

Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Special Meeting
December 1, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Rhubright; Tom Myrum; Mike McGinnis; Jerry Louthain; and Mike Schwisow.

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Rhubright at 7:05 p.m. in the Percival Plaza conference room located at 626 Columbia Street NW, Olympia, Washington 98501. All of the above Board members were in attendance, therefore a quorum was present. Members of the public in attendance included: Adam Gravely (by phone), and Jill Van Hulle representing the Cities of Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey.

MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.
2. Purpose of Special Meeting: The meeting was scheduled to provide a discussion and work session for the Board, proponent representatives, and the public regarding the recently accepted Olympia Brewery applications numbered as follows – THUR-08-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, and -12.
3. Topic of Discussion: *Methodology to Determine Beneficial Use – Rotational vs. Aggregate*
 - To aid the discussion two handouts were supplied by the Cities: 1) Hydro-Geo Draft Report; and 2) Updated Beneficial Use Memo.
 - After review and discussion of the handouts a vote was taken (all in favor) to accept the Aggregate Methodology as guidance in determining beneficial use regarding the multiple water rights applications submitted by the Cities. The primary reason for this unanimous vote was the fact that longterm-hard data exists to support a Board decision. In contrast, the Rotational Methodology uses personnel records and speculation to come to a conclusion. The Board did not feel that ECY would accept a determination based on the Rotational Methodology because an alternative method, supported by hard data, was available for use. However, the Board did comment that the Rotational Methodology may have merit if hard evidence of use was not available.

The special meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Special meeting minutes approved by the Board: December 15, 2008