

RESOLUTION NO. 41-08

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A MASON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD

WHEREAS, water conservancy boards are authorized by the Washington State
Legislature in Chapter 90.80 of the revised Code of Washington;

WHEREAS, the principal objectives of the water conservancy boards are to facilitate
voluntary water rights transfers through local water resource management and review and to
acknowledge the property right features inherent to existing water right permits and certificates;

WHEREAS, water right transfers can provide an incentive for investment in water
conservation efforts by Mason County water right holders and provide needed water for new
uses where new water rights may be difficult to expeditiously acquire;

WHEREAS, a local water conservancy board can expedite an administrative process for
water right transfers proposed to be diverted within Mason County; and

WHEREAS, counties can authorize the creation of a water conservancy board by
resolution as described in RCW 90.80.020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the need for a conservancy board is
clearly established and that a public hearing shall be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 9:30
a.m. to consider the establishment of a water conservancy board to review applications for
water right transfers for applications within the geographic boundaries of Mason County, with
funding to be by a fee of \$900 dollars for applications, and with the initial proposed by-laws
contained in Attachment A.


DATED this 1st day of April, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:



Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board



Tim Sheldon, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Monty Cobb, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting
Attorney



Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner



Ross Gallagher, Commissioner

- C: Dept. of Ecology – Olympia Regional Office & Spokane
- WRIA 12 & 16
- Skokomish Indian Tribe
- Squaxin Indian Tribe