



BLACK LAKE SPECIAL DISTRICT

Black Lake Special District Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2025 • 6:15 pm
7514 Cattail LN SW, Olympia, WA 98512

Attendance via Zoom audio is preferred. Contact [info@blacklakespecialdistrict](mailto:info@blacklakespecialdistrict.org) for instructions.

Participants from the public will be muted by the Zoom host. Participants will be unmuted during the agenda item titled “Public Communication”.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Lake Stintzi
 - ii. Kirk Vanlandeghen
 - iii. Cory Freeborn

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. July 28, 2025 Minutes
 - b. Financials
 - c. Payment Transmittal and Invoices

(Funds) Voucher (Warrant)	Total
Invoice #1	\$2500

5. Old Business
 - a. Website updates – attached
 - b. Newsletter

6. New Business
 - a. Outline for Vegetation Management Plan prepared by Carlos Herrera (attached) and next steps
 - b. Water Residence Testing and Floridone Implementation for 2026
 - c. Current lake weed conditions and possible need for second treatment
 - d. Overview of Aquatic Herbicide Permit

7. Items from the Floor

8. Public Communication – *Limit of 3 minutes per person. Zoom host will provide warning when 30 seconds remain. Meeting minutes will only reflect the name of the person speaking.

9. Adjournment of Public Meeting

Next Meeting: September 15, 2025



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Black Lake Special District Meeting Monday, July 21, 2025 • 6:15 pm • Via Zoom

ACTION ITEMS:

- Cory will gather information on water residence time testing from a company that can assess how long it takes for water to enter and exit the lake.

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order – **Chair Lake Stinzi called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.**
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Lake Stintzi
 - ii. Kirk Vanlandeghen
 - iii. Cory Freeborn
3. Approval of Agenda – **It was moved, seconded, and was unanimously passed to approve the agenda as presented.**
4. Approval of Consent Agenda - **It was moved, seconded, and was unanimously passed to approve the agenda as presented.**
 - a. June 16, 2025 Minutes
 - b. July 14, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
 - c. Financials
 - d. Payment Transmittal and Invoices

(Funds) Voucher (Warrant)	Total
Invoice #1	\$2500.25
Invoice #2	\$3140.18
Invoice #3	\$39.53
5. Old Business
 - a. Website updates are needed. Draft changes will be prepared for the next meeting.
Cory reported algae sightings and Black Lake Bible Camp is concerned. Cory will be requesting the Bible Camp to contact Thurston County for testing.
 - b. Carlos - vegetation management plan - There was discussion around outsourcing a vegetation management plan. Lake suggested Herrera Environmental as a potential vendor, although there may be a conflict of interest.
6. New Business
 - a. Discussion: Contracting with Carlos for Vegetation Management RFP.
 - b. Review of Herbicide Application –
 - i. Cory reported that weed treatment near his home is beginning to show results.
 - ii. Other residents expressed frustration over ongoing weed issues. Cory and a resident (Steve) had an in-depth conversation with Kyle from the treatment provider.



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- iii. The company explained their methodology, including the use of only 50% of the recommended chemical dosage — a standard industry practice.
- iv. Cory encouraged them to apply a stronger dosage, and they agreed. They also recommended a Floridone treatment plan for long-term control, to be applied annually for three years. Last year's trial didn't produce results, which is expected in the first year of Floridone use.
- v. Floridone is considered more environmentally friendly than the current treatment (believed to be Diquat) and targets weed roots for longer-lasting impact.
- vi. *Cory will gather information on water residence time testing from a company that can assess how long it takes for water to enter and exit the lake.*
- vii. The treatment company warned that unless expectations are balanced with professional recommendations, they may discontinue working with BLSD.
- viii. Kirk emphasized the importance of collecting and sharing clear data to maintain transparency and credibility with both the board and residents.
- ix. **It was moved by Cory to begin the process of researching water residence testing and Floridone implementation for 2026, seconded by Lake, and was approved.** The board agreed this will be added as an action item for the August 18 meeting agenda.

7. Items from the Floor

a. Next meeting

- i. Proposals for a second herbicide treatment should be in hand.
- ii. Lake will develop a treatment map if a second application is needed.

