

Commissioners

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January 4, 2022

From: General Manager
To: PUD Commissioners

Subject: Walczak 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, January 3, 2021 at approximately 4:50 p.m., the Walczak water system was out of water due to the failure the PUD's power meter base. A licensed contractor needs to be hired to replace the failed asset. A generator was turned on to provide commercial power for the water system customers, however the propane supply is very limited and will last only a day or so. A propane tanker cannot make it to the water system site to refill the propane tank due to the heavy snow in the area. An electrical contractor, Reliable Electric, has restructured their workload to assist the District in resolving this critical issue.

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.

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