## WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting June 21, 2023 1:00 PM

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# **AGENDA**

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

# CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2023
- 2. Approval of Vouchers WSUD #31459 through #31499 in the amount of \$279,666.78
- 3. Approval of Vouchers SKWRF #17501 through #17521 in the amount of \$856,957.39
- 4. Approval of the June Payroll in the amount of \$208,898.10

# BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

- 1. Discussion, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1329
- 2. Discussion, HRA VEBA
- 3. Resolution 1089-23, Declaring an Emergency Related to Well 16
- 4. Resolution 1090-23, DEC Acceptance, Parkside Plat Utilities

# **STAFF REPORTS**

- 1. Plant Manager
- 2. Operations Manager
- 3. Finance Manager
- 4. General Manager

# COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Sessions may be scheduled or announced for discussions per RCW 42.30.110.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 21	Sewer Advisory Committee Rescheduled for September 20th
July 5	Regular Board Meeting
July 21	Regular Board Meeting

Executive Sessions may be scheduled as needed for personnel, legal and other similar matters.

The Board may add and take action on other items not listed on the agenda

## WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Commissioners 2924 SE Lund Avenue, Port Orchard, WA 98366 Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Susan Way
Vice Chairperson: James J. Hart
Commissioner: Jerry Lundberg

Attending: Randy Screws, General Manager

John Tapia, Operation Manager Marty Grabill, Plant Manager Joy Ramsdell, Finance Manager

Ken Bagwell, Attorney

Amber Brooks, Accounting/Office Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Way at 1:00 p.m.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2023
- 2. Approval of Vouchers WSUD #31415 through #31458 in the amount of \$354,125.70
- 3. Approval of Vouchers SKWRF #17475 through #17500 in the amount of \$86,275.54

Commissioner Way moved to approve the items in the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart; the motion was approved 3-0.

# **BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

Resolution 1084-23, Contract Award, Brixx Development, LLC. Passed 3-0

Resolution 1085-23, Contract Award, Well 22 Project, Holt Services, Inc. Passed 3-0

Resolution 1086-23, Professional Services Agreement, BHC Consultants Passed 3-0

Resolution 1087-23, DEC Acceptance, Four Seasons Plat and Utility Extensions Passed 3-0

Resolution 1088-23, DEC Acceptance, Payseno Lane Phase II Passed 3-0

# **STAFF REPORTS**

# **PLANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Plant Manager Marty Grabill reported:

- Testing and monitoring as required by the permits.
- Primary skimmers were delivered last week. We began installation Monday, and one primary skimmer is set for completion this week. Hoping for the full completion of both skimmers by the end of next week.
- Load bank replacement. Contract signed, awaiting load bank delivery. Legacy Power Systems will install this.
- Blower replacement. Awaiting delivery date of end-of-month for installation.
- Currently looking at different preventative maintenance software for the treatment plant due to current software price increases. Prices seem to be elevated regarding the start-up costs, although annual costs are comparable, but much better software all around than our current Antero.
- Still working on NPDES permit renewal due by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

# PSE Conservation Grant Agreement (2021-2023)

- Continuous work with PSE on Conservation Grant Agreement. Year three of three.
- Received an incentive payment from PSE of \$1077 last month for 2022 energy savings.
- Working on grant funding.

# Rotary Drum Thickener-ESCO (2022)

- Job started 5/15/23.
- Thickener and components have been installed. Piping and electrical are ongoing into next week, followed by floor coatings for completion.
- We are set for a Closeout walk-through set for 7/10.

# Nutrient General Permit (2022)

- Ongoing testing and documentation.
- Currently attempting to get testing approved in-house.
- Currently at 25,485 Annual load pounds through the year's first four months with an annual action level of 215,000 lbs.

## **OPERATION MANAGER'S REPORT**

Operations Manager John Tapia reported:

## CIP - South Park Main Replacement

- Locate and survey completed for the site.
- WSE is working on the recommended easement.

# Powell Booster Station Engineering

• 100% Plans are completed.

# Fircrest/Mile Hill Main Replacement

- 2" galvanized to be replaced.
- Possible development going in.

# Olney Sewer Replacement

- An engineering contract has been signed with WSE.
- Project design has started with locate being complete.
- Sent our information back over to WSE last week.

## Crew

- 1. St. Vincent DePaul project City contacted about the permit. Reached out to Caseco for time update. Says were on his schedule.
- 2. Commercial Water meter replacements continue.
- 3. Residential water meter replacements continue.
- 4. Continuing as meters are replaced, we are doing service line inventory and that's in Vue works.
- 5. Vac-con ordered. End of June. Still on that schedule.
- 6. The TV van received it on Monday!
- 7. New Pumps installed in Villa Carmel. The second pump VFD IOS card is in and now needs updated drives. Tomorrow it will be done.
- 8. Catching up on flush/TV work orders.
- 9. WSDOT Franchise permit is moving forward.
- 10. Preparing for this year's sanitary survey.

# Water Production: Through May

- 2022-204,391,000
- 2023-211,465,000
- 1.9-million-day avg.
- Difference- 7,074,000 more

## Rain Gauge:

- 2022-28.05
- 2023-19.22

Difference- 8.83" LESS than last year

## FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Finance Manager Joy Ramsdell reported:

• May billed water consumption is about 38 million gallons which 7% increase from a year ago.

- Water sale revenue was \$356K, sewer sale revenue was \$444K, both increased 11%
- Water added 32 ERU received \$153K.
- Over 1909 accounts used an online payment system including 1667 autopay.
- 31 final bills
- The District and the Plant's annual reports were filed.
- We found out some meters were wrong entered in SB during meter replacement. CS fixed it and adjusted billing for the past 3 years.

# **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Randy Screws reported:

- Staff continue to assess installation scenarios for the proposed carport-type area for District vehicles.
- Staff continue working on the re-establishment of a franchise agreement with WSDOT for water utilities.
- Water system plan. The Board was previously informed that the District was notified by DOH that they are nearing the issuance of an approval letter. We continue to consider and address comments from adjacent purveyors. No change in status.
- Continuing to work on the viability of gravity sewer from the Annapolis lift station to eliminate the overflow connection to the City's sewer system. Initial survey results indicate the potential is viable. We will move to the next steps of locates and placement to ensure an unobstructed route. If successful, we will begin designing and preparation of bidding documents.
- The new PEBB HCA rates have been provided to the employees. The new rates show an increase of approximately \$15 across the board for all plans effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The District has been notified of changes to the DRS contribution rates. The employee rate will remain the same at 6.36% and the employer rate will decrease by 1% from 10.39% to 9.39%.
- An in-person meeting/presentation is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am to provide information to WSUD staff and elected officials regarding VEBA Programs and considerations.
- Currently working on PWB loan applications for four water projects. The staff has discussed the 2023-2025 Capital Plan to determine viable projects to consider for PWB Loans/grants. For the water utility. The following projects have been determined as candidates for potential loans.
  - o Fish barriers ~2.84 million,
  - o Powell booster pump station ~2.85million,
  - o Bethel Road ~3.1 million, and
  - o the Lund Avenue roundabouts at ~1.2 million
- The Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting tentatively scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> appears to potentially have some conflicts. Please check your emails to ensure you see notifications of change or cancellation.

• A five-minute Executive Session is requested to discuss with Legal Counsel potential litigation under RCW 42.30.110 section (1)(i). No action will be taken at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

# **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Hart talked about Section 2 talking about watching out for the A.I, may need to look into more security. Also went to the Association Meeting this month. Commissioner Way and Lundberg had nothing to report.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered a 5-minute Executive Session with GM Randy Screws at 1:50 p.m. Executive Session ended at 1:51 p.m. with action taken.

