

## Media release

# **COWLITZ COUNTY PUD**

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## **John Searing Awarded State Public Utility District Honor**

*Seattle, WA* – Former Cowlitz PUD Commissioner John Searing was honored for his many years of public service at the Washington PUD Association's (WPUDA) annual meeting here last week. Searing served as a Cowlitz PUD Commissioner for 24 years, from 1977-82 and 1989-2006.

Searing was named a Heritage Life Member of the WPUDA at a ceremony held last Friday. Mason County PUD No. 1 Commissioner Jack Janda, who is past president of WPUDA, thanked Searing for his many years of service to Cowlitz PUD and the state association.

“We are pleased that the WPUDA has recognized John Searing for his outstanding record as a Cowlitz PUD Commissioner,” PUD General Manager Brian Skeahan said. “John’s greatest strength as a commissioner was the genuine interest he took while talking to customers to find out how we could serve them better. It was always a pleasure working for him and with him here at the PUD.”

Searing is a retired local business owner and resides in Longview with his wife Jimmie Jane.

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