

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

MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2026

Opening: Siri Erickson-Brown called the meeting to order at 10:04am

Commissioners Present: Siri Erickson-Brown, Andrew Stout, Kristina Cobarrubia, Meredith Molli

Commissioners Absent: David Haakenson

Others Present: Erin Ericson (SVWID Staff), Lainey Piland (SVWID Staff), June Li (SAO), Haji Adams (SAO), Caleb Kreatschman (SAO), Peter Lugli (Snoqualmie Valley for Responsible Energy), Joanna Eide (Kenyon Disend), Denise, Dana (no last names or affiliation provided)

1. Approval of agenda
Motion to approve agenda (Meredith), seconded (Kristina), motion passes 4-0
2. Consent Agenda
Motion to approve consent agenda (Meredith), seconded (Kristina), motion passes 4-0
 - a. April 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. April 2026 Financial Activity
3. Public comment (3 minutes each)
 1. Peter Lugli: representing the nonprofit Snoqualmie Valley for Responsible Energy provided comment on a proposed industrial-scale lithium-ion battery storage facility to be located outside of the City of Snoqualmie. Voiced concerns about water supply, drainage, environmental concerns and pollution. Proposed the following WID actions: 1. Place on future agenda for discussion, 2. Send a letter to KC permitting requesting further analysis before construction proceeds, 3. Require inclusion of WID as stakeholder in future discussions on project.
4. Administrative
 - a. SAO Accountability Audit for years 2020-2024
 - Entrance Conference – Caleb Kreatschman, Assistant State Auditor
Haji Adams provided an overview of accountability audit. Caleb gave overview of audit scope: 2020-2024 accountability audit. Look into specific higher-risk areas: procurement, accounts payable, open public meetings, financial condition. Sequence of audit: engagement letter, risk assessment, entrance conference, weekly status meetings, management rep letter, exit conference. Reviewed reporting levels. Reminder about loss reporting. Explained FIT financial health tool/website. June Li gave overview of SAO resources and support services for accounting, technical support, annual reporting. Center for Government Innovation. CyberSmart Program. Fraud Prevention.

SAO staff left the meeting.
 - Approve Audit cost
SVWID Staff (Erin) gave overview of audit cost: \$14,200 estimated cost + travel time. No travel time anticipated. Discussion ensued regarding possibility of seeking financial assistance with audit cost, and implications of 3 year audit cycle and

budgeting and assessment considerations going forward.

Motion to approve expense of approx. \$14,200 for accountability audit (Meredith), seconded (Andrew), motion passes 4-0

5. Drainage Program

a. Cherry Creek Phase II permit invoice for approval

SVWID Staff (Erin) explained invoice in the amount of \$21,500 for Cherry Creek Phase I and Phase II Shoreline Substantial Development permit. Invoice will be paid with SVWID credit card, then submitted to King County Flood Control District for reimbursement.

Motion to accept payment for My Building Permit invoice #432510 (Andrew) seconded (Siri). Kristina Cobarrubia recused herself from the vote. Motion passes 3-0.

b. Basin 1 Pump – Joanna Eide, Kenyon Disend

- Draft O&M Agreement

SVWID Staff (Erin) introduced Joanna Eide of Kenyon Disend, who has provided legal counsel on project, and gave overview of Basin 1 Pump project and draft agreement, current status, and proposed special assessment for Basin 1 landowners. Easement on property of landowner on whose land the pump would be placed – would be separate agreement. Joanna Eide clarified that ownership of pump would remain with WID, project to be paid for with grant funding. Mentioned apportionment of cost sharing among landowners. Staff (Erin) continued to give overview of draft agreement. 50% of grant funding expires end of 2026, in-water work needs to be completed by Sept 30th. Board needs to make decision by June board meeting on whether or not to move forward, in order to meet that timeline. Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners, with Erin and Joanna Eide providing additional information. Clarified options for proceeding with landowner agreement and special assessment. Discussion continued. Erin reiterated June deadline for Commissioner decision on whether or not to proceed. Discussion continued.

- Draft Resolution

Erin has created draft resolution for Commissioner review.

c. 2026 Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood Reduction Grants - Ames Creek Final Designs Board letter of support

6. Irrigation Program - None

7. Strategic Planning

a. Irrigation – Water Bank 2.0 Draft Scope of Work. This item was not discussed.

8. Staff report. No additional discussion.

Meeting adjourned by Siri Erickson-Brown at 12:05 pm.