

Karcher Creek Sewer District Proposition No. 1

Consolidation of Districts

Official Ballot Title

This proposition concerns the consolidation of two districts. The proposition would authorize the Karcher Creek Sewer District and the Annapolis Water District to be joined into one consolidated district known as West Sound Utility District No. 1, for the purposes of avoiding duplication of common services, achieving economies of scale, reducing administration expenses and better serving the needs of district customers. Should this proposition be enacted into law? (Pursuant to RCW 57.32.022; District Resolution No. 1169-07)

Yes
No

Explanatory Statement (Prepared by the Attorney for Karcher Creek Sewer District, as prescribed by law.)

If approved by the voters, Karcher Creek Sewer District (“Karcher Creek”) and Annapolis Water District will consolidate to form one legal entity known as West Sound Utility District No. 1. Presently, the two districts share the same administrative facilities and have the same general manager. Previously, on March 28, 2007, Karcher Creek entered into Resolution 1169-07, following a public hearing, regarding the issue of consolidation, in which it concluded consolidation would be in the best interests of each district’s customers and would enhance the operations of each district. Karcher Creek’s study indicates consolidation of the two districts into one district will provide significant cost savings and provide better service to the customers of each in that: duplication of common services now provided by both districts will be avoided; the present work force of each district will be cross trained, where appropriate, to provide more timely and efficient customer service; the districts’ two boards of commissioners will be replaced by one board of commissioners; and administration expenses for the combined district will be less than the expenses of both districts at present.

Statement For the Measure

It is time to consolidate Annapolis Water District and Karcher Creek Sewer District. By forming one combined water-sewer district we save almost \$400,000 each year. We eliminate one Board of Commissioners. We use only one general manager, engineer, attorney, and computer specialist. The new district will be fully responsible for the entire water cycle from pumping, to water use, and to purifying the used water. Water reclamation will be mandated some time in the future and our water-sewer district will be in position to better manage this resource. We are already sharing the Lund Avenue building and facility. We have tested the combined personnel system and we know it works.

Consolidation will save money, make the district more efficient, and allow us to better manage our water. We can do all this without water or sewer subsidizing each other. The visible change will be one water-sewer bill instead of individual bills. Consolidation will not force septic tank users to go on sewer. Nor will it require homes with private wells to connect to the water system. Consolidation eliminates duplication in the two districts and saves money.

It is time to shrink government and form the West Sound Utility District.

Statement prepared by: Jim Hart, Commissioner AWD & KCSD, Chairperson; Susan Way, Commissioner Karcher Creek Sewer District; and Bill Huntington, Commissioner AWD & KCSD, committee members. Further questions may be addressed by calling (360) 876.1757.

Statement Against the Measure

No Statement against the measure was submitted.