

# **Whatcom County Council Water Work Session**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Minutes - Final**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - VIEW ONLINE**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

**10:30 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Rud Browne  
Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

**Call To Order**

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey and Kathy Kershner

**Absent:** None

**Water Resources Update**

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers on the following:

- The Executive's water settlement, the adjudication process and a recent contract for the purpose of a settlement or collaborative process readiness assessment and for tracking \$250,000 that the Governor put in his budget to support facilitation and technical work
- The regional water supply work led by the Public Utility District (PUD)
- The Drainage Based Management process led by the County
- The peer review of the North County groundwater model
- Water use efficiency projects
- The Domestic Use Water Efficiency Program
- Upcoming meetings and agendas of the Watershed Management Board and the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 1 Planning unit
- Lake Whatcom activities including the 2020 Accomplishments Report and the Lake Whatcom Policy Group meeting

**Marine Resources Committee 2020 Annual Report**

Austin Rose, Public Works Department, gave a presentation about the work of the Marine Resources Committee and answered questions.

**Homeowners Incentive Program (HIP) update**

Ingrid Enschede, Public Works Department, gave an update on the 2020 annual report and gave a program overview for Whatcom County going into 2021. She answered whether a new interlocal will have to be done with the City of Bellingham.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on March 9, 2021

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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