

**Water District 19**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**February 10, 2026**

**Regular Meeting 6:00 PM**

**Commissioner Zuckerman** called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioner Angela Marshall, Commissioner Robin Pfohman, General Manager John Martinak, Operations Lead Armin Wahanik** and **Office Administrator Heidi McWatters**. Guest in attendance were Mike Spano, Angie Kelly, Mike Spano, Richard Bard, and Henry Haselton.

6:00PM Call to order – **Commissioner Zuckerman**

**Guest: Mike Spano, Owner of Gold Beach Water Company** - Mr. Spano expressed his interest in selling his water company, identifying assets (wells/source capacity) that may be beneficial to the District. The board offered to consider the proposition, tabling further discussion and/or decision for a future meeting.

**Guest: Henry Haselton, District Customer**

Mr. Haselton raised concerns with the main replacement work currently underway along 216<sup>th</sup>, citing insufficient traffic control, open ditches, insufficient compaction, poor material handling/storage and erosion control. Mr. Haselton will email **General Manager Martinak** photos and descriptions of issues raised to be shared with Reed Construction and King County Roads inspectors to correct the situation.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, Regular Meeting. **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, **Commissioner Marshall** seconded. The motion carried.

**Review of Vouchers/Warrants/Electronic Payments – Maintenance Fund Vouchers** numbered from 28422 to 28452 totaling \$51,588.51. **Capital Improvement Vouchers** numbered 12368 to 12374 totaling \$188,985.03. **Deferred Comp** payment in the amount of \$500 paid on 1/20/26. **Dept. of Revenue** payment totaling \$6164.15 paid on 1/25/26. **Dept. of Retirement** payment of \$7,445,83 paid on 1/14/26. 2025. **Payroll Direct** deposits in the amounts of \$26,348.20 & \$37,381,95 paid on 1/16/26 & 2/2/26. **Payroll EFT** payments in the amounts of \$9,379.68 & \$14,834.60 paid on 1/16/26 & 2/2/26. **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. **Commissioner Zuckerman** seconded. Motion carried.

**System Operations Report – Operations Lead Armin Wahanik** – Information Item – Water quality sampling for December remained satisfactory and the Surface Water Treatment Plant remains TOPS optimized. Weekly samples of treated water continue to indicate an absence of cyanotoxins. An existing water main was struck during excavation for the new main on 216<sup>th</sup>, causing an interruption of water service and a Boil Water Advisory for customers downstream of 216<sup>th</sup> & 86<sup>th</sup>. The well site was broken into over the weekend. Nothing appears to have been stolen or tampered with, aside from an attempt to climb the million-gallon storage tank. The SCADA alarm/operator notification system (Win911) has been updated. Scheduled work includes adding a “high flow” filter alarm to SCADA, addressing a hydrant leak/hydrant replacement on Vashon Highway, and completion of the main replacement along 216<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report – General Manager Martinak** – Information Item – Financial data for January was not available for the meeting. Significant expenses for 2026 include recouping past district payments for King County’s right-of-way franchise fee and \$160k loan payments for the 216<sup>th</sup> main replacement. Other known expenses include \$130k for server replacements (office and treatment plant), and \$100k (minimum) insurance deductible for the slide on Soper Rd. To meet these expenses and keep pace with rising operating costs, **Commissioner Pfohman** made a motion to raise the base fee for all service connections 7% and the usage rates 10%. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded. The motion carried. **Commissioner Zuckerman** made a motion to replace the existing \$18 per billing cycle ROW Fee assessment with one based on 15% of billed usage. The motion failed for lack of a second.

#### **New Business:**

- **Administrative Staffing – Information Item** – Second interviews are underway for the part-time position advertised. Two candidates remain; one possesses a strong background in data/records management which would serve the District well.
- **King County ROW Permitting/Franchise Agreement** – Numerous complaints have been filed with the District and KC Roads concerning ROW work associated with the 216<sup>th</sup> Main Replacement Project. The District is working with King County, the project engineer (G&O), and the contractor (Reed Construction) to resolve these issues and avoid consequences regarding the District’s Franchise Agreement with King County.

#### **Old Business:**

- **216<sup>th</sup> Main Replacement Project– Information Item** – Most of the new main has been installed along 216<sup>th</sup> from Monument to Tramp Harbor. New service lines are currently being installed, pressure testing and water quality sampling to follow. Schedule overruns have exceeded the original project management projections.
- **Proposed Encroachment Settlement – Information Item** – The proposed revision of requiring payment prior to signing the grant deed. has been rejected. A counter offer of shortening receipt of payment from 10 to 5 days after signature was approved with recommendations from the District’s legal counsel.

- **Soper Road Update – Information Item** – The Risk Management Pool has employed a geotechnical firm to assess the slide area and cost of restoration in order to validate future claims made by the Koch Estate.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Commissioner Zuckerman** made a motion to adjourn the meeting end at 8:13. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. The motion carried.