

RESOLUTION NO. 268

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF WATER DISTRICT NUMBER 83
AUTHORIZING A STUDY FOR POTENTIAL MERGER
OF DISTRICT #83 WITH SHORELINE WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE Board of Commissioners of Water District No. 83 that both the District and Shoreline Water District (SWD) are both water districts located in King County northwest of Lake Washington and north of the City of Seattle and have a common boundary, with WD83 providing service to approximately 900 customers while SWD serves about 8300 customers in an area directly west of WD83, and

WHEREAS the districts and some members of the public have spoken for years regarding the potential for merger of the districts, and

WHEREAS it is deemed in the best interest for the citizens of both districts to analyze a merger to explore the possibility of: (a) economies of scale; (b) improved financial stability; (c) reduced costs of capital improvements or replacements; (d) abilities to use WD83's well; (e) improved staff utilization; and (f) increased involvement in regional organizations, and

WHEREAS, these proceedings will not obligate either district and the District now desires to cooperate in a study of a potential merger so that the Boards, staff and public may weigh the advantages and disadvantages of a merger. SWD has agreed to fund all costs associated with such a study.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners of Water District No. 83 that the staff is directed to cooperate with SWD as it conducts a pre-merger study, provided that the District shall not be obligated to incur any costs in doing so, that here shall be regular dialogue with SWD regarding the progress and findings of the study, and the preparation of a pre-merger study shall not in any way obligate either District to proceed.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners this _____ day of _____, 1999.

Commissioners