

MEETING NOTES

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY-REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING-(SPECIAL MEETING)

North Shore Chelan Substation Community Meeting & Project Update

Chelan City Council Chambers – May 24, 2016 – 5 - 5:45 pm

Attendees:

- Chelan County PUD Commissioners Smith, Bergren, Congdon
- Chelan County PUD Staff: John Stoll, Chad Rissman, Andy Wendell, Suzanne Hartman, Teka Sellers, Gary Rice,
- Members of Chelan City Council and staff
- Approximately 45 members of the public

John Stoll opened the meeting at 5:05pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Suzanne Hartman provided the safety minute.

Andy Wendell provided an overview of the meeting purpose and desired outcomes.

- Update the community on progress made since the last meeting in August 2015
- Hear from the community focus group about the process and work that has been accomplished
- Discuss the current status of the project , next steps, and timeline

Chad Rissman provided an overview of why the substation is needed.

- The existing substations serving the area (2) are nearing capacity
- The planning process for a new substation begins very early
- Once a site is identified, it will take approximately two years until it is energized
- Growth and development is on the rise on the north shore of Chelan and additional capacity is needed

Steve Firman, member of the community focus group presented

- PUD process has been open
- The group understands the infrastructure is needed to support growth and development
- Showed the contrast in photos of the area from 1972 and today, underscores the need
- Provided an overview of the work accomplished at each of the four focus group meetings
- Explained where the group is today and the status of the project – Top 3 areas

John Dryer, member of the focus group commented that the process has been open and collaborative and reiterated the need for the substation to support growth and development. He appreciates the complexity of finding a location that meets both the PUD system needs and the desires of the community.

Andy followed up on some of the focus group's work and accomplishments:

- The site selection criteria was created by the group with the support of PUD staff, mainly for the system needs. The criteria are "owned" by the community focus group.
- PUD staff and the focus group are committed to finding a win-win for the community.

Questions from the public:

Q. Why were property owners in the Top 3 areas not contacted prior to the meeting?

A. PUD staff and the focus group discussed the most appropriate timing for contacting property owners and coming to the community. They strived to find a balance between being too vague and coming to the community early on in the process or being more detailed and coming later in the process. We decided it would be best to provide the information to the community and contact property owners after the community meeting.

Andy discussed next steps and timeline:

- There seems to be general consensus that a new substation is needed along the north shore of Lake Chelan to meet load growth
- PUD Lands and Real Estate staff will contact all property owners in the Top 3 areas
- Staff will compile a list of all property owners in those areas that are interested in having a conversation about selling property for the purpose of a substation
- PUD staff will transition from looking at general areas, to looking at parcels, to then looking at actual sites within those parcels
- The community focus group will remain involved in the process
- The PUD welcomes community input on potential sites
- The PUD will host another community meeting once three sites have been identified
- A consultant will provide detailed cost analysis and renderings on the three sites
- PUD staff and the community focus group will then present this information to PUD Commissioners

The PUD will continue to update the website:

www.chelanpud.org/NewLeavenworthSubstation

Contact Teka Sellers with questions and for other information

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