



Drainage District No.1, aka Chimacum Drainage District

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BACKGROUND:

- 15 May 2023 Auditor memorandum:
 - Referenced RCW 36.96 – Dissolution of Inactive Special Purpose Districts
 - Recommended the Board of County Commissioners consider declaring the district inactive and dissolved



DISTRICT FACTS:

- Formed in 1919
- Purpose was to manage a drainage and flood control system
- The district is a special purpose district organized under Chapters 85.06.010 and 85.38.180, RCW
- No district funds collected since mid-1960
- District has been inactive since 1974 when the governing board resigned

DECLARING A SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT INACTIVE



Criteria in RCW 36.96.010 required to be declared inactive:

(3) "Inactive" means that a special purpose district is characterized by any of the following criteria:

- (a) Has not carried out any of the special purposes or functions for which it was formed within the preceding consecutive five-year period;
- (b) No election has been held for the purpose of electing a member of the governing body within the preceding consecutive seven-year period or, in those instances where members of the governing body are appointed and not elected, where no member of the governing body has been appointed within the preceding seven-year period; or
- (c) The special purpose district has been determined to be unauditale by the state auditor;



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OPTIONS:

- Declare the district inactive and leave it in place, as is
- Declare the district inactive and dissolve it
- Reactive the district in its current form
- Repurpose the district to add irrigation/watershed management/improvement to its mission

CONSIDERATIONS:

- What do district residents want for the district?
- There is an effort underway to determine this.
- Does the Board have enough information to decide which course of action to take?





RECOMMENDATION:

- Declare the district inactive and keep it in its current form
- Continue to gather information regarding the district and what residents of the district wish to happen
- Schedule another public hearing for a final decision regarding the future of the district



Questions, Conversation