# **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lundberg; the motion was approved 3-0.

Susan Way	James Jay Hart
Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson
Jerry Lundberg	
Secretary	

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## CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

## ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1329

Chapter 105, Laws of 2023

68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session

UTILITY SHUTOFFS—EXTREME HEAT

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

Passed by the House February 27, 2023 Yeas 64 Nays 31

## LAURIE JINKINS

# Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2023 Yeas 29 Nays 20

#### DENNY HECK

Approved April 20, 2023 9:50 AM

#### CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1329 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

## BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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April 21, 2023

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State State of Washington

#### ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1329

Passed Legislature - 2023 Regular Session

## State of Washington

68th Legislature

2023 Regular Session

By House Environment & Energy (originally sponsored by Representatives Mena, Alvarado, Berry, Duerr, Leavitt, Morgan, Ramel, Ryu, Senn, Simmons, Timmons, Kloba, Bateman, Slatter, Orwall, Reed, Lekanoff, Gregerson, Doglio, Tharinger, Cortes, Donaghy, Pollet, Callan, Fosse, Macri, Davis, and Stonier; by request of Attorney General)

READ FIRST TIME 02/13/23.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to preventing utility shutoffs for nonpayment
- 2 during extreme heat; amending RCW 54.16.285, 57.08.081, 80.28.010,
- 3 87.03.015, 59.18.060, and 59.20.070; adding a new section to chapter
- 4 23.86 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 24.06 RCW; and adding a
- 5 new section to chapter 35.21 RCW.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 23.86 RCW to read as follows:
- 9 (1) As used in this section, any locally regulated utility as 10 defined in RCW 23.86.400 may not effect, due to lack of payment, an 11 involuntary termination of electric utility service to any
- residential user, including tenants of metered apartment buildings
- 13 and residents of mobile homes, on any day for which the national
- 14 weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue
- 15 a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat
- 16 advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area
- in which the residential user's address is located.
- 18 (2)(a) A residential user at whose dwelling electric utility
- service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that
- 20 the locally regulated utility reconnect service on any day for which
- 21 the national weather service has issued or has announced that it

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intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located. The locally regulated utility shall inform all customers in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the utility.

- (b) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, the locally regulated utility shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to the dwelling. The locally regulated utility, in connection with a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, may require the residential user to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the locally regulated utility requires the residential user to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) A repayment plan required by a locally regulated utility pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater than six percent of the customer's monthly income, and to pay for continued utility service. The plan may not require monthly payments in excess of six percent of the customer's monthly income. A customer may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in default unless payment during this period is less than six percent of the customer's monthly income. If assistance payments are received by the customer subsequent to implementation of the plan, the customer shall contact the locally regulated utility to reformulate the plan.
- (4) On an annual basis, each locally regulated utility with more than 25,000 retail electric customers in Washington must submit a report to the department of commerce that includes the total number of disconnections that occurred on each day for which the national weather service issued, or announced that it intended to issue, a heat-related alert. Locally regulated utilities with fewer than 25,000 retail electric customers in Washington must provide similar information upon request by the department.
- 38 (a) Subject to availability, each locally regulated utility must 39 provide any other information related to utility disconnections that 40 is requested by the department.

- 1 (b) The information required in this subsection must be submitted 2 in a form, timeline, and manner as prescribed by the department.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 24.06 4 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) As used in this section, any locally regulated utility as defined in RCW 24.06.600 may not effect, due to lack of payment, an involuntary termination of electric utility service to any residential user, including tenants of metered apartment buildings and residents of mobile homes, on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located.
- (2) (a) A residential user at whose dwelling electric utility service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the locally regulated utility reconnect service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located. The locally regulated utility shall inform all customers in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the utility.
- (b) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, the locally regulated utility shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to the dwelling. The locally regulated utility, in connection with a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, may require the residential user to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the locally regulated utility requires the residential user to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) A repayment plan required by a locally regulated utility pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater than six percent of the customer's monthly income, and to pay for continued utility service. The plan must not require

monthly payments in excess of six percent of the customer's monthly income. A customer may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in default unless payment during this period is less than six percent of the customer's monthly income. If assistance payments are received by the customer subsequent to implementation of the plan, the customer shall contact the locally regulated utility to reformulate the plan.

- (4) On an annual basis, each locally regulated utility with more than 25,000 retail electric customers in Washington must submit a report to the department of commerce that includes the total number of disconnections that occurred on each day for which the national weather service issued, or announced that it intended to issue, a heat-related alert. Locally regulated utilities with fewer than 25,000 retail electric customers in Washington must provide similar information upon request by the department.
- 16 (a) Subject to availability, each locally regulated utility must 17 provide any other information related to utility disconnections that 18 is requested by the department.
- 19 (b) The information required in this subsection must be submitted 20 in a form, timeline, and manner as prescribed by the department.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW to read as follows:
  - (1) A city or town, including a code city, that owns or operates an electric or water utility may not effect, due to lack of payment, an involuntary termination of utility service to any residential user, including tenants of metered apartment buildings and residents of mobile homes, on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located.
  - (2) (a) A residential user at whose dwelling utility service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the utility reconnect service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located. The utility shall inform all customers in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek

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reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the utility.

- (b) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, the utility shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to the dwelling. The utility, in connection with a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, may require the residential user to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the utility requires the residential user to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with subsection (3) of this section.
- (3) A repayment plan required by a utility pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater than six percent of the customer's monthly income, and to pay for continued utility service. The plan may not require monthly payments in excess of six percent of the customer's monthly income. A customer may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in default unless payment during this period is less than six percent of the customer's monthly income. If assistance payments are received by the customer subsequent to implementation of the plan, the customer shall contact the utility to reformulate the plan.
- (4) On an annual basis, each city or town, including a code city, that owns or operates an electric or water utility with more than 25,000 retail electric customers or 2,500 water customers in Washington must submit a report to the department of commerce that includes the total number of disconnections that occurred on each day for which the national weather service issued, or announced that it intended to issue, a heat-related alert. Utilities with fewer than 25,000 retail electric customers or 2,500 water customers in Washington must provide similar information upon request by the department.
- 33 (a) Subject to availability, each utility must provide any other 34 information related to utility disconnections that is requested by 35 the department.
- 36 (b) The information required in this subsection must be submitted 37 in a form, timeline, and manner as prescribed by the department.
- **Sec. 4.** RCW 54.16.285 and 1995 c 399 s 144 are each amended to 39 read as follows:

(1) A district providing utility service for residential space heating shall not terminate such utility service between November 15 through March 15 if the customer:

- (a) Notifies the utility of the inability to pay the bill((rincluding a security deposit)). This notice should be provided within five business days of receiving a payment overdue notice unless there are extenuating circumstances. If the customer fails to notify the utility within five business days and service is terminated, the customer can, by ((paying reconnection charges, if any, and)) fulfilling the requirements of this section, receive the protections of this chapter;
- (b) Provides self-certification of household income for the prior ((twelve)) 12 months to a grantee of the department of ((community, trade, and economic development)) commerce which administers federally funded energy assistance programs. The grantee shall determine that the household income does not exceed the maximum allowed for eligibility under the state's plan for low-income energy assistance under 42 U.S.C. 8624 and shall provide a dollar figure that is seven percent of household income. The grantee may verify information provided in the self-certification;
- (c) Has applied for home heating assistance from applicable government and private sector organizations and certifies that any assistance received will be applied to the current bill and future utility bills;
- (d) Has applied for low-income weatherization assistance to the utility or other appropriate agency if such assistance is available for the dwelling;
- (e) Agrees to a payment plan and agrees to maintain the payment plan. The plan will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following October 15 and to pay for continued utility service. If the past due bill is not paid by the following October 15, the customer shall not be eligible for protections under this chapter until the past due bill is paid. The plan shall not require monthly payments in excess of seven percent of the customer's monthly income plus one-twelfth of any arrearage accrued from the date application is made and thereafter during November 15 through March 15. A customer may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but shall not be in default unless payment during this period is less than seven percent of monthly income plus one-twelfth of any arrearage accrued from the date application is made and thereafter. If assistance

- payments are received by the customer subsequent to implementation of the plan, the customer shall contact the utility to reformulate the plan; and
  - (f) Agrees to pay the moneys owed even if ((he or she moves.
  - $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ )) the customer moves.
  - (2) The utility shall:

- (a) Include in any notice that an account is delinquent and that service may be subject to termination, a description of the customer's duties in this section;
- (b) Assist the customer in fulfilling the requirements under this section;
- (c) Be authorized to transfer an account to a new residence when a customer who has established a plan under this section moves from one residence to another within the same utility service area;
- (d) Be permitted to disconnect service if the customer fails to honor the payment program except on the days indicated in subsection (5) of this section. Utilities may continue to disconnect service for those practices authorized by law other than for nonpayment as provided for in this section. Customers who qualify for payment plans under this section who default on their payment plans and are disconnected can be reconnected and maintain the protections afforded under this chapter by paying ((reconnection charges, if any, and by paying)) all amounts that would have been due and owing under the terms of the applicable payment plan, absent default, on the date on which service is reconnected; and
- (e) Advise the customer in writing at the time it disconnects service that it will restore service if the customer contacts the utility and fulfills the other requirements of this section.
- (3) All districts providing utility service for residential space heating shall offer residential customers the option of a budget billing or equal payment plan. The budget billing or equal payment plan shall be offered low-income customers eligible under the state's plan for low-income energy assistance prepared in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 8624(C)(1) without limiting availability to certain months of the year, without regard to the length of time the customer has occupied the premises, and without regard to whether the customer is the tenant or owner of the premises occupied.
- 38 (4) An agreement between the customer and the utility, whether 39 oral or written, shall not waive the protections afforded under this 40 chapter.

(5) A district providing electric or water utility service to residential customers may not effect, due to lack of payment, an involuntary termination of utility service to any residential user, including tenants of metered apartment buildings and residents of mobile homes, on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located.

- been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the district reconnect service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located. The district shall inform all customers in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the district.
- (b) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, the district shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to the dwelling. The district, in connection with a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, may require the residential user to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the district requires the residential user to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with subsection (7) of this section.
- (7) A repayment plan required by a district pursuant to subsection (6)(b) of this section will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater than six percent of the customer's monthly income, and to pay for continued utility service. The plan may not require monthly payments in excess of six percent of the customer's monthly income. A customer may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in default unless payment during this period is less than six percent of the customer's monthly income. If assistance payments are received by the customer subsequent to implementation of the plan, the customer shall contact the district to reformulate the plan.

- 1 (8) On an annual basis, each district with more than 25,000 retail electric customers or 2,500 water customers in Washington must 2 3 submit a report to the department of commerce that includes the total number of disconnections that occurred on each day for which the 4 national weather service issued, or announced that it intended to 5 6 issue, a heat-related alert. Districts with fewer than 25,000 retail electric customers or 2,500 water customers in Washington must 7 provide similar information upon request by the department. 8
- (a) Subject to availability, each district must provide any other information related to utility disconnections that is requested by 11 the department.

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- 12 (b) The information required in this subsection must be submitted in a form, timeline, and manner as prescribed by the department. 13
- 14 RCW 57.08.081 and 2003 c 394 s 6 are each amended to 15 read as follows:
  - (1) Subject to RCW 57.08.005(( $\frac{(6)}{(6)}$ ))  $\frac{(7)}{(7)}$ , the commissioners of any district shall provide for revenues by fixing rates and charges for furnishing sewer and drainage service and facilities to those to whom service is available or for providing water, such rates and charges to be fixed as deemed necessary by the commissioners, so that uniform charges will be made for the same class of customer or service and facility. Rates and charges may be combined for the furnishing of more than one type of sewer or drainage service and facilities.
  - (2) In classifying customers of such water, sewer, or drainage system, the board of commissioners may in its discretion consider any or all of the following factors: The difference in cost to various customers; the location of the various customers within and without the district; the difference in cost of maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of the various parts of the system; the different character of the service furnished various customers; the quantity and quality of the service and facility furnished; the time of its use; the achievement of water conservation goals and the discouragement of wasteful practices; capital contributions made to the system including but not limited to assessments; and any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for distinction. Rates shall be established as deemed proper by the commissioners and as fixed by resolution and shall produce revenues sufficient to take care of the costs of maintenance and operation, revenue bond and warrant interest and principal amortization

requirements, and all other charges necessary for efficient and proper operation of the system. Prior to furnishing services, a district may require a deposit to guarantee payment for services. However, failure to require a deposit does not affect the validity of any lien authorized by this section.

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- (3) The commissioners shall enforce collection of connection charges, and rates and charges for water supplied against property owners connecting with the system or receiving such water, and for sewer and drainage services charged against property to which and its owners to whom the service is available, such charges being deemed charges against the property served, by addition of penalties of not more than ten percent thereof in case of failure to pay the charges at times fixed by resolution. The commissioners may provide by resolution that where either connection charges or rates and charges for services supplied are delinquent for any specified period of time, the district shall certify the delinquencies to the auditor of the county in which the real property is located, and the charges and any penalties added thereto and interest thereon at the rate of not more than the prime lending rate of the district's bank plus four percentage points per year shall be a lien against the property upon which the service was received, subject only to the lien for general taxes.
- (4) The district may, at any time after the connection charges or rates and charges for services supplied or available and penalties are delinquent for a period of ((sixty)) 60 days, bring suit in foreclosure by civil action in the superior court of the county in which the real property is located. The court may allow, in addition to the costs and disbursements provided by statute, attorneys' fees, title search and report costs, and expenses as it adjudges reasonable. The action shall be in rem, and may be brought in the name of the district against an individual or against all of those who are delinquent in one action. The laws and rules of the court shall control as in other civil actions.
- (5) In addition to the right to foreclose provided in this section, the district may also cut off all or part of the service after charges for water or sewer service supplied or available are delinquent for a period of ((thirty)) 30 days, except on the days indicated in subsection (8) of this section.
- 39 (6) A district may determine how to apply partial payments on 40 past due accounts.

- 1 (7) A district may provide a real property owner or the owner's designee with duplicate bills for service to tenants, or may notify 2 an owner or the owner's designee that a tenant's service account is 3 delinquent. However, if an owner or the owner's designee notifies the 4 district in writing that a property served by the district is a 5 6 rental property, asks to be notified of a tenant's delinquency, and has provided, in writing, a complete and accurate mailing address, 7 the district shall notify the owner or the owner's designee of a 8 tenant's delinquency at the same time and in the same manner the 9 10 district notifies the tenant of the tenant's delinquency or by mail. When a district provides a real property owner or the owner's 11 designee with duplicates of tenant utility service bills or notice 12 that a tenant's utility account is delinquent, the district shall 13 notify the tenant that it is providing the duplicate bills or 14 15 delinquency notice to the owner or the owner's designee. After January 1, 1999, if a district fails to notify the owner of a 16 17 tenant's delinquency after receiving a written request to do so and after receiving the other information required by this subsection 18 19 (7), the district shall have no lien against the premises for the tenant's delinquent and unpaid charges. 20
  - (8) A district providing water utility service to residential customers may not effect, due to lack of payment, an involuntary termination of utility service to any residential user, including tenants of metered apartment buildings and residents of mobile homes, on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located.

