



# SNOQUALMIE VALLEY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 Snoqualmie, Washington Resolution No. 901

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Directors of Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 Requesting Comprehensive Environmental Review, School-Safety Consultation, and Consideration of Mitigation Related to the Proposed Cascadia Ridge Resiliency Project

**WHEREAS**, Jupiter Power LLC has proposed the Cascadia Ridge Resiliency Project, described as an approximately 130 MW utility-scale battery energy storage system on approximately 45 acres of unincorporated King County land adjacent to the City of Snoqualmie; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed site is located in proximity to District schools, offices, facilities, and student transportation routes, including Cascade View Elementary School and District school bus routes using Snoqualmie Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 has a responsibility to protect student and staff safety, support continuity of school operations, safeguard District facilities, and advocate for appropriate emergency preparedness where off-site conditions may affect District schools, transportation, facilities, or educational services; and

**WHEREAS**, the District serves students and families through multiple schools and facilities, student transportation routes, special education services, health services, nutrition services, technology systems, security systems, and other operations that may be affected by power outages, utility disruptions, road closures, unsafe outdoor air quality, shelter-in-place conditions, evacuation needs, or other emergency conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, based on information currently available to the District, questions remain regarding whether the environmental review for the proposed project will fully evaluate potential impacts, if any, to nearby school receptors, student and staff safety, school transportation routes, school notification procedures, evacuation feasibility, shelter-in-place planning, family reunification, and continuity of school operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the State Environmental Policy Act, chapter 43.21C RCW, and its implementing rules in chapter 197-11 WAC provide a process for identifying, evaluating, and mitigating probable adverse environmental impacts before governmental decisions are made; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board does not take a position in this resolution on the general use of battery energy storage technology or on the ultimate approval or denial of this project, but instead seeks

a review process sufficiently thorough to identify, disclose, evaluate, and, where appropriate, mitigate potential impacts to student and staff safety, District facilities, school transportation, emergency procedures, and continuity of school operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that, because of the project's proximity to schools, District facilities, and student transportation routes, the District should request meaningful consultation during environmental review and emergency planning so that school-specific operational and safety concerns are appropriately considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board's requests are based on the District's responsibilities for student and staff safety, District facilities, student transportation, emergency preparedness, and continuity of school operations, and are not intended to substitute the Board's judgment for that of King County, agencies with jurisdiction, or qualified technical experts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 as follows:

**Section 1. Request for Comprehensive Environmental Review**

The Board requests that King County conduct or require environmental review sufficient to evaluate potential project impacts on student and staff safety, District facilities, school transportation, emergency procedures, and continuity of school operations, including consideration of the appropriate SEPA threshold determination under applicable law.

**Section 2. Review Area Not Limited Solely to Project Parcel**

The Board requests that King County's review not be limited solely to the project parcel or immediately adjacent properties, but include the geographic area in which project-related impacts could reasonably affect District students, staff, school facilities, student transportation routes, school notification procedures, shelter-in-place or evacuation procedures, family reunification, and continuity of school operations.

**Section 3. School-Specific Impact Analysis**

The Board requests that the environmental review include analysis of potential school-related impacts, including, as appropriate:

1. Nearby schools, District facilities, and student transportation routes;
2. Emergency notification and communication procedures affecting schools, students, staff, and families;
3. Evacuation, shelter-in-place, and family reunification feasibility during school hours, after-school activities, evening events, weekends, and special events;
4. Transportation impacts, including school bus routes, special education transportation, parent pickup and drop-off, pedestrian and bicycle routes used by students, road closures, and traffic conditions during school arrival and dismissal;
5. Potential effects on continuity of school operations, including instruction, special education services, student health services, nutrition services, security systems, technology systems, and building systems;
6. Potential impacts to medically vulnerable students and staff, individuals with disabilities, and other school-related sensitive receptors; and

7. Coordination needs between the District, King County, public safety agencies, emergency management agencies, utility providers, and other appropriate public agencies.

#### **Section 4. Consideration of Mitigation Measures**

The Board requests that the review consider reasonable alternatives, mitigation measures, permit conditions, site-design features, emergency planning measures, and operational safeguards to the extent they are relevant to reducing or avoiding potential impacts to students, staff, District facilities, school transportation, emergency procedures, and continuity of school operations.

#### **Section 5. Emergency Planning Consultation**

The Board requests that any emergency planning related to the proposed facility include consultation, as appropriate, with the Snoqualmie Valley School District, Eastside Fire & Rescue, the Snoqualmie Fire Department, King County emergency management or public safety agencies, the City of Snoqualmie, and other relevant agencies, with attention to school notification, shelter-in-place procedures, evacuation planning, student transportation impacts, family reunification, and continuity of school operations.

#### **Section 6. Notice of Participation**

The Board requests that the Snoqualmie Valley School District be included as a consulted and notified affected public agency or stakeholder during the applicable SEPA and permitting processes to the extent allowed by law, including notice of SEPA documents, technical studies, revised applications, threshold determinations, permit decisions, public comment periods, hearings, appeal deadlines, and other notices available under applicable law.

#### **Section 7. District Representative for Environmental Review and Permitting Comments**

The Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent or designee to submit comments on behalf of the District during the environmental review and permitting process, consistent with this resolution and focused on student safety, staff safety, school transportation, District operations, emergency preparedness, protection of District facilities and systems, and fiscal impacts to the District.

#### **Section 8. District Representative for Emergency Preparedness Coordination**

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to coordinate with appropriate local and regional agencies regarding emergency preparedness planning for District schools in the event the proposed facility is approved.

#### **Section 9. Transmittal**

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to transmit this resolution to the King County Department of Local Services Permitting Division, appropriate King County elected officials, the City of Snoqualmie, relevant fire and emergency response agencies, Puget Sound Energy, Jupiter Power LLC, and other public entities as appropriate.

**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2026.

**SNOQUALMIE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 410**

---

**President and Director**

---

**Vice President and Director**

---

**Director**

---

**Director**

---

**Director**

---

**Secretary to the Board of Directors**

.