

**POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT NO. 4  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 577**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT NO. 4 OF WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF WATER AVAILABILITY AND WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND DIRECTING DISTRICT STAFF TO IDENTIFY PRESENT AND PROJECTED DEMAND FOR DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND WATER AVAILABILITY CERTIFICATES, AND WATER SUPPLY AVAILABLE TO MEET THE PRESENT AND PROJECTED DEMAND FOR DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY AND WATER AVAILABILITY CERTIFICATES TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY.**

**WHEREAS**, Point Roberts Water District No. 4 ("District"), as a special purpose water district, is authorized to provide water supply within its municipal corporate and service area boundaries pursuant to Title 57 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, when acting under Title 57 RCW the District exercises the police power of the State of Washington which has been delegated to it to provide for the public health, safety and welfare by providing potable water to its customers; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the delegation of the police power of the State of Washington, RCW 57.08.005(4) and other statutory authority, the District entered into a long-term wholesale water supply agreement dated the 28th day of August, 1987 ("Water Supply Agreement") with the Greater Vancouver Water District ("GVWD") to provide potable water supply to the District to enable the District to serve its customers; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Water Supply Agreement, GVWD agreed to provide the District with water supply not exceeding 3,182.2 cubic meters (700,000 Imperial gallons) per day ("M3D") as the District may require; and District staff have advised the District Board of Commissioners that the Water Supply Agreement provides water supply sufficient for the District to serve up to 2,050 single family units or equivalent residential units ("ERU"), an ERU being defined as average unit consumption of 410 gallons (US) of water per day ("gpd"); and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington Department of Health, a public agency vested with approval authority of the District's Water System Plan ("Plan"), approved the District's Plan and determined that, based on the maximum water supply source from the GVWD, the total number of connections to the District's water system may not exceed 2,050 ERUs; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County, as a condition of approval of certain land use development approvals and permits, requires evidence that adequate water supply is available to serve such new development; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, as a provider of water supply, is requested by property owners and developers seeking to connect their property and development to the District water system to provide Whatcom County with evidence of adequate water supply to serve their property and development; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has experienced significant growth during the last two years and because its ability to provide water supply is limited by the maximum amount it can purchase from GVWD under the Water Supply Agreement, the District is concerned that its commitments and allocations to provide water supply not exceed the maximum amount of water it may purchase from GVWD; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has allocated water supply to its existing customers and to certain properties identified by the District through service applications, previously approved/issued certificates of water availability, developer extension agreements and other service agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, District staff have reported to the District Board of Commissioners that the demand on the District's water supply from its existing customers and allocations and commitments to provide future water service may be close to the maximum amount of water supply it can purchase from GVWD; and

**WHEREAS**, District staff have recommended that the District Board of Commissioners now declare a temporary moratorium on the issuance of certificates of water availability, commitments to provide water service and developer extension agreements which would require new certificates of water availability until the demand on and allocation of the District's water supply is further studied and identified; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Commissioners previously declared and established a temporary moratorium on the issuance of certificates of water availability and water service commitments by water service applications or otherwise by the adoption of

Resolution No. 574 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005; and further directed District staff and it's consultants as set forth in such resolution to (a) analyze and determine the District's remaining water supply, if any, available for future water demand based on the District's existing customer demand and projected demand from valid and existing District certificates of water availability and other water service allocations and commitments; (b) analyze pending projects for which requests for certificates of water availability have not been received by the District to identify the nature of such projects and, in particular, to determine the number of public projects and the projected water supply needs of such projects; and (c) determine from other public agencies and municipalities serving within the District their plans for developing public services, either by reviewing their planning documents or by personal contact; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 574 provided that the temporary moratorium established therein would terminate at midnight PST on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005 unless otherwise terminated, modified or extended by the District Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, District staff and the District's consultants have reported that they have not yet completed the directives regarding the District's water supply and present and future demand thereon as set forth in Resolution No. 574 and have recommended that the temporary moratorium established by such resolution be extended to provide additional time to complete and perform such directives; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 57.08.005(3), the District possesses full authority to regulate the use, content, distribution and price of its water supply and water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the District in furtherance of its delegated authority and obligation to provide for the public health, safety and welfare needs to determine whether adequate water supply exists to provide for present and future water demand; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Water District No. 4 as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
2. To promote the public health, welfare and safety of the District and to ensure the existence and provision of adequate water supply for District customers and holders of valid and existing certificates of water availability issued by the District, a temporary moratorium on the issuance of certificates of water availability and water service commitments by water service applications or otherwise as previously established by Resolution No. 574 is hereby extended to and shall terminate on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006, unless otherwise terminated, modified or extended sooner by the District Board of Commissioners.
3. District staff and the District's consultants are hereby authorized and directed to perform and complete the directives set forth in Resolution 574 and to report back to the

Board prior to the termination of the temporary moratorium as established and extended by this resolution.

**ADOPTED** at a Special open public meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Point Roberts Water District No. 4, Whatcom County, Washington, held on the 12th day of January, 2006.

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N. Madeleine Anderson - Chairman and  
Commissioner

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Susan M. Johnson - Commissioner

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