

TRAILS END WATER DISTRICT #2

MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

DATED: APRIL 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners, Trails End Water District, authorizing emergency powers and delegating authority to the President of the Board in response to the outbreak of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death to vulnerable or at-risk populations, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency within the State of Washington due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Mason County’s Board of Commissioners declared the COVID-19 outbreak a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared public national emergency relating to COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-23 strongly encouraging water-sewer districts providing essential services to take certain measures to mitigate against the impact of COVID-19 and respond to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, reliable public water and sewer services are critical to compliance with the statewide emergency directives; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the state of emergency has resulted in unforeseen economic and social hardship conditions as well as the need to continue reliable services in a safe manner for all employees and customers,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Trails End Water District, as follows:

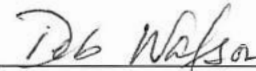
- A. The Commission of the Trails End Water District hereby and expressly finds and declares, based upon the Recitals above, which are expressly adopted herein, that COVID-19 is a civil public health emergency that:
 1. Demands immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, protect public property, or to provide relief to any stricken neighborhood overtaken by such occurrences; and
 2. Could, if unattended, seriously affect the safety, health, or welfare of a substantial number of citizens within the District's boundaries, or preclude the operation or use of essential public services and facilities with such magnitude or severity as to necessitate seeking state, county, or other supplementation of local efforts or resources exerted or utilized in alleviating the danger, damage, suffering or hardship faced
- B. RCW 57.08, RCW 39.04, and RCW 39.28 provide for exceptions to competitive bidding and/or notice requirements in the event emergent circumstances require immediate action. Although the District remains committed to maintaining normalcy in this area as long as possible, the District shall invoke these statutes and any others which allow immediate action if the situation requires it.
- C. The President of the Board is authorized to make and adjust Human Resources Policies related to leave usage and other issues related to District employees as necessitated by the impacts of COVID-19. Any such actions will be reported at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- D. The President of the Board may make temporary appointments of personnel to positions that directly respond to the emergency, when the urgency of filling positions prohibits examining applicants through the competitive process, and is immediately necessary for the protection of life and property. Any such actions will be reported at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- E. Board of Commissioner meetings: At this time, the District intends on holding the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner meetings. These meetings shall not be held in person pursuant to Governor Inslee's proclamation 20-28, which prohibits in person

contacts with the public that are required by the OPMA and PRA. Proclamation 20-28 is valid through April 23, 2020 unless extended. Meetings will be held by electronic means. The District shall post relevant information related to Open Public meetings on its website, as the District pursues alternate electronic means for having the public participate while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.070, and the declaration of a state of emergency, if there is a need for expedited action by the Board of Commissioners to meet the emergency, the presiding officer of the Board may provide for a meeting site other than the regular meeting site and the notice requirements of shall be suspended during such emergency.

- F. The District Commission further reserves its rights to issue such further orders as may be necessary to respond to the state of emergency declared by Mason County, the State of Washington, or the United States in response to COVID-19.
- G. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and be in full force and effect for the same time period, and without action required to renew, as the state of emergency adopted by the Mason County Commissioners.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Trails End Water District at the regular public meeting thereof held this 14th day of April 2020 and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof.



Deb Watson



Sarah Carlson



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