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Cowlitz PUD Auditorium Named in Honor of Long Time Board Member John Searing

In tribute to his 24 years of service as a Cowlitz PUD Commissioner, the public auditorium at the PUD's main office in Longview has been named John Searing Auditorium.

At its meeting Tuesday the PUD Board honored Searing, the first Cowlitz PUD Commissioner to serve four, six-year terms (1977-1982 and 1989-2006).

Searing was present for the ceremony, where he was joined by the PUD board, staff members, family and several members of the public. "I appreciate this honor very much. I miss serving as a PUD commissioner," Searing said.

PUD Board Vice President Buz Ketcham made the presentation, recognizing Searing for his "courteous and gracious manner and his desire to listen to and interact with PUD customers."

"We appreciate John's outstanding contributions for 24 years to Cowlitz PUD, the Washington PUD Association and the community," Ketcham said.

A plaque recognizing Searing for his service will be placed inside the auditorium, along with a sign outside the building identifying it as John Searing Auditorium.

The auditorium opened in 1998, as part of an expansion project at Cowlitz PUD. It can accommodate up to 120 people and is available for use by non-profit groups whose meetings are open to the public.

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