

**Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District
Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2026

Opening: Called to order by Siri Erickson-Brown at 10:04am

Commissioners Present: Siri Erickson-Brown, Meredith Molli, Andrew Stout, Kristina Cobarrubia, David Haakenson (joined at item 4.b.)

Others present: Erin Ericson (SVWID Staff), Lainey Piland (SVWID Staff), Chris Elder (King County)

1. Approval of agenda
 - a. Motion to approve agenda (Meredith), seconded (Andrew). Motion carries 3-0.
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. December 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. December 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - c. December 24, 2025 Election Canvas Meeting Minutes
 - d. December Financial Activity
 - e. Motion to approve the consent agenda (Meredith), seconded (Andrew), motion passes 3-0
3. Public comment (3 minutes each)
 - a. Chris Elder – Farmland Preservation Program Manager with King County. Introduced himself as he’s new to the role.
4. Directors – Oath of Office (RCW 87.03.082)
 - a. Current Commissioners introduced themselves (David Haakensen joined at this time)
 - b. Oath of Office administered to Kristina Cobarrubia, SVWID Board of Commissioners Position #5
5. Drainage Program
 - a. Technical Services Agreement Between King County and the Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District for Services Related to the Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program in an amount not exceeding \$70,000, with an end date of 12/31/2026 for Board Review and Action.
 - b. Staff gave overview of agreement and purpose. Have requested agreement be fully executed by King County by January 28th to meet critical project timelines.
 - c. Motion to authorize entering into technical services agreement (Andrew), seconded (Meredith). Motion passes 4-0
6. Irrigation Program
 - a. Water Bank 2026
 - Staff reviewed water bank outlook for 2026 irrigation season. Dec 31 2025 deadline for water request applications, deadline to submit to Ecology is Feb 15 2026. Have received one new application and several renewals. Tokul Creek water right will be the only water available to water bank for 2026 season, will not be able to lease additional water from water right 873 as in years past. Water demand is exceeding supply. May shift to irrigation schedule to accommodate water requests with available supply. Water Bank 2.0 grant to evaluate water supply will be getting

underway soon. Finalizing Foster Pond water right, that will be available for water bank once proven up. Discussion ensued about future water bank marketplace.

7. Strategic Planning

- a. King County approved Critical Areas Ordinance updates at December meeting. 61 days from Dec 19 2025, new codes go into effect at permitting.

8. Administrative

- a. Resolution 2026-01, Financial Controls and Procedures for Board Review and Action.
 - Staff gave overview of resolution
 - Motion to approve resolution 2026-01 (Meredith), seconded (Andrew). Motion passes 4-0
 - Resolution read aloud by Meredith
- b. Resolution 2026-02, SVWID Reserve Fund for Board Review and Action.
 - Staff gave overview of resolution
 - Resolution read aloud by Meredith
 - Motion to approve resolution 2026-02 (Andrew), seconded (Meredith), Motion passes 4-0
- c. Washington State Auditor Compliance Audit
 - Staff gave update on upcoming audit. SAO will be doing accountability audit for years 2020-2024. Contact at SAO estimated 100 hours and \$15,000 for SAO to complete the audit. Discussion ensued about audits, and what to expect as far as frequency going forward, what the process is for determining which organization is audited at what frequency, and the anticipated hours to complete. Staff will bring these questions to contact at SAO.

9. Staff report

Motion to adjourn (Meredith), seconded (Andrew). Motion carries 4-0.

Adjourned by Siri Erickson-Brown at 11:12am.