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COWLITZ COUNTY PUD

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Paul Brachvogel to Join Cowlitz PUD as General Counsel

Cowlitz PUD has named Paul Brachvogel as its General Counsel, effective October 27.

Brachvogel replaces Gerry Miller, who retired in May 2008.

Brachvogel comes to the PUD from the City of Kelso, where he has served as the City Manager since June 2007 and as the city attorney since 2002. He has over 15 years of service as legal counsel, primarily serving local governments — including the cities of Woodland and Kalama. Brachvogel served as staff counsel for Tacoma Public Utilities during his time as an attorney for the City of Tacoma from 1996 to 2000.

“Paul has a considerable background working on municipal and utility issues, so he brings tremendous experience to the position here at Cowlitz PUD. We are thrilled to hire a General Counsel of such a high caliber,” PUD Board President Buz Ketcham said.

Brachvogel is a 1992 graduate of Whittier University Law School in Los Angeles. He has completed post-degree studies at the University of Washington, Golden Gate University and DePaul University in Chicago, where he earned a Master’s of Science degree in Public Services Management in 2005

Paul and Jennie Brachvogel have two daughters, Sarah and Gracie. He enjoys being involved in community activities and is a member of Rotary.

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