

**EMERGENCY INTERIM MORATORIUM PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 2022**

Sallal Water Association Vice President Daylin Baker called the Public Meeting to order on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:01 pm. The meeting was held at Sallal Water Association office and also by Zoom to conduct the meeting.

In addition to Daylin Baker, the following members of the Board of Trustees attended the meeting in person; Eric O'Brien, Larry Costello, Shawn McKone, Joyce Hibma and Rich Formisano. Also present were Kristina Parker, Sallal Director of Finance and Administration, Denny Scott, Sallal Water Superintendent, Richard Jonson, counsel; and Mike Johnson, engineer.

The following Sallal members attended in person and via Zoom: Andy Neff, Michael Thomas, Jean Buckner, Deandra McKaig, Mike and Christine MacKenzie, Ann Bailey, Joan Clarke, Jim Jacobson, Marc Aiken, Ric Stefani and Mike Kenyon (Wilderness Rim Association Trustee),

The following non-members also attended in person and via Zoom; Rob McFarland, Mayor of North Bend, Conor Wilson, the Valley Record.

Board members, staff and consultants were introduced.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Sallal Board of Trustees to receive input from members of the public and the Association regarding the Emergency Interim Moratorium and its impacts.

**PRESENTATION:**

Daylin Baker presented an overview of the Emergency Interim Moratorium. The presentation covered the 2021 conditions that lead to a moratorium, strategies to investigate and reduce consumption and an update of the efforts to obtain new sources of water. A copy of the presentation can be found on the Sallal Website

(<https://sallal.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Sallal-Emergency-Moratorium-Public-Meeting-8-16-2022-public-version.pptx>.)

**ATTENDEE COMMENTS:**

**Andy Neff**, Sallal member: He expressed concern about future water shortages and thanked the Sallal Board for acting responsibly by issuing the moratorium rather than risking exceeding its water right.

**Rob McFarland**, Mayor of North Bend. He read a prepared letter. He stated that as Mayor, it was his duty that all residents of North Bend have access to safe, clean and accessible drinking water. After careful consideration by the North Bend City Council,

and on behalf of the City he offered to purchase the Sallal Water Association for its full fair market value. He stated this offer will prepare our common region for anticipated and necessary growth while protecting the Snoqualmie River and the greater environment. He urged Sallal's Board to immediately allow a certified appraiser, selected by the City, to access all of Sallal's facilities and records. The Mayor closed his comments by stating "that he and City Council look forward to working expediently with Sallal Board of Directors to promptly reach agreement on the purchase and sale." Mayor McFarland provided a written copy of his comments and a letter to purchase Sallal. (Both can be found on Sallal's website:

[https://sallal.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022\\_0816\\_SallalBoardMtg\\_public-comments.pdf](https://sallal.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022_0816_SallalBoardMtg_public-comments.pdf) and <https://sallal.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/08-16-22-City-Offer-to-Purchase-Sallal-Water-Association.pdf>.

**Jean Buckner**, Sallal member: She concurred with Sallal's Board to initiate a moratorium. Having heard the Mayor's comments and offer to purchase Sallal, she stated she was not interested in Sallal being sold but wanted to see the City's purchase offer.

**Michael Thomas**, Sallal member: He thanked the Sallal Board for their service and taking action by issuing a moratorium. He also did not want Sallal to be pressured into being purchased by the City. In the interest of transparency, the offer to purchase Sallal should be made public.

**Ann Bailey**, Sallal member: She thought the moratorium is a prudent and responsible course of action by Sallal. Ann pointed out that there are many Sallal members that do not live in North Bend City limits. Consequently, she is concerned that these Sallal members would not have any meaningful way to address future issues if the City purchases Sallal. She believes it is important for Sallal to remain as an independent water provider. She supports the moratorium but is concerned that the City will use it as a means to take over Sallal, a privately held cooperative.

**Jim Jacobson**, Sallal member: He lives in unincorporated King County, agrees with previous comments made by Sallal members and is also concerned about having no representation in North Bend. He supports keeping Sallal independent, not combining with North Bend and the need for a long term water plan although he was not sure how combining with North Bend would solve that problem.

**Marc Aiken**, Sallal member: He didn't feel that the City's purchase offer should be discussed until an official position statement is provided by the city. He supports the moratorium.

**Ric Stefani**, Sallal member: He also resides in unincorporated King County and stated that he has been to many of City Council meetings and feels the council does not listen to the community. The City has approved new neighborhoods after neighborhoods. They knew they were out of water but moved forward anyways. It is not in Sallal's best interest to join with the City water because the City has done a terrible job making sure they have water they need. They approved the Mule farm apartments even though there was no

water. It is their problem. He feels they are creating a crisis so they can take over our water under false pretenses and hopes Sallal can legally fight this.

**Joan Clark**, Sallal member: She supports the moratorium. Requested Sallal make available the Mayor's written comments since the Zoom audio made it difficult to hear him speak.

**Andy Neff**, Sallal member: Having provided comments before the Mayor spoke, he requested to address the Mayor's comments. He disagreed with the Mayor's opinion that Sallal has failed to meet its legal responsibilities to fulfil its water service agreement commitments and requirements. He is also concerned that Sallal members carefully consider the future cost of water the City will charge members as water becomes a limited commodity.

**CLOSING:**

Daylin Baker thanked members and public for attending and reminded all of several key factors: Sallal must stay within our water right (226,800,000 gals/year), Sallal has several ongoing efforts to make sure our water supply and distribution is efficient and effective and during the Emergency Interim Moratorium Sallal will not be processing new certificates of water availability. She concluded by stating that the Board will use the time during Emergency Interim Moratorium to determine how the Association's limited and remaining water system capacity should be allocated.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm, there being no further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Formisano, Secretary