

POLICY ON PUBLIC COMMENTS

RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, requires all meetings of the Board of Commissioners be open to the public and all actions of the Commission be made in public. The decision to allow public comment at a commission meeting is a decision of the Commissioners.

To facilitate orderly meetings and encourage appropriate public comment during meetings, the Board of Commissioners adopted the following policy:

1. During regular meetings, public comments on matters, not on the agenda, or the consent agenda, shall be taken during the afternoon portion of the meeting under the Public Comment agenda item. Comments must be limited to five (5) minutes and persons shall be recognized to speak by the Board President from a sign-up sheet located on the Clerk of the Board table. Comments shall be made to the Commission as a body.
2. Prior to Commission consideration of any action item on the agenda, except for those matters on the consent calendar, the Board President shall ask for any public comment on the agenda item requiring Commission action. Public comments shall be limited to five (5) minutes and shall be addressed to the Commission as a body. No person in the audience shall be recognized to speak on the action item after the conclusion of this public comment period. This policy does not apply to those matters that are scheduled for public hearing.

The PUD Board of Commissioner Meetings are held on Tuesdays, unless otherwise noted, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the CEO/General Manager briefing session. The Board and the CEO/General Manager use this session to study and discuss issues among themselves and with PUD staff. The Commission generally takes no formal action during these sessions. Matters on the agenda to come before the Commission for action will take place during the 1:30 p.m. portion of the agenda.

Meeting materials are available on the PUD website at www.snopud.com.