

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ridge and Commissioner McCall virtually attended Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings February 12-14. Commissioner McCall reported that he attended several committee meetings over the three-day period. At the New Commissioner Orientation, the group received training on the Open Public Meetings Act, discussed their roles as commissioners and learned how to work with general managers. At the Water Committee meeting the group discussed the strategic plan, the acquisition of failing systems, culvert relocation notification and funding, the Public Works Board funding and US House Resolution H.R. 1267 requiring polluters to pay for PFAS contamination. The group also discussed the current state legislative session and proposed legislation affecting PUDs including House Bill 5627 regarding changes to the dig law. At the Board meeting the group discussed the PUD "Day on the Hill" with legislators, the proposed state budget shortfall, the federal budget and the WPUDA Annual Meeting scheduled for April.

Commissioner Ridge reported that she attended the Energy Committee and Board meetings. At the Energy Committee meeting the discussion focused on current state legislation affecting PUDs. The group heard a presentation from Energy Northwest regarding the Columbia Generating Station's current production run of 600 days and the refueling outage that will begin in May and run longer than usual. At the Board meeting the group heard from US House Representative Michael Baumgartner about federal issues and from the Bonneville Power Administration regarding the Trump Administration's required federal workforce reductions and retirements that will severely affect their agency. The Board also heard about the WPUDA building issues and a building needs assessment that will be conducted.

Commissioner Ridge will be virtually attending the Public Power Council meeting on March 6.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.