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## MANCHESTER WATER DISTRICT Resolution No. 2025-01

## A RESOLUTION UPDATING DISTRICT WATER USE EFFICIENCY (WUE) GOALS

**WHEREAS,** in 2003, Washington State legislature passed the Municipal Water Law which requires municipal water suppliers to develop water use efficiency goals in accordance with the Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Rule; and

**WHEREAS,** the WUE Rule intends to reduce the demand growing communities, agriculture, and industry have placed on our state's water resources, and better manage these resources for fish and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal water suppliers are obligated under the WUE Rule to enhance the efficient use of water by the system and/or its consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2019, the District Board updated its WUE Goals with an emphasis to reduce average per capita consumption by 5-percent over a 10-year period using 2015 as the beginning year; and

WHEREAS, WAC 246-290-830 requires WUE Goals to be evaluated and established at least every 6-years through a public process; and

**WHEREAS**, a public forum was scheduled for February 11, 2025, providing an opportunity for consumers and the public to participate in establishing the District's new WUE goals; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, public notice was issued at least two weeks in advance of the public meeting utilizing the District website, physically posted meeting notices, and through the Department of Health website; and

**WHEREAS,** public notice included the purpose of the meeting, date, time and place, including where materials supporting the rationale for the proposed goals can be reviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board reviewed and considered all comments received from the public prior to adopting the District's new goals; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2025, after discussion and evaluation of public comments and the results from the previously established goals, the Board has determined the new WUE Goals shall be as follows:

- 1. Reduce per capita consumption by 5% over 10-years, utilizing 2022 as the base year (64gpd).
- Continue to educate residents about water conservation practices through outreach programs, advocacy groups, bill stuffers, and local events.
- 3. Maintain a 3-year Distribution System Leakage (DSL) average below 9% through improved leak detection audits and improved record keeping.
- 4. Improve indoor conservation kit messaging and distribution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Manchester Water District hereby adopts the following Water Use Efficiency Goals for the next 6-years or when goals have not been met and need to be reevaluated.

**THIS RESOLUTION** was duly considered and approved by the Manchester Water District Board of Commissioners in a regularly scheduled open public meeting on February 11, 2025.

- <u>Ratification.</u> Any act consistent with the authority granted pursuant to this Resolution occurring prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed; and
- 2. <u>Severability.</u> The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances; and
- 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon

## adoption and signature as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Manchester Water District Board of Commissioners on February 11, 2025.

Steve Pedersen **Board Chair** 

James E. Strode

Secretary Commissioner

Robert Ballard