8. Public Communication – *Limit of 3 minutes per person. Zoom host will provide warning when 30 seconds remain. Meeting minutes will only reflect the name of the person speaking.

- a. The following people spoke:
 - i. Vernon Bonefeld

9. Adjournment of Public Meeting - **With no further business, Chair Stintzi adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.**

Next Meeting: August 18, 2025

Black Lake Special District
Statement of Income and Expense
July 2025

Cash Basis

	<u>Jul 25</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Rates & Charges	4,905.84
Total Income	4,905.84
Gross Profit	4,905.84
Expense	
Other Types of Expenses	
Other Expenses	5.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	5.00
Total Expense	5.00
Net Ordinary Income	4,900.84
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	821.55
Total Other Income	821.55
Net Other Income	821.55
Net Income	<u><u>5,722.39</u></u>

Black Lake Special District
Statement of Financial Position
As of July 31, 2025

Cash Basis

	<u>Jul 31, 25</u>	<u>Jul 31, 24</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Black Lake Guarantee #6355	80,000.00	60,000.00	20,000.00	33.3%
OlyFed Checking	355.89	0.00	355.89	100.0%
Thurston County Treasurer	275,810.70	238,405.85	37,404.85	15.7%
Total Checking/Savings	<u>356,166.59</u>	<u>298,405.85</u>	<u>57,760.74</u>	<u>19.4%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>356,166.59</u>	<u>298,405.85</u>	<u>57,760.74</u>	<u>19.4%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>356,166.59</u>	<u>298,405.85</u>	<u>57,760.74</u>	<u>19.4%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	356,166.59	298,405.85	57,760.74	19.4%


OrgSupport

120 State Avenue NE, #303
Olympia, WA 98501

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/1/2025	5640

Bill To
Black Lake Special District 120 State Avenue NE, #303 Olympia, WA 98501

Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
Contract Services	1	2,500.00	2,500.00
		Total	\$2,500.00

Suggested Changes to BLSD Web Site – this is a start

See attached screen prints

Link A

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/public-health-and-social-services/environmental-health/about-environmental-health/issue-reporting>

Link B

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/public-health-and-social-services/environmental-health/water/water-recreation>

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The Black Lake Special District

The Black Lake Special District is a limited purpose local government separate from city, town, or county government. Revenue raised under the District will be used to protect and enhance Black Lake in terms of plant management and water quality, as well as address emerging issues related to managing the lake in accordance with state regulations and best interests of the property owners within the district. The purpose of the District is to serve the public welfare by improving and maintaining the water quality of Black Lake for local homeowners, those with lake access, visitors, fish, and wildlife.

Contact

info@blacklakespecialdistrict.org
360-867-8814
120 State Avenue NE, #303
Olympia, WA 98501

The Black Lake Special District was created in Thurston County pursuant to chapter 85.38 RCW, SPECIAL DISTRICT CREATION AND OPERATION.

Chapter 85.38
RCW SPECIAL DISTRICT CREATION AND OPERATION
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/law/default.aspx?cite=85.38>

Herbicide Treatments

2025 Treatments & Maps

Complaints about Boaters

Please contact Thurston County dispatch to file complaints about reckless boaters. They can be reached at 360-704-2740.

Black Lake Watershed Pollution ID Project

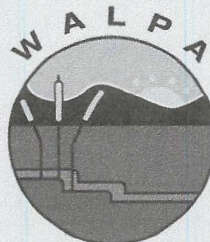
Commissioners

Lake Stintzi, lake@blacklakespecialdistrict.org

Kirk Van Landeghen, kirk@blacklakespecialdistrict.org

Cory Freeborn, cory@blacklakespecialdistrict.org

Membership



Washington State Lake Protection Association – WALPA

www.walpa.org – Nonprofit Organization

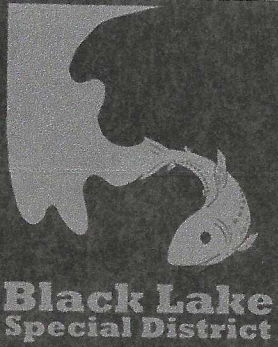
Anyone "Recent Posts" to

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Concern about Algae Bloom
Thurston County Environmental Issues Reporting
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Delete

Documents

Click on a document to download it. All documents are PDF unless otherwise indicated.

