



# Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

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**Commissioners:**

Susan Genzale – President  
Scott Hilsen – Vice President  
William Tracy – Secretary

**General Manager:**

Ron Hall

**Consulting Attorney:**

Eric C. Frimodt

**Consulting Engineer:**

Craig Chambers

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**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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**1. Call to Order:**

Commissioner Genzale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Also in Attendance:**

Steve Graddon.

**3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda:**

Added execution of replacement 2005 bonds.

**4. Written Communications:**

No written communications.

**5. Public Comment**

Mr. Steve Graddon inquired on the District's policy for installing pump systems for property that lied below the nearest gravity sewer line. Mr. Graddon is investigating the eight parcel lot at 1414 SW 128<sup>th</sup> Street for a potential buyer. Both Hall and Chambers advised the Board that it is against District policy to allow a pump system, unless it is a preexisting home with new sewer provided, but unable to gravity. Hall and Chambers also mentioned that it is the Department of Ecology's opinion that sewer providers should have ownership of private pump systems.

**6. Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of the Minutes for the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Tracy, seconded by Commissioner Hilsen and unanimously approved.

**7. Business Agenda:**

Hall requested approval for Resolution 2016-01, adjusting the monthly residential sewer rate from \$29.50 to \$31.50, effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall requested approval for the new 2016 PACE Engineers municipal rate schedule. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall presented a memo prepared by District employee Sandy Goulet, requesting that the lien fee filed against Ms. Conlon be removed. District policy is that if a customer is making some sort of payment on their sewer bill, the District will not file a lien against the property. Ms. Conlon was making payments and should have not received a lien against her property. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall requested execution and signature of the 2005 replacement bonds. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

**8. Manager's Comments or Reports:**

Hall requested a "Special" meeting be set up to discuss the District's Project Management Plan. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request for a "Special" meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m.

**9. Attorney's Comments and Reports:**

Attorney Frimodt reported on the status of his work on the easements relating to the Seahurst Park pump station and related facilities. Frimodt noted that he had recent discussions with Burien's City Attorney about a few outstanding items that need to be addressed. Frimodt noted that he will work with Laura Gallez and BHC to address the issues. Frimodt also reported on the status of certain liens on real property that were subject to King County's tax foreclosure action. Frimodt indicated that both of the properties liened by the District had satisfied their tax obligations by making sizable tax payments and therefore no tax foreclosure occurred. As a result, no excess proceeds will be available from a foreclosure sale to satisfy the District's liens. Frimodt indicated that District staff will continue to work on collecting the delinquent amounts. Frimodt also noted that he had received an email from Brett Fish's attorney checking on the status of the District's response to his recent letter. Frimodt noted that his office had been reviewing the issues raised in the attorney's last letter and that he would be preparing a response to the letter later this week.

**10. Commissioner's Comments or Reports:**

Commissioner Tracy commented on the vacant WASWD Region 4 Chair position and SB 6115, limiting water and sewer utility tax to 6%.

