

NORTHERN WASCO COUNTY PUD

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Board Meetings

Usually the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the PUD offices, 2345 River Rd. The public is always welcome.

Our Mission

To provide reliable, competitively-priced energy and related services that benefit our customers, in the tradition of public power.

Our Core Values and Beliefs

Local citizens championed and fought to create our People's Utility District. They believed—and we believe—in the public's right to own and control its electric utility.

Today, our values are a legacy from our public power heritage, as well as guideposts for a changing future.

We believe in:

- ▶ Public ownership and local control.
- ▶ Integrity.
- ▶ Keeping power rates as low as possible.
- ▶ Providing quality essential services.
- ▶ Quality customer service.
- ▶ Community involvement.

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Manager's Report



Dear Customers – Our Friends and Our Neighbors,

No doubt about it, 2009 was a difficult and frightening year for many in our community. Hopefully, we are moving toward a full recovery from the worst economic failures the United States has lived through since the Great Depression.

For the PUD, the calendar has rolled forward, but the issues, challenges and opportunities we faced last year remain with us today.

We are still waiting for Judge Redden to hand down his decision on the comprehensive and scientifically-based Biological Opinion for operation of the federal hydroelectric

system. The Oregon legislature is preparing to begin their February “short session” where we are hopeful a better and more affordable energy policy will begin to take form. In Washington, D.C., we are continuing to work with legislators to help make the carbon cap and trade legislation equitable and affordable.

You would think that with the Pacific Northwest being the most renewable energy dominant region with the smallest carbon footprint in the nation that we would be well positioned for carbon cap and trade legislation. Unfortunately, that is not the case. We may actually be penalized for our past investments in renewable resources and directed to help pay for other regions of the country as they make their energy less dependent on fossil fuel.

The issues in Salem and Washington, D.C. are important to all of us. If not properly crafted, new laws can have huge economic consequences. We are working to help create energy policies that work and that foster economic vitality.

Until next time, have a great day.

Dwight Langer
General Manager