

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

September 16, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Opening: Siri Erickson-Brown called the meeting to order at 10:06am

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Erin Ericson (SVWID), Lainey Piland (SVWID), Matthew Baerwalde (Snoqualmie Tribe)

1. Approval of agenda
Motion to approve Agenda as written (Andrew), seconded (Meredith). Motion passes 5-0.
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. August Meeting Minutes
 - b. August Financial ActivityMotion to approve Consent Agenda (Meredith), seconded (Andrew). Motion passes 5-0.
3. Public comment (3 minutes each)
None
4. Drainage Program
 - a. KCFCF Flood Reduction Fund Award – Ames
Staff (Erin Ericson) gave overview of King County Flood Control District grant funding of approx. \$500,000 and overview of Ames Creek project that was funded. Discussion ensued, Commissioners asked questions clarifying project design. Questions about upstream conditions contributing to issues in Ames tributary. Erin provided further information.
5. Irrigation Program
 - a. 2027 Water Bank Marketing Window
6. Strategic Planning
 - a. Authorization for Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Professional Services Contract for Water Banking 2.0 not to exceed \$80,000.
Received two proposals for water banking 2.0 project, Erin asked for Board approval to move forward with consultant selection.
Motion to authorize Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Professional Services Contract for Water Banking 2.0 not to exceed \$80,000 (Andrew), seconded (Meredith).
Motion passes 5-0.
7. Administrative
 - a. Draft Resolutions:
 - 2026-04 Public Records Policies, Public Records Fees, and Public Records Index

Determination

SVWID Staff (Lainey) gave background on resolution, and the need to update District public records act policies and procedures to maintain compliance with PRA.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-04 (Siri), seconded (Andrew). Motion passes 5-0.

b. SVWID Board Commissioner Positions 3 and 4

Current terms end December 31 2026. Nomination petitions due first Monday of October at 5pm. Petitions available on SVWID website.

8. Staff report

9. Presentation on Snoqualmie Tribe DROUT initiative – Matthew Baerwalde, Snoqualmie Tribe

Matt Baerwalde gave presentation on Snoqualmie Tribe's work on water supply studies. DROUT (Drout Resilience for OUR Tribe project objectives: to evaluate drought vulnerability of Tribe's water supply (groundwater wells); Evaluate drought vulnerability of Snoqualmie Basin ecology and fisheries; Partner with other water users in Basin to understand water needs and vulnerability; Develop Tribe's standalone drought mitigation strategies. Reviewed water usage and streamflow data. Reviewed mitigation strategies that were considered.

Closing: Siri Erickson-Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:06pm