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(9) (a) A residential user at whose dwelling utility service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the district reconnect service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located. The district shall inform all customers in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the district.

(b) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, the district shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to the dwelling. The district, in connection with a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, may require the residential user to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the district requires the residential user to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with subsection (10) of this section.

- (10) A repayment plan required by a district pursuant to subsection (9) (b) of this section will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater than six percent of the customer's monthly income, and to pay for continued utility service. The plan may not require monthly payments in excess of six percent of the customer's monthly income. A customer may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in default unless payment during this period is less than six percent of the customer's monthly income. If assistance payments are received by the customer subsequent to implementation of the plan, the customer shall contact the district to reformulate the plan.
  - (11) On an annual basis, each district with more than 2,500 water customers in Washington must submit a report to the department of commerce that includes the total number of disconnections that occurred on each day for which the national weather service issued, or announced that it intended to issue, a heat-related alert. Districts with fewer than 2,500 water customers in Washington must provide similar information upon request by the department.
- 28 <u>(a) Subject to availability, each district must provide any other</u>
  29 <u>information related to utility disconnections that is requested by</u>
  30 the department.
- 31 <u>(b) The information required in this subsection must be submitted</u>
  32 <u>in a form, timeline, and manner as prescribed by the department.</u>
- **Sec. 6.** RCW 80.28.010 and 2011 c 214 s 11 are each amended to 34 read as follows:
  - (1) All charges made, demanded or received by any gas company, electrical company, wastewater company, or water company for gas, electricity or water, or for any service rendered or to be rendered in connection therewith, shall be just, fair, reasonable and sufficient. Reasonable charges necessary to cover the cost of

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administering the collection of voluntary donations for the purposes of supporting the development and implementation of evergreen community management plans and ordinances under RCW 80.28.300 must be deemed as prudent and necessary for the operation of a utility.

- (2) Every gas company, electrical company, wastewater company, and water company shall furnish and supply such service, instrumentalities and facilities as shall be safe, adequate and efficient, and in all respects just and reasonable.
- (3) All rules and regulations issued by any gas company, electrical company, wastewater company, or water company, affecting or pertaining to the sale or distribution of its product or service, must be just and reasonable.
- (4) Utility service for residential space heating shall not be terminated between November 15 through March 15 if the customer:
- (a) Notifies the utility of the inability to pay the bill((rincluding a security deposit)). This notice should be provided within five business days of receiving a payment overdue notice unless there are extenuating circumstances. If the customer fails to notify the utility within five business days and service is terminated, the customer can, by ((paying reconnection charges, if any, and)) fulfilling the requirements of this section, receive the protections of this chapter;
- (b) Provides self-certification of household income for the prior twelve months to a grantee of the department of commerce, which administers federally funded energy assistance programs. The grantee shall determine that the household income does not exceed the maximum allowed for eligibility under the state's plan for low-income energy assistance under 42 U.S.C. 8624 and shall provide a dollar figure that is seven percent of household income. The grantee may verify information provided in the self-certification;
- (c) Has applied for home heating assistance from applicable government and private sector organizations and certifies that any assistance received will be applied to the current bill and future utility bills;
- (d) Has applied for low-income weatherization assistance to the utility or other appropriate agency if such assistance is available for the dwelling;
- (e) Agrees to a payment plan and agrees to maintain the payment plan. The plan will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following October 15th and to pay for continued utility service. If

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- the past due bill is not paid by the following October 15, the 1 customer is not eligible for protections under this chapter until the 2 past due bill is paid. The plan may not require monthly payments in 3 excess of seven percent of the customer's monthly income plus one-4 twelfth of any arrearage accrued from the date application is made 5 6 and thereafter during November 15 through March 15. A customer may 7 agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but shall not be in default unless payment during this period is less than seven 8 percent of monthly income plus one-twelfth of any arrearage accrued 9 from the date application is made and thereafter. If assistance 10 11 payments are received by the customer subsequent to implementation of 12 the plan, the customer shall contact the utility to reformulate the 13 plan; and
  - (f) Agrees to pay the moneys owed even if ((he or she moves.
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- (a) Include in any notice that an account is delinquent and that service may be subject to termination, a description of the customer's duties in this section;
- 20 (b) Assist the customer in fulfilling the requirements under this section;
  - (c) Be authorized to transfer an account to a new residence when a customer who has established a plan under this section moves from one residence to another within the same utility service area;
  - (d) Be permitted to disconnect service if the customer fails to honor the payment program except on the days indicated in subsection (8) of this section. Utilities may continue to disconnect service for those practices authorized by law other than for nonpayment as provided for in this subsection. Customers who qualify for payment plans under this section who default on their payment plans and are disconnected can be reconnected and maintain the protections afforded under this chapter by paying ((reconnection charges, if any, and by paying)) all amounts that would have been due and owing under the terms of the applicable payment plan, absent default, on the date on which service is reconnected; and
  - (e) Advise the customer in writing at the time it disconnects service that it will restore service if the customer contacts the utility and fulfills the other requirements of this section.
- 39 (6) A payment plan implemented under this section is consistent 40 with RCW 80.28.080.

(7) Every gas company and electrical company shall offer residential customers the option of a budget billing or equal payment plan. The budget billing or equal payment plan shall be offered low-income customers eligible under the state's plan for low-income energy assistance prepared in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 8624(C)(1) without limiting availability to certain months of the year, without regard to the length of time the customer has occupied the premises, and without regard to whether the customer is the tenant or owner of the premises occupied.

- (8) (a) Every electrical company and water company must have and must abide by the terms of a tariff approved by the commission that prohibits the electrical company or water company from effecting, due to lack of payment, an involuntary termination of electric or water utility service to any residential user, including tenants of metered apartment buildings and residents of mobile homes, on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located.
- (b) Nothing in this subsection (8) limits the authority of the commission to prohibit an electrical company or water company from terminating electric or water utility service in accordance with an approved tariff, rule, or order, in circumstances independent of the weather.
- (9) (a) A residential user at whose dwelling electric or water utility service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the utility reconnect service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located. The utility shall, through a process approved by the commission, inform all customers in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the utility.
- (b) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, the utility shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to the dwelling. The utility, in connection with a request made pursuant to (a) of this subsection, may require the

- residential user to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the utility requires the residential user to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with subsection (10) of this section.
- (10) A repayment plan required by a utility pursuant to 5 6 subsection (9) (b) of this section will be designed both to pay the 7 past due bill by the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater 8 than six percent of the customer's monthly income, and to pay for 9 continued utility service. The plan may not require monthly payments 10 in excess of six percent of the customer's monthly income. A customer 11 12 may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in default unless payment during this period is less than six 13 percent of the customer's monthly income. If assistance payments are 14 received by the customer subsequent to implementation of the plan, 15 16 the customer shall contact the utility to reformulate the plan.
  - (11) Every gas company, electrical company, wastewater company, and water company shall construct and maintain such facilities in connection with the manufacture and distribution of its product, or provision of its services, as will be efficient and safe to its employees and the public.

