

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2026

10 a.m.

Opening: Called to order by Siri Erickson-Brown at 10:03am

Commissioners present: Siri Erickson-Brown, David Haakenson, Meredith Molli, Andrew Stout, Kristina Cobarrubia

Commissioners absent: None

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

1. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve agenda (David), seconded (Meredith), motion carries 3-0

2. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda (Meredith), seconded (David), motion carries 3-0

- a. March 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. March 2026 Financial Activity

3. Public comment (3 minutes each)

None

4. Drainage Program - None

5. Irrigation Program - None

6. Strategic Planning

a. South Fork Tolt FERC Hydroelectric Relicensing

- Andrew Stout joined the meeting
- SVWID staff (Erin) gave update on data from water study related to the Tolt dam. City of Seattle completed study as required by federal government, provided data from 2001-2024.
- David Haakenson left the meeting
- SVWID staff (Erin) to draft letter to City of Seattle regarding need for more data, in particular related to streamflows in Tolt River, and quantity of water diverted for power generation versus water demand from reservoir/pond.

b. Irrigation Strategic Planning

- SVWID Staff (Erin) gave presentation reviewing strategic plan goals, have conversation about moving forward with prioritizing deliverables for Water Banking 2.0 grant. Reviewed Snoqualmie APD Water Rights Assessment completed in 2013. Reviewed AMP Insights study commissioned by SVWID in 2016 – actions/goals to address for currently irrigated land, non-irrigated land, and considering alternative sources of new water supply. Reviewed impact of 2025 water bank, and projections for 2026 water bank in terms of AF of water, GPM water pumped, irrigated acres, and number of farms. Reviewed 2018 AESI Water Rights Evaluation of all water

rights available to WID water bank. Referenced USGS & King County Dept of Health Water Resources Investigations Report 94-4082. Questions from Commissioners about deeper wells (e.g. 400 ft deep wells) and how those are recharged, how/whether that water communicates with Snoqualmie River instream flows.

- Chris Elder (King County) joined the meeting
- SVWID Staff (Erin) reviewed water right change/transfer scenarios of available water rights from 2018 AESI Water Rights Evaluation report. Reviewed special scenarios, further needs and questions, unserved water bank requests.
- SVWID Staff (Erin) requested Commissioner feedback on where to direct/prioritize efforts and grant funds for water bank program.
- Kristina Cobarrubia joined the meeting
- Discussion ensued. Potential points of focus include: Tolt dam water supply, public outreach; evaluation of water demand; study of deeper aquifer and potential connectivity to river; new irrigation wells in floodway; identify/map those who are interested in installing irrigation well and who are not in floodway, evaluate potential for well sharing/collaboration among interested parties in close proximity. SVWID Staff (Erin) suggested subject matter expert to attend and present at next board meeting.
- Meredith Molli left the meeting

7. Administrative

a. SAO Audit 2020-2024

Staff gave update on upcoming audit. SAO confirmed will invoice at conclusion of audit, payment plan available.

8. Staff report

No update

Meeting adjourned by Siri Erickson-Brown at 11:13am