

SNO-KING WATER-SEWER DISTRICT COALITION 2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Who we are: Sno-King Water-Sewer Coalition comprises six water and sewer districts within King and Snohomish Counties, serving over 400,000 people. The Coalition comprises the Alderwood Water & Wastewater District, Coal Creek Utility District, Cross Valley Water District, Olympic View Water and Sewer District, and Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District.

Governed under Title 57 RCW, these districts operate and maintain critical infrastructure essential to public health, environmental safety, and business growth. Coalition members are committed to providing safe, dependable, affordable drinking water and sewer service to homes, businesses, and industry. We engage in local and regional water supply and sewer treatment planning and inter-system coordination with cities, counties, tribes, and other special-purpose districts.

Purpose & Goal of Sno-King: The purpose and goal of Sno-King is to develop and put forth a cohesive message regarding legislation and regulations that assist the members in their mission in an equitable and environmentally sensitive way.

Legislative Agenda: The following are the top 2024 legislative and regulatory priorities of Sno-King:

1. Support long-term protection of water sources, including surface and wellfield water, from storm or reclaimed water pollution.
2. Obtain Legislative approval of limitations on utility taxes and fees imposed by cities and counties on Title 57 water and sewer districts.
3. Oppose efforts to restrict the ability of utility providers to interrupt service for nonpayment of bills.
4. Oppose efforts to impose any charge or fee for water and sewer utility use of public roads or rights-of-way.
5. Support legislative funding of the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) and oppose continued diversion of revenues intended for funding the Account.
6. Work to ensure that nutrient regulations are designed to address actual water quality issues in Puget Sound and support improvements that will have a noticeable effect on the stated problems and that the rate impacts for customers are reasonable compared to the resulting benefits.
7. Oppose efforts to divert existing water rights from municipal water providers.
8. Work with water interests and agencies to ensure that the impacts of water reclamation efforts on water providers are fully considered.

9. Oppose efforts to pass the cost of water reclamation efforts on to water users, either directly or indirectly.

Additional issues to support and/or monitor:

1. Promote and support efforts to reduce chemicals and other substances originating in pharmaceuticals and personal care products (cosmetics, etc.) from entering the wastewater collection system.
2. Opposes legislation that adds complexity to billing processes, such as the previous Transparency of Local Taxing Districts bill, which mandates taxing information be placed on utility bills.
3. Support rules and/or legislation that ensure the distribution and use of reclaimed water within a district's service area requires a mutually agreed upon agreement between the district and entity providing any amount of reclaimed water for use.

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