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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Natural Resources Committee

May 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Todd Donovan, Barry Buchanan, and Satpal Sidhu
Absent: None
Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, Carol Frazey, and Tyler Byrd

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. AB2019-256 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Steve Jilk, Public Utility District General Manager, submitted and read from a presentation and other handouts (*on file*) and answered questions.

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, answered questions.

Councilmembers, staff, and Mr. Jilk discussed available State resources for drought planning, local representation on a State committee, whether the Planning Unit was involved in the process, and proposed efforts to increase the supply of water during droughts.

Atul Deshmane, Public Utility District Commissioner, spoke about the support for the PUD's efforts in water planning.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. AB2019-296 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE PDR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE RANKING AND AUTHORIZING WHATCOM COUNTY PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ADMINISTRATOR AND WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF A FORESTRY CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE SEED ORCHARD APPLICATION

- AND -

2. AB2019-297 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE JACK LOUWS TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF WHATCOM COUNTY FOR WASHINGTON STATE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE WASHINGTON WILDLIFE AND RECREATION FARMLAND AND FORESTLAND PRESERVATION PROJECT GRANTS

1 Sean D'Agnolo, Purchase of Development Rights Oversight Committee, introduced
2 the presentation.

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4 Chris Elder, Planning and Development Services Department, submitted and read
5 from a presentation (*on file*) and answered questions about alternatives to the Whatcom
6 Land Trust, the requirements of different funding sources, converting the Bishop
7 landowner's surface water right to a groundwater right, identifying the amount of water
8 available for development on certain properties, and appropriate locations for easements.

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10 **Buchanan moved** to recommend approval of the resolution (AB2019-296) to the
11 full Council.

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13 The motion carried by the following vote:

14 **Ayes:** Donovan, Buchanan, and Sidhu (3)

15 **Nays:** None (0)

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17 **Buchanan moved** to recommend approval of the resolution (AB2019-297) to the
18 full Council.

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20 The motion carried by the following vote:

21 **Ayes:** Donovan, Buchanan, and Sidhu (3)

22 **Nays:** None (0)

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25 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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27 There was no other business.

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30 **ADJOURN**

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32 The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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35 ATTEST:

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41 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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46 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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Todd Donovan, Committee Chair