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- ((+9+)) (12) An agreement between the customer and the utility, whether oral or written, does not waive the protections afforded under this chapter.
- $((\frac{(10)}{(10)}))$  In establishing rates or charges for water service, water companies as defined in RCW 80.04.010 may consider the achievement of water conservation goals and the discouragement of wasteful water use practices.
- 29 (14) On an annual basis, each utility must submit a report to the 30 commission that includes the total number of electric or water 31 disconnections that occurred on each day for which the national 32 weather service issued, or announced that it intended to issue, a 33 heat-related alert.
- 34 **Sec. 7.** RCW 87.03.015 and 2017 c 63 s 1 are each amended to read 35 as follows:
- 36 <u>(1)</u> Any irrigation district, operating and maintaining an 37 irrigation system, in addition to other powers conferred by law, 38 shall have authority:

 $((\frac{1}{1}))$  <u>(a)</u> To purchase and sell electric power to the inhabitants of the irrigation district for the purposes of irrigation and domestic use; to finance, acquire, construct, own, and lease dams, canals, plants, transmission lines, and other power equipment and the necessary property and rights therefor and to operate, improve, repair, and maintain the same, for the generation and transmission of electrical energy for use in the operation of pumping plants and irrigation systems of the district and for sale to the inhabitants of the irrigation district for the purposes of irrigation and domestic use; and, as a further and separate grant of authority and in furtherance of a state purpose and policy of developing hydroelectric capability in connection with irrigation facilities, to construct, finance, acquire, own, lease, operate, improve, repair, and maintain, alone or jointly with other irrigation districts, boards of control, municipal or quasi-municipal corporations or cooperatives authorized to engage in the business of distributing electricity, electrical companies subject to the jurisdiction of the utilities and transportation commission, private commercial industrial entities that construct or operate electric power generation or transmission facilities, or private commercial or industrial entities that acquire electric power for their own use or resale, hydroelectric facilities including but not limited to dams, canals, plants, transmission lines, other power equipment, and the necessary property and rights therefor, located within or outside the district, for the purpose of utilizing for the generation of electricity, water power made available by and as a part of the irrigation water storage, conveyance, and distribution facilities, waste ways, and drainage water facilities which serve irrigation districts, and to sell any and all the electric energy generated at any such hydroelectric facilities or the irrigation district's share such energy, to municipal or quasi-municipal corporations or cooperatives authorized to engage in the business of distributing electricity, electrical companies subject to the jurisdiction of the utilities and transportation commission, private commercial industrial entities that acquire electric power for their own use or resale, or other irrigation districts, and on such terms and conditions as the board of directors shall determine. No contract entered into under this subsection (1)(a) by the board of directors of any irrigation district for the sale of electrical energy from such hydroelectric facility for a period longer than forty years from

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the date of commercial operation of such hydroelectric facility shall be binding on the district until ratified by a majority vote of the electors of the district at an election therein, called, held, and canvassed for that purpose in the same manner as that provided by law for district bond elections.

- $((\frac{(2)}{(2)}))$  To construct, repair, purchase, maintain, or lease a system for the sale or lease of water to the owners of irrigated lands within the district for domestic purposes.
- ((<del>(3)</del>)) <u>(c)</u> To construct, repair, purchase, lease, acquire, operate and maintain a system of drains, sanitary sewers, and sewage disposal or treatment plants as herein provided.
- ((4))) <u>(d)</u> To assume, as principal or guarantor, any indebtedness to the United States under the federal reclamation laws, on account of district lands.
- (((5))) (e) To maintain, repair, construct, and reconstruct ditches, laterals, pipe lines, and other water conduits used or to be used in carrying water for irrigation of lands located within the boundaries of a city or town, or for the domestic use of the residents of a city or town where the owners of land within such city or town shall use such works to carry water to the boundaries of such city or town for irrigation, domestic, or other purposes within such city or town, and to charge to such city or town the pro rata proportion of the cost of such maintenance, repair, construction, and reconstruction work in proportion to the benefits received by the lands served and located within the boundaries of such city or town, and if such cost is not paid, then and in that event said irrigation district shall have the right to prevent further water deliveries through such works to the lands located within the boundaries of such city or town until such charges have been paid.
- (((6))) (f) To acquire, install, and maintain as a part of the irrigation district's water system the necessary water mains and fire hydrants to make water available for firefighting purposes; and in addition any such irrigation district shall have the authority to repair, operate, and maintain such hydrants and mains.
- ((<del>(7)</del>)) (g) To enter into contracts with other irrigation districts, boards of control, municipal or quasi-municipal corporations or cooperatives authorized to engage in the business of distributing electricity, electrical companies subject to the jurisdiction of the utilities and transportation commission, private commercial or industrial entities that construct or operate electric

power generation or transmission facilities, or private commercial or 1 industrial entities that acquire electric power for their own use or 2 3 resale, to jointly finance, acquire, lease, construct, own, operate, improve, repair, and maintain irrigation water, domestic water, 4 drainage and sewerage works, and electrical power works to the same 5 extent as authorized by (a) of this subsection (((1)) of this 6 7 section)), or portions of such works. If an irrigation district enters into a contract or agreement under this subsection (1)(g) to 8 create a legal entity or undertaking with an investor-owned utility 9 or a private commercial or industrial entity, that contract or 10 11 agreement must provide that the irrigation district be severally 12 liable only for its own acts and not jointly or severally liable for the acts, omissions, or obligations of an investor-owned utility or a 13 14 private commercial or industrial entity. No money or property supplied by any irrigation district for the planning, financing, 15 16 acquisition, construction, operation, or maintenance of any common 17 facility may be credited or otherwise applied to the account of any investor-owned utility or private commercial or industrial entity 18 therein, nor may the undivided share of any irrigation district in 19 any common facility be charged, directly or indirectly, with any debt 20 or obligation of any investor-owned utility or private commercial or 21 22 industrial entity or be subject to any lien as a result thereof. No 23 action in connection with a common facility may be binding upon any irrigation district unless authorized or approved by resolution of 24 25 its board.

((<del>(8)</del>)) (h) To acquire from a water-sewer district wholly within the irrigation district's boundaries, by a conveyance without cost, the water-sewer district's water system and to operate the same to provide water for the domestic use of the irrigation district residents. As a part of its acceptance of the conveyance the irrigation district must agree to relieve the water-sewer district of responsibility for maintenance and repair of the system. Any such water-sewer district is authorized to make such a conveyance if all indebtedness of the water-sewer district, except local improvement district bonds, has been paid and the conveyance has been approved by a majority of the water-sewer district's voters voting at a general or special election.

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((+9))) <u>(i)</u> To approve and condition placement of hydroelectric generation facilities by entities other than the district on water conveyance facilities operated or maintained by the district.

(2) An irrigation district providing electric or water utility service to residential customers may not effect, due to lack of payment, an involuntary termination of utility service to any residential users, including tenants of metered apartment buildings and residents of mobile homes, on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located.

- (a) (i) A residential user at whose dwelling electric or water utility service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the irrigation district reconnect service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the residential user's address is located. The irrigation district shall inform all customers in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the irrigation district.
- (ii) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (a)(i) of this subsection, the irrigation district shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to the dwelling. The irrigation district, in connection with a request made pursuant to (a)(i) of this subsection, may require the residential user to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the irrigation district requires the residential user to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with (b) of this subsection.
- (b) A repayment plan required by an irrigation district pursuant to (a)(ii) of this subsection will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater than six percent of the customer's monthly income, and to pay for continued utility service. The plan may not require monthly payments in excess of six percent of the customer's monthly income. A customer may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in default unless payment during this period is less than six percent of the customer's monthly income. If assistance payments are received by the customer subsequent to implementation of the plan,

