

Commissioners

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November 16, 2021

From: General Manager

To: PUD Commissioners

Subject: Hawk Acres Water System Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements Per RCW 39.04.280(2)(b)

In accordance with RCW 39.04.280(2)(b) I declared an emergency exists and waived the small works roster competitive bidding requirements.

On Monday, November 15, 2021 there was a large windstorm. During this storm, a tree on the at our pumphouse site was blown over onto the Puget Sound Energy power lines. This was discovered the morning on November 16th. The pole bent over the District's 2" metal power mast attached to the well house causing the 3-phase power to touch the ground causing a very dangerous situation. In order to address this emergency, and get an electrical contractor on site as soon as possible, and resolve this dangerous safety risk to the community, I declared an emergency waiver of competitive bidding.

Authorization to award and expedite necessary contracts on behalf of PUD No. 1 of Thurston County to address this emergency was approved. The emergency action and waiver of the competitive bidding requirements are necessary. This emergency constitutes an unforeseen circumstance beyond the control of the District that present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions that could likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken.

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