#### Commissioners

Vacant – District 1 Russell E. Olsen – District 2 Chris Stearns – District 3



Providing safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable service.

# SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE THURSTON PUD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County (Thurston PUD) will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026 Rates, Fees, Charges, Surcharges, and Ad Valorem Assessment, to discuss District operations, and to take action on the items planned for the second Commission meeting of the month. Please review the attached agenda for additional details.

This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, and the public is encouraged to participate via the options listed below.

In-Person: Public Meeting Room

PUD Headquarters 1230 Ruddell Road SE Lacey, WA 98503

By Zoom: Webinar ID: 970 3278 6949

To join by personal device, visit <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97032786949">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97032786949</a>
To join by telephone (audio only), dial (253) 215-8782 or (253) 205-0468

Posted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

Kurin Miller, Clerk to the Board

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## AGENDA THURSTON PUD

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Special Meeting – September 30, 2025 (Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.)

Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting in person at PUD Headquarters (1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, WA 98503) or virtually via the Zoom video-conferencing platform. To join the meeting virtually, please visit <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97032786949">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97032786949</a>. To listen to the meeting (audio only), please dial (253) 215-8782 or (253) 205-0468 and enter Webinar ID 970 3278 6949.

**Call to Order:** President Christopher Stearns

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Approval of Agenda: President Christopher Stearns

Consent Calendar: Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2025, September 9, 2025

Prequalification of Contractors:

1) Fuller Designs & Engineering, Inc.

2) Asphalt Patch Systems, Inc.

Correspondence: None Voucher Approval:

1) Accounts Payables: September 10, 2025, September 17, 2025, September 24, 2025

2) Payroll: September 19, 2025

Other:

1) Resolution 25-29, Authorization for GM and DFO to Keep PUD Clothing Upon Separation

2) Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements, September 11, 2025 – Skookumchuck 612

**Approval of Consent Calendar:** President Christopher Stearns

**Public Comments:** On All Matters **Except** the 2026 Proposed Budgets, Rates, Fees, Charges, Surcharges, and 2026 Proposed Ad Valorem Assessment

#### **Consideration of Appointments:**

Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) Member Application – Art Starry Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) Member Application – Samantha Smithingell

Presentation: 2026 Proposed Budgets, Rates, Fees, Charges, Surcharges and 2026 Proposed Ad Valorem Assessment (Finance Director, TaSeana Tartt)

Open Public Hearing and Public Testimony: President Christopher Stearns

Public Hearing: Proposed 2026 Budgets, Rates, Fees, Charges, Surcharges, and Ad Valorum Assessment

Close Public Hearing: President Christopher Stearns

#### Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Discussion - DWSRF PFAS Contracts Interest Payments

**Note:** Thurston PUD provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. We invite any person with specific needs to contact PUD staff at (866) 357-8783 at least 24 hours before a meeting to discuss any special accommodations.

#### Action/Approval Item(s):

Resolution 25-24, Proposed 2026 Operating Budgets Resolution 25-25, Proposed 2026 Capital Budget

Resolution 25-26, Proposed 2026 Rates, Fees, Charges, and Surcharges

**Presentations:** 

GM, AGM, DFO, & DPC Reports: John Weidenfeller, General Manager

Finance Report: TaSeana Tartt, Finance Director

Financial Variance or Quarterly Report (second meeting of the month)

**Commissioner Topics and Discussion: Commissioners Olsen and Stearns** 

**Commissioner Assignments:** 

**Executive Session:** 

Adjournment:

### **Informational Supplement**

Mission: Provide safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable utility services to the customers we serve.

#### **Strategic Goals**

- **1. Effectiveness:** Strive to be an effective organization.
- 2. Sustainability: Provide sustained efficient utility services to our customers and serve the citizens of Thurston County.
- **3. Stewardship:** Be good stewards of the District's resources.
- **4. Partnerships:** Continue to build good relationships and partnerships with Thurston County, other counties, neighboring cities, other PUDs, Port Districts, Tribes, other water purveyors, and state agencies.
- **5. Growth:** Work toward steady growth in customers through the acquisition of systems with good value and periodically evaluate new lines of business to determine if entry is feasible and makes good financial sense.

**Projected 2025 Commission Agenda** 

September 30	Special Commission Meeting	5:00 p.m.	All
October 6	Tentative Special Meeting (Consider Budget Adoption, if applicable)	5:00 p.m.	All
October 14	First Regular October Commission Meeting	5:00 p.m.	All
October 28	Second Regular October Commission Meeting	5:00 p.m.	All
October 30	All Staff Meeting -	8:30 a.m.	-
November 4	Special Commission Meeting	5:00 p.m.	All
November 11	Veterans Day	-	-
November 12-14	WPUDA Association Meetings (TBA)	-	-
November 20	All Staff Meeting (tentative) - Commissioner Stearns	8:30 a.m.	-
November 25	Second Regular November Commission Meeting	5:00 p.m.	All
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday	-	-
December 9	First Regular December Commission Meeting	5:00 p.m.	All
December ?	Thurston PUD Employee Winter Celebration	2:00 p.m.	-
December 18	All Staff Meeting	8:30 a.m.	-
December 23	Second Regular December Commission Meeting	5:00 p.m.	All
December 25	Christmas Day	-	-