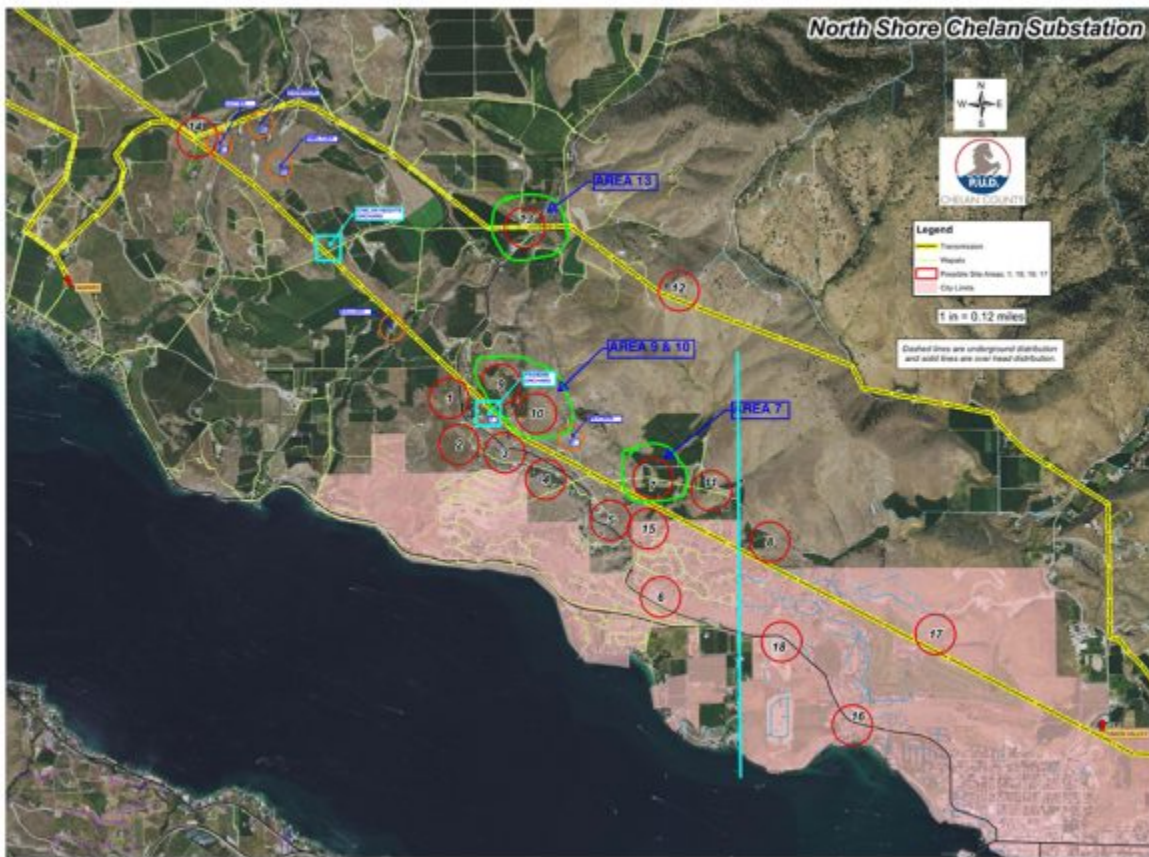




## Chelan County PUD makes progress on North Shore substation site search, public meeting on August 24

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CHELAN - The Chelan County PUD narrowed down viable sites for the PUD substation on the North Shore of Lake Chelan, and will move forward with public comment before any decisions are made.



**A map of the proposed areas the Chelan County PUD is researching and analyzing to find any viable properties for the North Shore Substation. The areas are not committed sites. (Image courtesy of Chelan County PUD)**

After a public hearing in May, the Chelan County PUD readjusted its plans, seeking willing property owners who have viable land to host the substation site.

“We’re at a really critical point just from the standpoint that we have evaluated these areas, and there was a significant effort to go out and find willing folks and potentially looking at their property,” said Chelan County PUD Director of Customer Utilities John Stoll.

Stoll said the PUD has narrowed the search down to two sites, including an area where property owners have indicated a willingness to discuss a possible one-acre acquisition, as well as various areas where staff has focused their attention with the community group.

“We’ve identified some parcels for further evaluation,” Stoll said. “It’s important to note that nothing has been committed to, and these are just properties that we could take to the next level to further understand if they will be viable sites and gather further input on characteristics that make these a potential.”



**Chelan County PUD Director of Customer Utilities John Stoll gave an update to Chelan City Council on Aug. 10, presenting several viable areas for the North Shore Substation. The Chelan County PUD will hold a public meeting on August 24, 2016 to present more information to the community. (Photo by Kaitlin Hetterscheidt)**

The areas are in close proximity to the transmission line and seem to have good characteristics, Stoll said.

“We would like to have more options to consider, and we will still keep our radar up to find that,” Stoll said. “Essentially, starting tonight, the public comment on this is open for feedback.”

The two sites the Chelan PUD is looking into include one near Boyd Loop Road and Winesap Avenue and one in the area of 54 Boyd Road.

“The process the PUD has done in spinning out of a bad initial public meeting, you should be commended,” said Chelan Mayor Mike Cooney. “I think the cart got before the horse, and you’ve done a very good job of getting public input.”

The public meeting on the project is on August 24 at 5:30 p.m., at Chelan City Hall to present the three sites and will take feedback along with a detailed cost analysis of each site in order to move forward, and will present more information to the community and PUD Commissioners before the end of 2016.

Public comments regarding the proposed sites under consideration are welcome until September 9, 2016. To learn more about the project or to give public feedback, visit the Chelan PUD website page for North Shore Chelan Substation.



A map showing the two proposed sites for the Chelan County PUD North Shore Substation. One location is near the intersection of Boyd Loop Road and Winesap Avenue, and the other is located at 54 Boyd Road. (Image courtesy of Chelan County PUD)

*(By Kaitlin Hetterscheidt)*