt well serving residential customers failed. There were two other valve related water failures for customers on this water system. Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the PUD this system failure presents an immediate threat to the performance of the essential functions of the water system. The valve is essential infrastructure for proper performance of a water system serving a population of over 3,300.

This is the written finding required by the applicable RCW of the existence of an emergency. This written finding is brought to notify the Commission and the public at the next available public meeting. This finding is duly entered of record no later than two weeks following the award of the contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Weidenfeller".

John Weidenfeller
General Manager