

RESOLUTION NO. 732

Be it known that the East Wenatchee Water District (the "District") passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the State of Washington declared an emergency due to the public health crisis posed by the global pandemic known as coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the United States of America declared a National Health Emergency due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the State of Washington ordered that all public schools, K-12, close from March 17, 2020 until at least April 27, 2020, due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the State of Washington ordered closure of all Washington bars, restaurants, clubs, entertainment venues, faith-based organizations and facilities, and other similar organizations and venues through March 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Washington State Supreme Court issued an order limiting the Courts; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Douglas County Superior Court issued an order curtailing operations of the Douglas County Superior Court due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 the Douglas County Commissioners declared a county-wide state of emergency related to the significant health threat caused by COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the State of Washington ordered all non-essential businesses to close to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the findings of the identified orders, directives and declarations are incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, the District provides an essential public service that is critical to public health, safety and the local economy; and,

WHEREAS, the District's employees are its most important asset and the District is not able to perform its essential public service without employees who are ready and available to perform their job duties; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the District that, effective immediately, the General Manager of the District, Vince Johnston, is hereby authorized to take any appropriate and legal action to ensure health and safety of employees and the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is authorized to declare that an emergency exists as defined by RCW 39.04.280(3), is authorized to waive competitive bidding requirements, and award necessary contracts in order to purchase goods and services necessary to address the COVID-19 emergency to the extent that the General Manager deems said action appropriate.

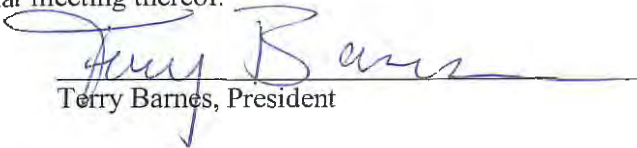
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager may, within applicable legal requirements:

1. Require all employees to be sent home and not allowed to return to work until directed by the General Manager or his designee, except those employees necessary to maintain critical business functions of the District; and,
2. Establish a limited duration supplemental leave program to comply with the state and federal law as the General Manager may deem appropriate, in consultation with the District's lawyers.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing authority extends for the duration of the emergency or until the Board withdraws such authority; and the Board requests regular updates regarding the state of the emergency, no less frequently than every two weeks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is not intended to establish a precedent for how similar emergency situations will be addressed in the future.

ADOPTED, this 1st day of April, 2020, by the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District, Douglas County, Washington at a regular meeting thereof.


Terry Barnes, President

ATTEST:


Nick Warner, Secretary