

RESOLUTION NUMBER 67-02

**A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A MASON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD**

WHEREAS, water conservancy boards are authorized by the Washington State Legislature in Chapter 90.80 of the revised Code of Washington;

WHEREAS, the principal objectives of the water conservancy boards are to facilitate voluntary water right transfers through local water resource management and review and to acknowledge the property right features inherent to existing water right permits and certificates;

WHEREAS, water right transfers can provide an incentive for investment in water conservation efforts by Mason County water right holders and provide needed water for new uses where new water rights may be difficult to expeditiously acquire;

WHEREAS, a local water conservancy board can expedite an administrative process for water right transfers proposed to be diverted within Mason County; and

WHEREAS, counties can authorize the creation of a water conservancy board by resolution as described in RCW 90.80.020;

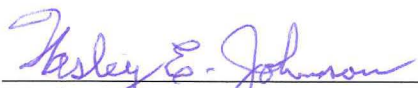
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the need for a conservancy board is clearly established and that a public hearing shall be held on July 16, 2002, at 9:45 AM to consider the establishment of water conservancy board to review applications for water right transfers for applications within the geographic boundaries of Mason County, with funding to be by a fee of \$900 dollars for applications, and with the initial proposed by-laws contained in Attachment A.

DATED this 11th day of June, 2002.

Board of Commissioners
Mason County, Washington


Herb Baze, Commissioner

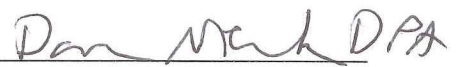

Bob Holter, Commissioner


Wesley E. Johnson, Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM :


Prosecuting Attorney

ATTACHMENT A:
BY-LAWS OF THE MASON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD

ARTICLE 1, MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Mason County Water Conservancy Board (the Board) shall consist of a three member board, appointed by the County Commissioners, according to the provisions of Chapter 90.80 RCW.

ARTICLE 2, MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board shall be held monthly at such time and place as shall be designated by the Chairperson. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the Chairperson. The initial agenda shall be set by the Chairperson, but may be amended at the meeting without special notice. Three days written notice of meetings and the meeting agenda shall be provided to each member and the Shelton Journal as the local paper of record. Meetings are covered under the Washington Open Meetings Law.

ARTICLE 3, QUORUM

A majority of two members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business that may come before any monthly or special meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE 4, VOTING

Each regularly appointed member shall be entitled to one vote on any matter that may come before the Board, provided that no member shall participate in a record of decision of the Board until he or she has successfully completed the necessary training required as provided in Chapter 90.80 RCW. The vote of quorum present of the Board shall be necessary to decide any question.

ARTICLE 5, OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Board shall be the Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer. The officers shall be elected at the regular meeting in January of each calendar year and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified. The officers shall qualify as regularly appointed members of the Board. The duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective office. A Chair pro tem can be selected by the board when the Chairperson is absent.

ARTICLE 6, RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Board shall establish and maintain an official mailing address to receive correspondence and applications. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a written record of all meetings, resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations of the Board. Said written records shall be public record and shall be available for inspection at reasonable times.

ARTICLE 7, AMENDMENTS

The Board on thirty days written notice to the membership, may amend these By-Laws at any regular or special meeting.