Formation

[Petition to Thurston Board of County Commissioners Regarding the Special Use District for Black Lake](#)

~~[Hydraulic Project Permit Approval](#)~~

[Forming Resolution](#)

[Black Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan](#)

~~Activities~~

Activities

~~2023 Herbicide Treatment:~~

- ~~[2023 Herbicide Notice](#)~~
- ~~[2023 Submerged Weeds Control Map](#)~~
- ~~[2023 Water Lily Control Map](#)~~

[Statement of Operations](#)

[2021 Herrera Final Alum Treatment Report](#)

~~2021~~
[BLSD July Newsletter](#)

[Black Lake Special District, Thurston County, Washington Special Assessment Bond, 2021 \(Taxable\)](#)

[Water Quality Data Report – Black Lake Watershed Pollutant Monitoring: Phase 2](#)

[BLSD Assessment Audit Report 2018-2019](#)

[Final Alum Treatment Report, 2016](#)

[Black Lake Watershed Pollutant Monitoring: Phase 1](#)

[OrgSupport Contract for Services](#)

[2019 Audit Review](#)

[2019 Weed Treatment Postcard](#)

[Contract – Black Lake Watershed Pollutant Monitoring, Mar 4, 2019](#)

[HAB Report Review by Herrera Environmental, Sept 17, 2018](#)

[HAB Alum Dosing Report, Jan 2, 2018](#)

[Plan to Improve Water Quality in Black Lake](#) 6/2017

[Alum Treatment Contract](#)

[Alum Treatment Project Final Bid Document](#)

[Alum Treatment Ecology Comments](#)

[Draft Alum Treatment Plan](#)

[Alum Treatment Plan Appendix](#)

[Announcement of Apparent Successful Bidder](#)

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~~[Tetra Tech Problem Statement](#)~~

~~[Tetra Tech IAVMP Power Point Presentation from Sept 22, 2011 Community Meeting](#)~~

~~[Dept of Fish and Wildlife Aquatic Plants Pamphlet](#)~~

[AQUATIC PLANT AND ALGAE MANAGEMENT NPDES GENERAL PERMIT](#)

*all
dead!*

Black Lake Special District Newsletter – 2025

Hello! We are sending this newsletter to the 700+ parcel owners within the district. We hope you find it informative. The district governing board meets via Zoom each month, on the third Monday at 6:15pm. The meeting is open to the public and instructions for access can be requested via email (info@Blacklakespeicaldistrict.org) or telephone (360-867-8814). We would like your feedback on how we are doing and any changes you wish us to make. Instructions for an online survey are provided at the end of this newsletter.

Efforts to Maintain/Improve Quality

The district invested heavily in the Alum Treatment of 2021. The treatment has stopped algae blooms and improved water clarity. To maintain these conditions, efforts must be continued to reduce nutrient input to the lake.

Pollution Identification and Correction

In 2021, the district completed a pollution survey of the lake and input streams. Three streams were found to be discharging septic effluent into the lake. This information was immediately provided to Thurston County. The county secured grant funding from the Department of Ecology and initiated a project to identify and correct any sources of pollution. The project scope was not limited to the lakefront but encompassed all parcels near streams which flow into the lake.

At the midpoint of the project, over 500 site visits had been completed by the county and over 200 septic systems had overdue maintenance performed. Work is continuing through this year.

The district plans to repeat pollution surveys every three to five years.

Reduce/Stop Using Lawn Fertilizers

Lawn fertilizers should be limited as much as possible on lakefront lots or properties close to streams entering the lake. If used, select a fertilizer with no phosphorous or potash to help minimize future algae blooms in the lake.

Leave Undeveloped Shoreline in Natural State

When improving landscape close to the lake or streams, consider leaving a ten to twenty foot wide border from the lake or stream in natural plants. These plants will help reduce nutrient runoff which enters the lake.

