

Commissioners

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October 27, 2025

From: General Manager, John Weidenfeller
To: PUD Commissioners

Subject: Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements Per RCW 39.04.280 (2)(b) –
Emergency Backup Generator System Repairs

Commissioners:

In accordance with RCW 39.04.280 (2)(b and c), I declare that an emergency exists and have waived the competitive bidding requirements in accordance with the provisions of this RCW.

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

On Sunday, October 27, 2025, Thurston and Pierce Counties experienced extensive and complex storm damage. Three of the District's backup automatic generators failed to run, leaving customers without water for more than 10 hours. Tacoma Diesel has been hired to complete the maintenance and repairs of all generators needing to provide water during emergency services as we start the stormy season for 2025.

Failure of the backup emergency generators on the Hawk Acres water system, serving 136 homes, the Ridgewood water system, serving 71 homes, and the Tahoma Meadows water system, serving 40 homes, were the result of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the District. This presented a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of the essential functions of the water systems leaving 247 families without access to safe drinking water and water necessary for proper health and sanitation.

This is the written finding of the existence of an emergency as required by the applicable RCW. 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