



COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	2026 Resource Plan – Final Review	
Authored by:	Blake Scherer	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Blake Scherer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn 	General Manager/Asst GM

Type of Agenda Item:	Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>	
☐ Consent Agenda	☐ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☐ Info Only
☒ Public Hearing	☐ Approve Contract	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☒ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

None

Background/Summary

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 19.280 requires electric utilities to prepare resource plans every two years. The RCW requires the Commission to encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and to approve the plans after it has provided public notice and hearing. The public may refer to the District's [Resource Plan development webpage](https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan) for the latest information and to provide input.¹

For Public Hearing #3, Staff will provide a short presentation and review the Final document, including, but not limited to, the following topics:

1. Review of the public input process
2. Review of public input received through 6/26/2026
3. Review of red-line changes compared to the Draft reviewed 6/9/2026

Recommendation

Recommend the District approve the final 2026 Resource Plan to be compliant with RCW 19.280.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

¹ Benton PUD's Resource Plan development webpage: <https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>



2026 Resource Plan for 2027-2036

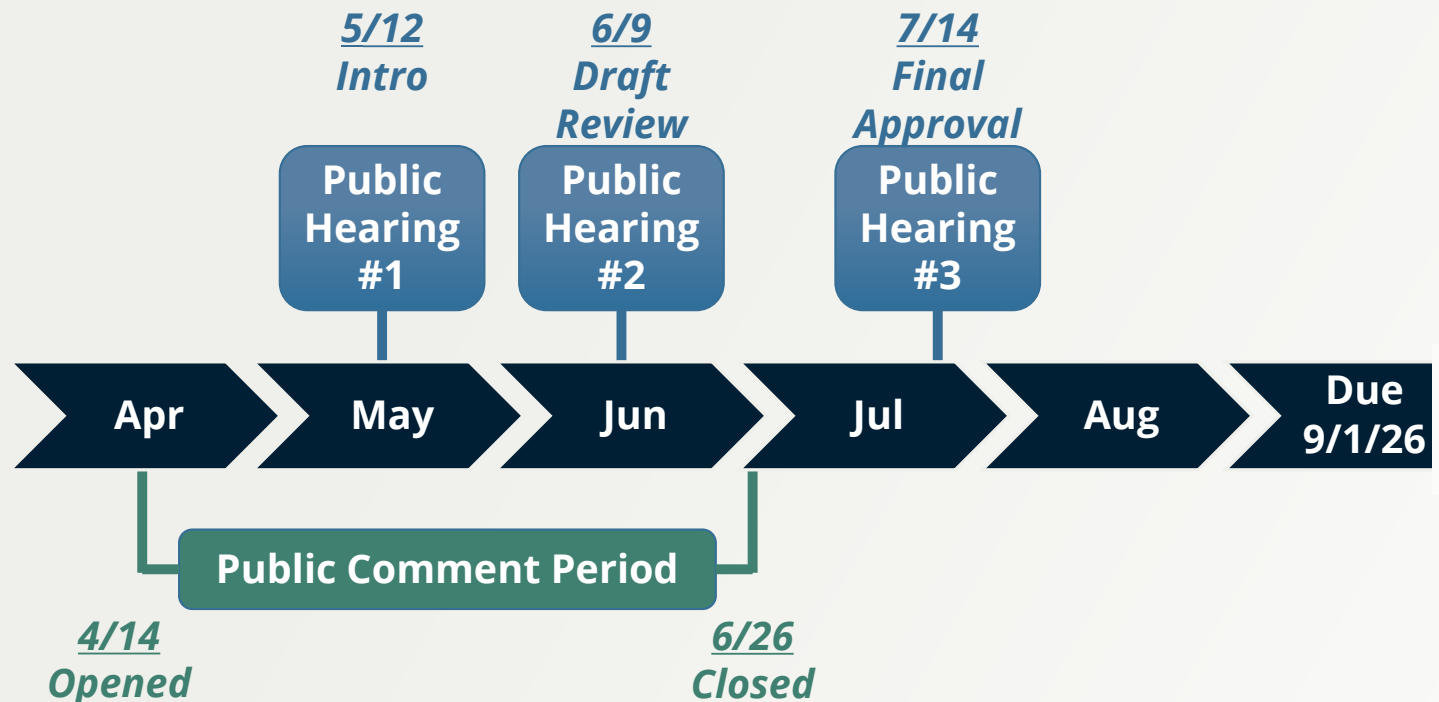
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What was the public input process?

RCW 19.280.050

*"The governing body of a consumer-owned utility that develops a plan under this chapter **shall encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans** and progress reports and approve the plans and progress reports **after it has provided public notice and hearing.**"*



What were the public input options?

- **Online submittal:**

- [Development webpage](#)
- <https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>



- **In-person or virtual attendance:**

- **Scheduled public hearings**
- **Regular Commission meetings**

Note: All public hearings will be held in-person at 9 AM during regularly scheduled Commission meetings at our Kennewick office. Meetings include a virtual and telephone option. See Commission meeting and attendance details on our [Commission page](#).

- **For additional questions** or to request assistance with participating in the public process:
 - Email power@bentonpud.org
 - or call **Blake Scherer at (509) 585-5361**

Tell us what matters to you

As we develop our 2026 Resource Plan, we want to make sure it reflects what matters most to our customers. To support this, we're offering ways for you to provide input:

- Attend public hearings with our Commission to hear updates and share your thoughts
- Review the posted materials and presentations
- Use the online form below to leave feedback during the designated public comment period

We appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing from you.



The public comment period has closed. Email power@bentonpud.org if you have questions.

Public Comments by Topic

Category	Topic	
Concern	data centers	2 3 9 13 17 20 21 27 29 30 31 32 33 36 37 40 41 42 43 44 45 21
	cost	6 7 8 13 17 24 28 45 8
	wind farms	4 13 15 32 35 38 6
	with BPUD	22 23 24 25 44 45 6
	environment	8 41 2
Interest/ support	nuclear	1 5 10 15 19 26 32 35 8
	solar	4 12 14 16 22 36 37 44 8
	hydro	5 10 13 15 32 35 6
	conservation	18 44 2
	for BPUD	11 39 2
	natural gas	10 1

Count derived from **45 unique comments** (by ID#) through 6/26/2026, some addressing multiple topics.

See Appendix C – Public Comment Log

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Final Review

*Review of **red-line changes**
compared to the June 9, 2026, Draft*

2026 Final Review materials available here:
<https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>