Septic System Maintenance

Please follow the recommended maintenance for your system. For newer, complex systems, the county will designate inspection and pumping requirements. For older systems, pumping tanks every three to five years is recommended. Please address problems with your system as soon as possible.

Vegetation Management Plan

The district is working toward issuing a contract for a new Vegetation Management Plan. Our last plan was completed in 2012 before the district formation. A great deal has changed and a scientific review will be beneficial to advise on of the best direction(s) for improving the lake.

Maintenance of Black Lake Ditch

The Black Lake Ditch is the principal outflow for Black Lake. Outflow to the south through the Black River has stopped due to vegetation growth and beaver activity. Because the lands and waters south of the lake are now part of a national wildlife refuge, alterations to improve flow are not possible.

Water flow through the ditch is frequently reduced by beaver dams. The presence of dams can increase lake levels as much as four feet. Thurston County, Road Services has resumed clearing the dams from the Black Lake Belmore Bridge to the City of Olympia boundary.

Herbicide Applications

The district applies herbicides to approximately 20 acres of lake surface each year. The herbicide types, concentrations and timing are regulated by the Department of Ecology. Applicators must be licensed by the Department of Agriculture. The treatments are conducted along the shorelines, in front of developed properties where plant growth is impeding recreational uses. More expansive treatments are not desired. Plants contribute oxygen to the water which improves water quality and wildlife habitat. By regulation, most herbicides are applied after July 15 of each year.

The district notifies Thurston County Environmental Health in advance of all herbicide activities including planned treatment areas, residential notices and shoreline signage.

Meeting with County Commissioner Wayne Fournier

Last year the district board met with Wayne Fournier, County Commissioner for the newly formed District 4. We provide Mr. Fournier with an overview of the district and its' activities. We encourage the Commissioner to contact us if questions or problems arise. At the meeting we requested help with maintaining the Black Lake Ditch. At this time, maintenance of the ditch has been resolved by county staff.

Connecting with Other Lakes and WALPA Participation

The district regularly shares information with other lake organizations. We also attend workshops presented by the Washington Lake Protection Association.

Yellow Flag Iris

The Yellow Flag Iris continues to spread along our shorelines and streams. The plant is not native to this area. This plant forms dense mats which can crowd out native vegetation and reduce flow in streams. The sap from this plant is poisonous to humans. We encourage you to remove this plant should you find it on your property. We recommend manual/mechanical methods to remove the plant.

Hand pulling is effective when controlling small patches of yellow flag iris. Complete manual control before plants begin producing seed pods to avoid seed dispersal. Use a hand tool to help remove all rhizomes. Do not put in compost or natural areas. Place plant material in sealed bags and dispose of in garbage. Monitor area and follow up with control as needed.

*****PICS*****

New Housing Development – Vista Views at Black Lake

Vista Views is a 184 home project being developed north of 58th Lane SW and east of Black Lake Belmore Road. The project is within Tumwater's Urban Growth Area and covers 54 acres. The district has no official role in land development. We did review the various submissions to the City of Tumwater and the Department of Ecology and believe there should be no impact on the waters of Black Lake.

Vista Views will be approximately 1,700 feet from the lake shore. Sewer service will be provide to the development. A comprehensive storm water catchment area is planned within the project boundaries.

*****MAP*****

District Resident Survey

How are we doing overall?

What areas or activities should the district become more involved?

Do you have any other comments?

Please provide us with contact information so we can follow up with you if needed.

Request for Proposal Outline

Black Lake Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (IAVMP) Development

1.0 Introduction

The Black Lake Special District is seeking a qualified lake management contractor to develop an IAVMP specific to the needs of Black Lake.

Black Lake is.....insert description of lake.

The Black Lake Special District is....insert description of special district.

This project is a formal competitive procurement. It is open to all contractors that meet the minimum qualifications. A notice of the project will be published in the Daily Journal Of Commerce? Or Daily O and this solicitation document is available on the Special district website <https://www.blacklakewash.com>.....