- 1 the customer shall contact the irrigation district to reformulate the
  2 plan.
- 3 (c) On an annual basis, each irrigation district with more than 4 25,000 retail electric customers or 2,500 water customers in
- 5 Washington must submit a report to the department of commerce that
- 6 includes the total number of disconnections that occurred on each day
- 7 for which the national weather service issued, or announced that it
- 8 intended to issue, a heat-related alert. Irrigation districts with
- 9 fewer than 25,000 retail electric customers or 2,500 water customers
- 10 in Washington must provide similar information upon request by the
- 11 department.
- 12 <u>(i) Subject to availability, each irrigation district must</u>
- 13 provide any other information related to utility disconnections that
- 14 <u>is requested by the department.</u>
- 15 (ii) The information required in this subsection (2)(c) must be
- 16 <u>submitted in a form, timeline, and manner as prescribed by the</u>
- 17 <u>department</u>.
- 18 <u>(3)</u> This section shall not be construed as in any manner
- 19 abridging any other powers of an irrigation district conferred by
- 20 law.
- 21 **Sec. 8.** RCW 59.18.060 and 2013 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read 22 as follows:
- 23 The landlord will at all times during the tenancy keep the 24 premises fit for human habitation, and shall in particular:
- 25 (1) Maintain the premises to substantially comply with any applicable code, statute, ordinance, or regulation governing their maintenance or operation, which the legislative body enacting the applicable code, statute, ordinance or regulation could enforce as to the premises rented if such condition endangers or impairs the health or safety of the tenant;
- 31 (2) Maintain the structural components including, but not limited 32 to, the roofs, floors, walls, chimneys, fireplaces, foundations, and 33 all other structural components, in reasonably good repair so as to 34 be usable;
- 35 (3) Keep any shared or common areas reasonably clean, sanitary, 36 and safe from defects increasing the hazards of fire or accident;
- 37 (4) Provide a reasonable program for the control of infestation 38 by insects, rodents, and other pests at the initiation of the tenancy 39 and, except in the case of a single-family residence, control

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infestation during tenancy except where such infestation is caused by the tenant;

- (5) Except where the condition is attributable to normal wear and tear, make repairs and arrangements necessary to put and keep the premises in as good condition as it by law or rental agreement should have been, at the commencement of the tenancy;
- 7 (6) Provide reasonably adequate locks and furnish keys to the 8 tenant;
- 9 (7) Maintain and safeguard with reasonable care any master key or duplicate keys to the dwelling unit;
  - (8) Maintain all electrical, plumbing, heating, and other facilities and appliances supplied by him or her in reasonably good working order;
- 14 (9) Maintain the dwelling unit in reasonably weathertight 15 condition;
  - (10) Except in the case of a single-family residence, provide and maintain appropriate receptacles in common areas for the removal of ashes, rubbish, and garbage, incidental to the occupancy and arrange for the reasonable and regular removal of such waste;
  - (11) Provide facilities adequate to supply heat and water and hot water as reasonably required by the tenant;
  - (a) The landlord may not effect an involuntary termination of electric utility or water service due to lack of payment to any tenant on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the tenant's address is located.
  - (b) (i) A tenant at whose dwelling electric or water utility service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the landlord reconnect service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the tenant's address is located. The landlord shall inform all tenants in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the landlord.
- (ii) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (b)(i) of this subsection, the landlord shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to

reconnect service to the dwelling. The landlord, in connection with a request made pursuant to (b)(i) of this subsection, may require the tenant to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the landlord requires the tenant to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with (c) of this subsection.

- (c) A repayment plan required by a landlord pursuant to (b)(i) of this subsection will be designed both to pay the past due bill by the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater than six percent of the tenant's monthly income, and to pay for continued utility service. The plan may not require monthly payments in excess of six percent of the tenant's monthly income. A tenant may agree to pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in default unless payment during this period is less than six percent of the tenant's monthly income. If assistance payments are received by the tenant subsequent to implementation of the plan, the tenant shall contact the landlord to reformulate the plan.
  - (12)(a) Provide a written notice to all tenants disclosing fire safety and protection information. The landlord or his or her authorized agent must provide a written notice to the tenant that the dwelling unit is equipped with a smoke detection device as required in RCW 43.44.110. The notice shall inform the tenant of the tenant's responsibility to maintain the smoke detection device in proper operating condition and of penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of RCW 43.44.110(3). The notice must be signed by the landlord or the landlord's authorized agent and tenant with copies provided to both parties. Further, except with respect to a single-family residence, the written notice must also disclose the following:
- 31 (i) Whether the smoke detection device is hard-wired or battery 32 operated;
  - (ii) Whether the building has a fire sprinkler system;
  - (iii) Whether the building has a fire alarm system;
- 35 (iv) Whether the building has a smoking policy, and what that 36 policy is;
- (v) Whether the building has an emergency notification plan for the occupants and, if so, provide a copy to the occupants;
- (vi) Whether the building has an emergency relocation plan for the occupants and, if so, provide a copy to the occupants; and

1 (vii) Whether the building has an emergency evacuation plan for 2 the occupants and, if so, provide a copy to the occupants.

- (b) The information required under this subsection may be provided to a tenant in a multifamily residential building either as a written notice or as a checklist that discloses whether the building has fire safety and protection devices and systems. The checklist shall include a diagram showing the emergency evacuation routes for the occupants.
- 9 (c) The written notice or checklist must be provided to new 10 tenants at the time the lease or rental agreement is signed;
  - (13) Provide tenants with information provided or approved by the department of health about the health hazards associated with exposure to indoor mold. Information may be provided in written format individually to each tenant, or may be posted in a visible, public location at the dwelling unit property. The information must detail how tenants can control mold growth in their dwelling units to minimize the health risks associated with indoor mold. Landlords may obtain the information from the department's website or, if requested by the landlord, the department must mail the information to the landlord in a printed format. When developing or changing the information, the department of health must include representatives of landlords in the development process. The information must be provided by the landlord to new tenants at the time the lease or rental agreement is signed;
  - (14) The landlord and his or her agents and employees are immune from civil liability for failure to comply with subsection (13) of this section except where the landlord and his or her agents and employees knowingly and intentionally do not comply with subsection (13) of this section; and
  - (15) Designate to the tenant the name and address of the person who is the landlord by a statement on the rental agreement or by a notice conspicuously posted on the premises. The tenant shall be notified immediately of any changes in writing, which must be either (a) delivered personally to the tenant or (b) mailed to the tenant and conspicuously posted on the premises. If the person designated in this section does not reside in the state where the premises are located, there shall also be designated a person who resides in the county who is authorized to act as an agent for the purposes of service of notices and process, and if no designation is made of a person to act as agent, then the person to whom rental payments are

to be made shall be considered such agent. Regardless of such designation, any owner who resides outside the state and who violates a provision of this chapter is deemed to have submitted himself or herself to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state and personal service of any process may be made on the owner outside the state with the same force and effect as personal service within the state. Any summons or process served out-of-state must contain the same information and be served in the same manner as personal service of summons or process served within the state, except the summons or process must require the party to appear and answer within ((sixty)) 60 days after such personal service out of the state. In an action for a violation of this chapter that is filed under chapter 12.40 RCW, service of the notice of claim outside the state must contain the same information and be served in the same manner as required under chapter 12.40 RCW, except the date on which the party is required to appear must not be less than ((sixty)) 60 days from the date of service of the notice of claim.

