

Re: Call for Applicants for to fill a PUD Commission (District No. 1) Commissioner Position

The Commissioners of Public Utility District No 1 of Thurston County (Thurston PUD) are soliciting applications for an expected future Thurston PUD commissioner vacancy representing District No. 1 (see link to map below for District No. 1 boundaries). Anyone that wishes to be considered for the Commissioner District 1 Commissioner position appointment must live within the Thurston PUD District 1 boundaries and meet all other Thurston County Auditor requirements for an elected official that would run for this position. Thurston PUD is a public utility district officially formed in 1938 by a vote of the people, which currently owns and operates 271 water systems, serving families, businesses, schools, and parks. Thurston PUD provides water planning and utility services to the citizens of Thurston County and in some select nearby counties.

A map identifying the Thurston PUD district boundaries can be found at:

[auditor countywide public utility districts.pdf](#)

Commissioner Position Description – An Interim Appointed PUD Commissioner operates under the authority and duties established by Title 54 of the Revised Code of Washington. The primary duties of a Commissioner are to establish and oversee policy for the PUD, adopt by resolution the rules governing the transaction of District business, pass an annual budget, approve utility rates, bonds and other financing such as Public Works Trust Fund loans and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans, and to appoint and remove the General Manager. The Commissioner may be actively involved in attending various meetings with organizations like the Washington PUD Association, Thurston Regional Planning Council, water basin technical water quality groups, or water resource inventory groups. If you are a registered voter within District No. 1 interested in becoming a PUD Commissioner, then Thurston PUD would like to hear from you.

The tentative timeline for recruiting for the position, for submitting applications and for appointing the position is outlined below. Within the next couple of weeks, or no later than August 5, the PUD will post an application form that is approved by the PUD Commissioners. Applicants who express an interest in the position will be informed when the application will be available and of any changes to the timeline and process. The tentative timeline set by the Commissioners to review, interview, and fill the Commissioner District 1 position is below:

1. On **August 5**, at the PUD Commission meeting, as required by law, after the vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the Board must nominate one or more candidates at a meeting of the governing body, RCW 42.12.080(1).
2. The Commissioners must cause notice of the vacancy and the name of the nominated candidate(s) (can be one or more than one) to be posted in at least three public places within the District (and on its website) for at least fifteen days, RCW 42.12.080(1). During this period, registered voters within the District can submit nominations. RCW 42.12.080(1).
3. An application form will be posted on the PUD's front web page **no later than August 5** and applications will be due back to the PUD's General Manager and must be received by mail or dropped off by **no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 21 to be considered for the appointment.**

4. The Commissioners will review the applications and select the applicants they want to interview and determine the interview process at their meeting on **August 26**.
5. Applicants selected by the PUD Commissioners to interview will be notified after the August 26 meeting.
6. At a Commission meeting that will begin at **5:00 p.m. on September 2**, at the District's Office at 1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, WA 98503, the Commissioners will interview the applicants for the position and select the new Commissioner.

If you are interested in being considered for the position, a letter of interest should be submitted by email to jweidenfeller@thurstonpud.org on or before July 15, 2025. Please include in your letter of interest the following:

1. A statement of interest and general qualifications for the position.
2. Your contact information, confirmation of your permanent address, and statement indicating you are a registered voter.
3. Your Resume.

Please note that once you provide these materials, they are considered a public record and subject to public release. If you have any questions, please contact John Weidenfeller at jweidenfeller@thurstonpud.org or call him at (360) 763-5838.