

December 2019 Newsletter

Please submit questions/comments to admin@sallal.com

Board Vacancy	If you are a Sallal member in good standing and interested in being a Board member, please submit a short bio to admin@sallal.com or mail to Sallal Water Association Attn: Board Vacancy, PO Box 378, North Bend, WA 98045. The deadline to submit is 4pm Tuesday, January 7, 2020.
King County Franchise Fee Litigation Update	In 2016, the County passed an ordinance to charge water, sewer, gas and electrical utilities with rent for using County rights of way. In 2018, a judge struck down the ordinance, but the County appealed to the Washington State Supreme Court. Oral argument before the Court occurred on September 16 th of this year at the State Supreme Court. On December 5, 2019, the State Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of the County-that it has legal authority to charge rent to utilities, but legal issues remain as to how the County calculates the rent. As of this date, the utilities are evaluating whether to litigate the remaining issues, and negotiations between utilities and the County may follow on the amount of rent owed and how it is calculated. The amount of rent ultimately agreed upon may have to back-date to September of 2018. We will provide more information as it becomes available.
Credit for bottled water purchases	If you purchased bottled water during the Boil Water Advisory and have not submitted your receipts to Sallal for credit yet, please remember that the deadline is December 31, 2019.
Golder Report: Member Article from Rich Formisano	<p><i>What is the Golder report?</i></p> <p>Golder was hired by the City of North Bend in July 2018 to evaluate and update the Water Supply and Mitigation forecast for North Bend’s water service area. The last water and mitigation demand forecasts were completed in 2004 and 2007 respectively.</p> <p><i>How will the report be used by the City?</i></p> <p>The report was submitted as a draft to the City in October and was released to the public in November just before Thanksgiving 2019. The City hasn’t stated when the final will be released nor if they intend to present it to the public, solicit citizen input or perform a peer review before they use the report. To understand the purpose of the study, one needs to go back to the scope of work submitted and approved by the City Council under Agenda Bill 18-093 during the July 17, 2018 City Council meeting. The Agenda Bill states “The proposed agreement with Golder for water hydrologist support will ensure the City is updating the 2004 algorithms to provide best available data to DOE and the City in operating the Centennial (Well) Permit, and in connection with the City’s negotiations with Sallal and other mitigation sources.”</p> <p><i>Why should you be interested in the Golder Report?</i></p> <p>To understand the underlying assumptions regarding water mitigation needs and how mitigation impacts flow in the Snoqualmie River and potential population growth. The report may be helpful in negotiating a drinking & mitigation water contract with Sallal.</p> <p>The full report is available here: https://northbendwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7429/WaterSupply-and-Mitigation-Model-Report-20191011</p>
Update on UTRC and the Mule Pasture	On August 9, 2019, the UTRC issued a final determination that Sallal did not provide “timely” service and granted the mule pasture developer’s request to have the parcel removed from Sallal’s service area. Pursuant to consultation with legal counsel, Sallal did not appeal. However,

	<p>Friends of the Snoqualmie Trail and River appealed the decision to the King County Hearing Examiner – not because it supported Sallal’s position, but to contest water service to the project from the City. On November 26, 2019, the Hearing Examiner dismissed their appeal. Therefore, the mule pasture parcel is no longer in Sallal’s service area.</p>
<p>Chlorination</p>	<p>Sallal is continuing to work on meeting Dept of Health (DOH) requirements to allow for use of Well #2 before summer. Sallal Water System Operator Tree Bergman and our engineer consultant Warren Perkins from Gray & Osborne have come up with an alternate solution that will save the Association somewhere in the ballpark of \$150K in the process of building the contact time system required by DOH! The new estimates for compliance with DOH for the E. coli event are now \$428K (was \$573-830K), which is roughly \$195 per member. Getting Well #2 back into production is our first goal. Once that is done, we can focus on the future of water treatment in our system, with input from members.</p>
<p>Member Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Sallal’s Member Advisory Committee (MAC) has openings! If you are interested in helping advise the Sallal Board, are a member in good standing, are able to attend the monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and are prepared to put the best interests of the Association first, please send your letter of interest and a short Bio to Ted@sallal.com to be considered.</p> <p>Please meet two of our MAC members, Joyce Hibma and Shawn McKone:</p> <p><i>Joyce Hibma</i> has been a life-long resident of the Snoqualmie Valley, graduating from Mt Si High School and continuing her education at Bellevue College in Construction Management. Joyce recently celebrated 30 years with the company that originally employed her as the company Comptroller. Joyce enjoys following in her father’s footsteps’ as he was one of the original members of the board of directors that participated in the grassroots efforts that started the Sallal Water Association. Since Joyce joined the MAC, she has gained invaluable insight on the water system. Joyce finds herself enjoying participating on the MAC more than she imagined. “I feel that my commitment, diverse interests and ability to work well with others for the common good transfers well to my ability to serve on the Sallal Member Advisory Committee.” Away from work, Joyce enjoys her two dogs that compete on the K9 Frisbee Worldwide Toss & Fetch League. She is currently studying canine behavior, focusing on “Shy and Reactive” dogs.</p> <p><i>Shawn McKone</i> is a licensed environmental engineer with 15 years of experience working as municipal wastewater facility manager for the Department of Ecology’s Water Quality program out of the Northwest Regional Office. His responsibilities include writing and managing discharge permits for domestic wastewater treatment facilities, conducting engineering reviews of wastewater infrastructure projects, and acting as the agency’s project engineer for infrastructure projects that may receive grant or loan funding the agency offers. Shawn is currently the office’s senior engineer with responsibility for overseeing facilities owned and operated by King County’s Wastewater Treatment Division as well as the combined sewer system facilities owned and managed by Seattle Public Utilities. When he’s not working to protect water quality in Washington or working on projects around the house, Shawn tries to get out to put his photography skills to the test. He has been a photographer since high school and initially started down a career path in photojournalism. While his professional journey has several turns, Shawn’s interest in photography has remained constant. He enjoys photographing landscapes and wildlife along with sports action. Shawn has also been talked into doing portraits for friends, but finds photographing animals is far less challenging.</p>