No duty shall devolve upon the landlord to repair a defective condition under this section, nor shall any defense or remedy be available to the tenant under this chapter, where the defective condition complained of was caused by the conduct of such tenant, his or her family, invitee, or other person acting under his or her control, or where a tenant unreasonably fails to allow the landlord access to the property for purposes of repair. When the duty imposed by subsection (1) of this section is incompatible with and greater than the duty imposed by any other provisions of this section, the landlord's duty shall be determined pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

**Sec. 9.** RCW 59.20.070 and 2019 c 342 s 4 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

A landlord shall not:

(1) Deny any tenant the right to sell such tenant's mobile home, manufactured home, or park model within a park, or prohibit, in any manner, any tenant from posting on the tenant's manufactured/mobile home or park model, or on the rented mobile home lot, a commercially reasonable "for sale" sign or any similar sign designed to advertise the sale of the manufactured/mobile home or park model. In addition, a landlord shall not require the removal of the mobile home, manufactured home, or park model from the park because of the sale

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thereof. Requirements for the transfer of the rental agreement are in RCW 59.20.073. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a landlord from enforcing reasonable rules or restrictions regarding the placement of "for sale" signs on the tenant's manufactured/mobile home or park model, or on the rented mobile home lot, if (a) the main purpose of the rules or restrictions is to protect the safety of park tenants or residents and (b) the rules or restrictions comply with RCW 59.20.045. The landlord may restrict the number of "for sale" signs on the lot to two and may restrict the size of the signs to conform to those in common use by home sale businesses; 

- (2) Restrict the tenant's freedom of choice in purchasing goods or services but may reserve the right to approve or disapprove any exterior structural improvements on a mobile home space: PROVIDED, That door-to-door solicitation in the mobile home park may be restricted in the rental agreement. Door-to-door solicitation does not include public officials, housing and low-income assistance organizations, or candidates for public office meeting or distributing information to tenants in accordance with subsection (3) or (4) of this section;
- (3) Prohibit the distribution of information or meetings by tenants of the mobile home park to discuss mobile home living and affairs, including political caucuses or forums for or speeches of public officials or candidates for public office, meetings with housing and low-income assistance organizations, or meetings of organizations that represent the interest of tenants in the park, held in a tenant's home or any of the park community or recreation halls if these halls are open for the use of the tenants, conducted at reasonable times and in an orderly manner on the premises, nor penalize any tenant for participation in such activities;
- (4) Prohibit a public official, housing and low-income assistance organization, or candidate for public office from meeting with or distributing information to tenants in their individual mobile homes, manufactured homes, or park models, nor penalize any tenant for participating in these meetings or receiving this information;
- (5) Evict a tenant, terminate a rental agreement, decline to renew a rental agreement, increase rental or other tenant obligations, decrease services, or modify park rules in retaliation for any of the following actions on the part of a tenant taken in good faith:

- (a) Filing a complaint with any federal, state, county, or municipal governmental authority relating to any alleged violation by the landlord of an applicable statute, regulation, or ordinance;
- (b) Requesting the landlord to comply with the provision of this chapter or other applicable statute, regulation, or ordinance of the state, county, or municipality;
  - (c) Filing suit against the landlord for any reason;

- 8 (d) Participation or membership in any homeowners association or 9 group;
  - (6) Charge to any tenant a utility fee in excess of actual utility costs or intentionally cause termination or interruption of any tenant's utility services, including water, heat, electricity, or gas, except when an interruption of a reasonable duration is required to make necessary repairs;
  - (7) (a) Effect an involuntary termination of electric utility or water service due to lack of payment to any tenant on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the tenant's address is located.
  - (b) (i) A tenant at whose dwelling electric or water utility service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the landlord reconnect service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert, such as an excessive heat warning, a heat advisory, an excessive heat watch, or a similar alert, for the area in which the tenant's address is located. The landlord shall inform all tenants in the notice of disconnection of the ability to seek reconnection and provide clear and specific information on how to make that request, including how to contact the landlord.
  - (ii) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to (b)(i) of this subsection, the landlord shall promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to the dwelling. The landlord, in connection with a request made pursuant to (b)(i) of this subsection, may require the tenant to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling. If the landlord requires the tenant to enter into a repayment plan, the repayment plan must comply with (c) of this subsection.
- (c) A repayment plan required by a landlord pursuant to (b)(ii)

  of this subsection will be designed both to pay the past due bill by

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- 1 the following May 15th, or as soon as possible after May 15th if needed to maintain monthly payments that are no greater than six 2 3 percent of the tenant's monthly income, and to pay for continued utility service. The plan may not require monthly payments in excess 4 of six percent of the tenant's monthly income. A tenant may agree to 5 6 pay a higher percentage during this period, but will not be in 7 default unless payment during this period is less than six percent of the tenant's monthly income. If assistance payments are received by 8 the tenant subsequent to implementation of the plan, the tenant shall 9 contact the landlord to reformulate the plan. 10
  - (8) Remove or exclude a tenant from the premises unless this chapter is complied with or the exclusion or removal is under an appropriate court order; or

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((\(\frac{(8)}{)}\)) (9) Prevent the entry or require the removal of a mobile home, manufactured home, or park model for the sole reason that the mobile home has reached a certain age. Nothing in this subsection shall limit a landlord's right to exclude or expel a mobile home, manufactured home, or park model for any other reason, including but not limited to, failure to comply with fire, safety, and other provisions of local ordinances and state laws relating to mobile homes, manufactured homes, and park models, as long as the action conforms to this chapter or any other relevant statutory provision.

Passed by the House February 27, 2023.

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2023.

Approved by the Governor April 20, 2023.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 21, 2023.

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#### WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT RESOLUTION 1089-23

# A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR WELL 16

WHEREAS, the District's Well 16 Pump and the motor has failed, and assessments by staff and consultation with two qualified well drillers, it has been determined that it is highly likely the pump and motor have separated from the column and is currently being supported by the motor electrical wiring; and

WHEREAS, due to such unforeseen circumstances, and perceived conditions of the Well 16 pump and motor separation from the well column, it is considered a real and immediate threat that may likely result in costly damage to property if immediate action is not taken; NOW, THEREFORE.

#### THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES:

- 1) Pursuant to RCW 39.04.280, the Board of Commissioners declares that due to the perceived condition of Well 16 pump, motor and column replacement constitutes an emergency and waives the requirements for competitive bidding relating to Well 16.
- 2) The General Manager is authorized to award any needed contract(s) to address the emergency situation identified relating to Well 16 to protect the property of the district.
- 3) The General Manager shall keep the Board apprised of contract awards no later than two weeks after such award and shall submit a final finding to the Board of the total costs and any identified damages to property beyond the Well 16 pump, motor, column, and appurtenances.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of West Sound Utility District at a regular Board meeting scheduled on June 21, 2023.

James J. Hart	
Vice Chairperson	

Jerry Lundberg Secretary

WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT

Kitsap County, Washington

#### WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT RESOLUTION 1090-23

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF

# WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT ACCEPTING THE DEVELOPER'S EXTENSION CONTRACT FOR SEWER AND WATER UTILITIES WITHIN THE PARKSIDE PLAT.

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Hancock, Authorized Agent for Lennar NW, Inc. (Developer), entered into a Development Extension Agreement on May 2, 2022, for extension of water, sewer extension, and services for the Parkside Plat located on Warner Avenue SE consisting of a twenty-eight (28) lot plat; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has completed construction of the water and sewer systems in accordance with the standards of the District and approved by the District's Operations staff; and

WHEREAS, the water and sewer system to be conveyed to the District consists of the items and quantities identified per the attached which includes the Water System Construction Cost Worksheet (Exhibit A) and the Sewer System Construction Cost Worksheet (Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the water system for an asset value of \$113,372.50 and the sewer system for an asset value of \$148,468.50 shall be conveyed to the District upon the acceptance of the water, and sewer system services by the District's Board of Commissioners; NOW, THEREFORE,

#### THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES:

<u>Section 1.</u> West Sound Utility District accepts the improvements of the water and sewer extensions and services for the Parkside Plat located on Warner Avenue SE consisting of a twenty-eight (28) lot plat. The Board further authorizes the District's General Manager to sign the conveyance documents (Exhibit C).

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of West Sound Utility District at a regularly scheduled meeting on June 21, 2023.

# WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT Kitsap County, Washington Susan Way Chairperson Jerry Lundberg Jerry Lundberg

Secretary



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#### Exhibit "A"

#### WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION COST WORKSHEET

Project Name: Parkside Lane	
Submitted by:	
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WATER MAINS				The state of the s
MAINS	FEET		COST	WSUD ASSETS (INTERNAL USE)
2"			Name of the second	
4"	91		\$5,852.00	5,852.00
6"				
8"	473		\$33,910.50	33,910,50
12"	Marine Carrier			
FITTINGS			INC	
TESTING	100000000000000000000000000000000000000		INC	
BLOCKING			INC	
VALVES	QUANTITY			
2"				
4"	Walter Property			
6" ·	Waster Francisco			
8"			Sept School St	
12"				
	QUANTITY			
VALVE BOXES				
TRACE WIRE				
	QUANTITY		<del>                                     </del>	
BLOW OFF ASSEMBLY	1		\$2,800.00	2,800.00
	QUANTITY			
AIR VAC ASSEMBLY				
WET TAPS	QUANTITY	SIZE		
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#### WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION COST WORKSHEET

HYDRANTS			
	QUANTITY		
HYRANTS	2	\$12,350.00	12,350.00
	FEET		
6" PIPE		INC	
		INIO CHEROLOGIA PROPERT	
VALVES		INC	
VALVE BOXES	\$100 mm m	INC	
TEES'		INC	
STORTZ ADAPTER		INC	
FITTINGS		INC	
SERVICES			
POLY PIPE	FEET		
2"			
1 1/2"			
1"			•
3/4"	28 EA	\$58,460.00	58,460.00
	QUANTITY		
TAPS		INC	
SADDLES		INC	
CORP STOPS		INC	- Maria Mari
CORP STOPS	\$11.00 (\$		
SETTERS			
2"		INC	
1 1/2"		INC	
1"		INC	
3/4"		INC	
METER BOXES		INC	
MOBILIZATION			
TOTAL MOBE COST		\$15,000.00	
	X	TOTAL WATER COST	<i></i>
<u></u>		\$128,372,50	4/13,372.50
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IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPER TO INCLUDE THE MATERIALS AND THE COSTS OF MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT LISTED ON THIS WORKSHEET



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Exhibit "B"

#### SEWER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION COST WORKSHEET

SEWER MAINS GRAVITY MAINS	FEET	COST	WSUD ASSETS (INTERNALLISE)
ONI TIVANI	671	\$47,348.00	WSUD ASSETS (INTERNAL USE) 47,348.00
3" 10" 12"		ψτ7,0τ0.00	71,218.00
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15"			
CLEANOUT ASSY.	QUANTITY		
6"	28	\$23,800.00	23,800.00
8"	2	\$1,215.00	1,215.00
CLEANOUT BOXES	30	INC	
FORCE MAINS (HDPE)	QUANTITY		
2"	0	0	
4"	0	0	
6"	0	0	
8"	0	0	
	QUANTITY		
TAPS	0	0	
VALVES	QUANTITY		
2"	0	0	
4"	0	0	
6"	0	0	
8"	0	0	
<u>.</u>	QUANTITY		
VALVE BOXES	0	0	
TESTING	1	\$2,500.00	2,500.00 3,285.50
FLUSH/TV	1	\$3,285.50	7 285.50
TRACE WIRE	1000'	INC	91000

#### SEWER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION COST WORKSHEET

#### **SEWER STUBS**

FEET	cost	
644	\$59,640.00	59,640.00
	INC	
28	INC. CARACTER CONTROL	
28	INC	
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#### **MANHOLES**

	QUANTITY	COST	
MANHOLE STRUCTURES	3	\$10,680.00	10,680.00
LIDS	2	INC MARKET MARKAT MARKET MARKET MARKET MARKET MARKET MARKET MARKET MARKET MARKE	
RISER RINGS	5.22	INC	
CORE DRILLING	2 ****	INC	
TESTING	1	INC A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	

MOBILIZATION			
TOTAL MOBE COST	1	\$15,000.00	

TOTAL COST:	R.
\$163,468.50	4 198, 468.50

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# DEVELOPER EXTENSION CONTRACT PARKSIDE LANE JUNE 21, 2023





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#### **AFFIDAVIT OF NO LIENS**

STATE OF Washington  COUNTY OF King	) ) ss. )
Jason Hancock (Name of Developer Representative)	being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and states as follows: on
the day of May	, 2023 , Lennar Northwest LLC (Developer Name)
hereinafter called "Developer"	", entered into a contract with West Sound Utility District, under agreed to perform water and/or wastewater system construction
1443 Warner Avenue SE, Port	Orchard, WA 98366
water and the second of the se	n and/or street address of property where work was performed)
Developer according to the c furnishing materials, all subcor- contract regarding this work p of money to laborers, material whatsoever; and the purpose of	performed pursuant to the said contract has been completed by the ontract's terms. All laborers performing work, all materialment ntractors performing services, and all expenses incurred under said project have been paid in full; there is not due and owing any sundemen, subcontractors, or others in connection in with said contract fithis affidavit is to provide the assurances required by West Sounders contained herein in order to obtain final approval from WEST of the said work.  Print Name: Jason Hancock  State Title: Authorized Agent
	The Developer has duly authorized representative
SHAWNA CORRELL Notary Public State of Washington Commission Number 203005 My Commission Expires 01/03/2027	Subscribed and sworn to before me on this



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#### BILL OF SALE AND CONVEYANCE

Project Name: Parkside Lane
The Developer, namely, Lennar Northwest LLC, for and in consideration of the mutual promises contained in the Contract, hereby grants, bargains, sells, conveys, delivers, and warrants to West Sound Utility District, the following described personal property and real property located in Kitsap County, Washington, to wit:
1. (Itemized description of Developer Improvements to be conveyed):
See attached Exhibit A - Water System Construction Cost Worksheet and
Exhibit B - Sewer System Construction Cost Worksheet
Legal description and tax parcel numbers of all real property and easements to be conveyed:
SW/SE 30-24N-2E
Parcel # 302402-4-045-2009 and 302402-4-221-2005
Together with any easements or other existing interests in real property incident thereto and necessary

Together with any easements or other existing interests in real property incident thereto and necessary for the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the Developer Improvement.

The Developer covenants and warrants to the District, its successors, and assigns, that the Developer is the owner of the said real and personal property and has good right and authority to sell the same, and that it will and does hereby warrant and agree to defend the sale thereof to the District, its successors, and its assigns against all and every person and/or entity claiming the same, whether said claim is with or without merit.

The Developer further warrants the Developer Improvement is fit for purposes intended, i.e., for use as a water collection and conveyance system or wastewater distribution system, and that the same has been constructed in accordance with this Contract.

The Developer further covenants, warrants, and agrees to repair, correct and bear the cost of any defect concerning any work or material associated with construction of the Developer Improvement which may arise for a two year period from the District's date of acceptance of this Bill of Sale, and to hold the District harmless from any and all costs arising in connection therewith or any and all liability of every kind and nature arising therefrom. When corrections of defects occurring within the warranty period are made, the Developer shall further warrant corrected work for two years after acceptance of the corrected work by the District.

Dated this of M	<u>fay</u> , 20 <u>23</u> .
Developer by:	
State Title: Authorized Agent	
Its duly authorized representative for enti	ry into this Exhibit
Address 33455 6th Avenue S, Unit 1-B,	Federal Way, WA 98003
Contact telephone numbers: (253) 590-22	200
Accepted by WEST SOUND UTILITY I pursuant to the District Resolution herein	DISTRICT on this day of, 20 nafter set forth.
Resolution No.	WEST SOUND UTILITY DISTRICT
	By
	By General Manager