



# Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

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## **Mark “Bubba” Scott Presented with Drinking Water Lifetime Achievement Award PUD’s Long-Standing Water Systems Manger Retires after 23 years.**

Newport, Washington – Mark “Bubba” Scott, Water Systems Manager for Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (PUD), was recently presented with the prestigious Drinking Water Lifetime Achievement Award which recognizes individual water systems and operators that do an outstanding job providing safe and reliable drinking water to their customers. Mr. Scott was nominated by Sarah Holderman, the PUD’s co-interim General Manager; Rusty Gill, District Lead Water System Operator; and Nathan Ikehara, with the Washington State Department of Health. Mr. Ikehara along with Scott Mallery also with the Department of Health presented Mr. Scott with the Lifetime Achievement Award last month.

In addition to receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, Mr. Scott celebrates retirement from the PUD after 23 years. During his impressive career with the PUD, Mr. Scott was responsible for managing nine individual water distribution subdivisions. He was well-known for his passion and drive to continuously look for ways to provide value to his customers and assure quality drinking water to all. Mr. Scott left behind a legacy in his ability to seek out and procure funding for maintenance and improvements for the PUD’s water facilities. Over the course of his career, Mr. Scott secured millions in grant funding on behalf of the PUD and was continually planning for the future.

During his time as Water Systems Manager, Mr. Scott was responsible for the major construction of water treatment facilities, wells, chemical treatment systems, along with various studies, cross connection control, and well head protection programs. He is known for his hard work, dedication, and concern for the quality of water delivered to every water system customer. Mr. Scott served on numerous committees, most recently as a Governor appointee to the Washington State Public Works Board. His influence on the PUD, its customers, and staff will carry into the future and have an ever-lasting impression on each of the community water systems he served.

“In his drinking water career, Bubba has always truly cared about the people and the communities in which he has served. His years of dedication in maintaining and improving the public water systems will continue to be of great importance long after he retires. His leadership, both locally and statewide will be missed,” said Rusty Gill, the PUD’s Lead Water System Operator.

The water systems operated by the PUD consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions: Metaline Falls, Lazy Acres, Sunvale, Holiday Shores, Riverbend, Riverview, Sandy Shores, Green Ridge and Granite-Sacheen. All 9 water systems combined provides

drinking water to approximately 600 customers in Pend Oreille County and they delivered nearly 30 million gallons of water in 2022.

**About Pend Oreille County Public Utility District**

Pend Oreille PUD was established in 1936 and began operations in 1948. The PUD is governed by three locally elected Commissioners. A General Manager and staff operate the utility within policies set by the Board of Commissioners. The PUD has four operating systems: The electric system distributes electricity to the county, the production system produces power from the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the water system consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions, and the community network system provides wholesale broadband communication services. For more information visit: <http://popud.org>.

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Pictured: Mark “Bubba” Scott, PUD Water Systems Manager, along with Scott Mallery and Nathan Ikehara with the Washington State Department of Health.