

RESOLUTION NO 441

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REGARDING OBTAINING FUNDS
FOR WATER CHLORINATING

WHEREAS, The East Wenatchee Water District, for the past four years has taken water samples from various locations within the Water District boundaries and said water has been tested for Total Coliform Monitoring by a state approved and certified laboratory by the Department of Health and,

WHEREAS, twenty five water samples are taken monthly from eight water sampling stations located in five different pressure zones within the District and the Coliform Monitoring Plan is a plan approved by the Department of Health and,

WHEREAS, the District has experienced an increase in Coliform detections from samples presented to the laboratory within the past nine (9) months which arguably exceed the Maximum Contaminate Level that has been approved by the Department of Health and,

WHEREAS, when a positive Coliform Sample is detected in the water and the District has been notified by the certified laboratory, the District has complied with WAC 246-290-320 in notifying it's customers by publishing in the local paper that a possible contamination may exist and corrective measures have been taken by applying chlorine in our water reservoirs, and flushing water mains through different fire hydrants and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has notified the District that they believe there is a problem with the District's ability to maintain satisfactory water quality to it's customers, letter dated February 21, 1996, and the problem must be addressed as soon as possible and therefore requests a proposed schedule for implementing disinfection at each of the District's wells by March 15th, 1996 and,

WHEREAS, the District is working in conjunction with it's engineer in obtaining quotes to install chlorination equipment at each of the water supply sources but the District has many complexities that must be evaluated before a decision is made regarding the various types of equipment that will properly serve the District's needs and,

WHEREAS, the District has received three preliminary estimates related to costs and those quotes range from \$67,000 to \$104,000, however, the District made no provisions in it's 1996 Budget to purchase any type of chlorination equipment, thereby creating a hardship on the District financially, and virtually impossible to comply with the Department of Health's request for 1996 unless some type of financial aide is obtained and,

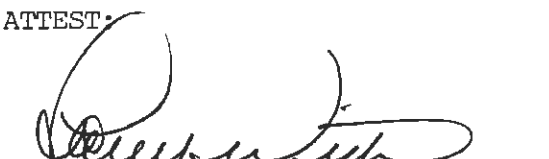
WHEREAS, the manager has contacted the Public Works Trust Fund to see if funds might be available through their Emergency Loan program and it appears that we meet the criteria outlined in their program to obtain funds with a fixed interest rate of 5% per annum and,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District, having reviewed its alternatives and recommendations and believe it to be in the best interest of the Water District to adopt an Emergency Resolution to authorize its manager to work with its engineer in diligently preparing all papers and other related documents to apply for a low interest loan through the Public Works Trust Fund not to exceed the principal sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100's Dollars (\$250,000.00), subject to the Board's further approval and action, so the District can move forward in implementing a chlorination program, as soon as possible, as directed by the Department of Health.

ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 1996, by the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District, Douglas County, Washington at a regular meeting thereof.


Michael T. McCourt, President

ATTEST:


Larry D. Witte, Sec/Treas.

From the desk of



Charlie Johnston

3-20-96

MEMO TO FILE:

We are sending to the Auditors' Office on 3-21, a "Notice Concerning Connection Charges" and "Exhibit A" and Exhibit B" for both 3rd Street and 6th Street "Late Comers Facilities Charge". These will be filed and made part of the Resolutions.