1.1 Purpose

Excessive aquatic plant growth has increased over the past few years and may be impacting lake residents and visitors from enjoying the beneficial uses of the lake. The Special District is seeking a contractor to develop a long term control plan for controlling excessive aquatic plant growth and providing technical advice and oversight in the implementation of the plan. The goal is to have the plan completed by December 2026.

1.2 Qualifications

The contractor must have the following minimum qualifications:

- A. Current licenses and insurance.
- B. Proven experience and expertise in developing IAVMPs (a minimum of 3 IAVMPs) in Western Washington.
- C. Experience and expertise in the surveying and mapping of aquatic vegetation including invasive and nuisance aquatic species.
- D. Knowledge and expertise in the components of an IAVMP that meets the requirements of Washington State Department of Ecology and are consistent with “A Citizen’s Guide for Developing Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plans”.
- E. Knowledge and expertise in both non-chemical and chemical controls of aquatic vegetation.
- F. Knowledge and skills to develop and lead a public involvement process to engage lake residents and users in the development of the IAVMP.

2.0 Services Requested

The contractor shall provide all the management, labor ,materials, equipment and any other items necessary to complete the following.

2.1 Aquatic Plant Survey and Mapping

Insert details of survey and mapping requirements.

2.2 Assist with submitting Grant Application to Department of Ecology

Inset details

2.3 Technical Assistance and oversight of 2026 Herbicide application

Insert details

2.4 Develop Plan

Insert details including public meetings.

2.5 Oncall Technical Assistance for plan implantation

Insert details.

2.6 Contract Period and Budget

Insert contract period (1/1/26 to 12/31/26?)

Do you want to provide a range and or maximum budget?

2.5 Compensation

Labor and materials at negotiated labor rates with not to exceed by task? Or Lump sum by task?

Section 3 Procurement, Schedule and General Requirements

Follow Thurston county boilerplate in Offutt Lake RFP

Section 4. Proposal and Submission Requirements

Follow Thurston County Offutt Lake RFP with some revisions. The Thurston County requirements are a bit onerous for this size of job.

Section 5. Evaluation and Selection

Follow county's boilerplate. I suggest the following points for evaluation.

Qualifications and Experience 25

Past Performance 15

Key personnel 15

Approach 30

Cost 15

Section 6 Contract Terms and Conditions.

Use Thurston County or the Special Districts?

Section 7 Forms.

We should discuss what forms you'd like to see in the proposals.

Overview of Aquatic Herbicide Permit

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/ezshare/wq/permits/APAMGeneralPermitFinal.pdf>

- * BLSD is the sponsor for Black Lake. No other entities can obtain permits to treat the lake. BLSD pays an annual fee of \$600 to maintain permit.
- * Applicators must be licensed by the Washington Dept of Agriculture and endorsed for aquatic herbicides.
- * The current permit expires 3/2026. Must reapply by 9/22/2025. A “Notice of Intent” process must be followed requiring public notices in newspaper and a public comment period. Permits are renewed every 5 years.
- * Permit includes a list of permissible chemicals and their restrictions.
- * Applications are prohibited on weekends, Memorial/Independence/Labor Day.
- * Timing window
 - Most contact herbicides must be applied within the window determined by WDFW. The current window is 7/15 – 10/31
 - Exceptions can be requested for a calendar year. The “Notice of Intent” process must be followed. Details are included in the permit document.
- * Permit requires the use of templates for all notices – mailed, shoreline and published.
- * Business and Residential Notice must be received by shoreline resident 10 – 42 days in advance of first treatment of the season. A copy of the notice must be sent to Ecology and Dept of Natural Resources. A copy of all notice addresses must also be sent to Ecology. As a courtesy, a copy of the notice, maps and shoreline notices are sent to Thurston County Environmental Health.
- * Shoreline Notice posted up to 48 hours in advance and on properties within 400 feet of a treated area.
- * Applicators must submit “pre” and “post” treatment reports on a weekly basis to Ecology. The “pre” identifies chemicals to be applied. “post” identifies quantity of chemical and number of acres.
- * Ecology requires an annual report submission by 12/31. The report repeats information from the weekly treatment reports and BLSD must attest to accuracy.