

Petition to KWD Board of Trustees December 2021 : mission statement & bylaws ,  
conservancy, ensure public oversight and autonomy

This letter serves as a petition request to call a special KWD Board of Trustees Meeting.  
Please read this petition at the Board meeting scheduled for December 15, 2021.

The petition is to:

Maintain mission statement and existing bylaws guaranteeing the right to petition.

To uphold the existing mission statement, now that a new board is in place, as a way of certifying the purposeful intent of the board to satisfy the mission statement in relation to all voting approval by board members, that all consideration be given to KWD users. It is important to maintain the original language of the mission statement which has been KWD's mission statement for decades : **that water and watersheds must be preserved, conserved and protected; that an adequate supply of clean water is a basic human right; that water is a public trust, to be guarded by all levels of government acting as an equal partner with the public; and that the best advocates for water are local communities and citizens.**

To uphold the bylaws which continue to give the public a check and balance with the Trustees of KWD, specifically via Article II section 2, which states that KWD users and citizens have a right to petition to hold special public meetings with the KWD trustees on important topics that impact budget, land and water quality.

Request that the watershed included in the KWD be placed entirely (approximately 2500 acres) in conservancy to guarantee to future generations an abundance of clean water for KWD users and citizens. This would require KWD to evaluate affiliations such as those with the two billion dollar corporation SJW who own Maine Water Company, overseeing the Saco River, they have two divisions, Water Management and Real Estate Management.

To discuss the withdrawal of our KWD membership from the Southern Maine Regional Water Council (SMRWC) first organized in 2005, whose purpose is to comingle water of various regions who use chloramines and therefore would imply the KWD would also do the same. The SMRWC coalesced prior to KWD's decision of 2019 to not use a chloramine additive. One of the influencing members of SMRWC ,SJW, is a major corporation whose mission is to purchase and consolidate small water utilities of Maine, and develop wet lands owned by small water utilities under their portfolio of subsidiaries

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owned. SJW has been aggressive in efforts to meet their portfolio goals. The KWD offices should not adopt a billing system that dovetails directly into the systems of SJW, the owner of The Maine Water Co, who is handling Saco water. Our rates will triple if we are purchased by SJW. This should be a decision made by the KWD users. The statement: "KWD will not use chloramines in the foreseeable future" was removed from KWD's website November 2021. To indicate reinforcement of public desire to not add chloramines the aforementioned needs to be returned to the website.

All signatures are residents and voting citizens in the area of KWD.