

Whatcom County Council Water Work Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Minutes - Draft Minutes

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.

ATTEST:

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription