

Minutes April 4, 2024 - Final

Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

1. Welcome, Roll Call & Announcements

- Attendance as follows:

First Name	Last Name	Utility	Official Operating Board Role	Attendance Type
Hilary	Allison	SPU		Virtual
Mike	Amburgey	Cedar River	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	Virtual
Sean	Bauer	Cedar River	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	Virtual
Julie	Belt	Woodinville		Virtual
Boyd	Benson	Bothell	Utility Rep	Virtual
Regina	Carpenter	SPU		Virtual
Angie	Charchenko	WD 20		Virtual
Alex	Chen	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member + Chair	Virtual
Julie	Crittenden	SPU	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	Virtual
Jamie	Crookston	Coal Creek		Virtual
Kathy	Curry	Woodinville	Utility Rep	Virtual
Bob	Danson	Olympic View	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	Virtual
Jeremy	DeMar	Highline	Utility Rep + Board Member	Virtual
Anna	Dyer	SPU		Virtual
Pete	Eberle	WD 90	Utility Rep	Virtual
Abdoul	Gafour	Renton	Utility Rep	Virtual
Terri	Gregg	SPU		Virtual
Charlotte	Haines	North City		Virtual
Ulysses	Hillard	SPU		Virtual
Nicole	Janes	Moss Adams		Virtual
Paula	Laschober	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member	Virtual
Steve	Leniszewski	Duvall	Utility Rep	Virtual
Ky	Lewis	SPU		Virtual
Wayne	Liou	SPU		Virtual
Ron	Little	n/a	Independent Member	Virtual
Pam	Maloney	Woodinville		Virtual
Michael	Martin	WD 20	Utility Rep	Virtual
Patrick	Martin	Coal Creek		Virtual
Katie	Medina	Renton		Virtual
Suzi	O'Byrne	Coal Creek	Utility Rep	Virtual
Terry	Olson	WD 119	Utility Rep	Virtual
Kelly	O'Rourke	SPU		Virtual
Jorgan	Peadon	WD 49	Utility Rep	Virtual
Darcey	Peterson	WD 90		Virtual
Matthew	Porter	SPU		Virtual
Diane	Pottinger	North City	Utility Rep + Board Member	Virtual
Kathleen	Quong-Vermeire	Highline		Virtual
Ron	Ricker	North City		Virtual
Robert	Russell	Coal Creek		Virtual
Taryn	Sass	SPU		Virtual
Carla	Snyder	Coal Creek		Virtual
Ron	Straka	Renton		Virtual
Eric	Thorberg	SPU		Virtual
Jane	Vandenberg	Soos Creek	Utility Rep	Virtual
Logan	Wallace	Soos Creek		Virtual
Ingrid	Wertz	SPU		Virtual
Max	Woody	North City		Virtual

- Alex Chen, OB Chair and SPU Water Line of Business & Shared Services Deputy Director, congratulated Mike Amburgey, General Manager Cedar River Water & Sewer District (CRWSD) on his upcoming

retirement and thanked him for his years of participation in the Operating Board. Alex also welcomed Sean Bauer as the new General Manager for CRWSD.

- **Tolt Dam Early Warning System Issue** – Alex Chen briefed the members regarding the recent activation of one of the Tolt Dam Early Warning System sirens 2 hours ahead of its normal Wednesday testing. He discussed key points from the 2-page *Update for the Seattle Water Operating Board Regarding the Recent Tolt Dam Early Warning System Issue* document that was emailed to the Operating Board on April 3.
- **PFAS** – Alex Chen gave an update to the PFAS sampling issue that was an agenda item at the April 3, 2024 Operating Board meeting. Alex covered the *PFAS Update for OB 04042024* PowerPoint that was emailed to the Operating Board on April 3.
- **Mercer Island Pipeline Leak** – Alex Chen mentioned the leak that was discovered yesterday on the Mercer Island Pipeline, which received media attention.

2. Agenda/Minutes

- 2a. March 7, 2024 minutes were approved 6-0.
- 2b. The April 4, 2024 agenda was approved 6-0.

3. Old Business

3a. 2025-2030 (6-Year) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Part 2: Julie Crittenden, SPU Director of Planning and Program Management, continued the discussion regarding the CIP for 2025-2030, including how SPU develops the CIP, the approval process and responses to initial questions received from the Operating Board members. Next round of questions are due April 19th and a final update on this year's CIP will be given at the May 9th OB meeting. A few questions ensued.

4. New Business

4a. Wholesale Annual True-Up Procedures: Regina Carpenter, SPU Principal Economist and Nicole Siekmeier-Janes with Moss Adams gave a brief presentation. There were no new procedures to be performed compared to last year. Nicole asked if the Board recommended any changes to these procedures. None followed. The Chair requested approval to proceed with the procedures as written. Board agreed and voted 6-0.

4b. Water Conservation Program Update (CIP C105055-57, Rows 45-47; + O&M): Angie Charchenko, from Water District 20 and the Conservation Technical Forum Co-chair, gave an update on the regional water conservation program, which is presented every two years. She covered the 2022 and 2023 conservation program accomplishments and the program focuses for 2024. No questions followed.

4c. South Fork Tolt Dam Spillway Project (CIP Row 2f): Ulysses Hillard, SPU Senior Water Resources Engineer, gave a presentation on the South Fork Tolt Dam Spillway project, which included the background, project history, options analysis summary, the preferred option, schedule, and cost projections. Some questions ensued. It was asked if Seattle City Light (SCL) will pay for any of this project? SPU explained that SPU and SCL cost share on projects where the project benefits both utilities (& they develop an MOA), but if a project only benefits one utility, then there is no cost sharing. In this case, the spillway project does not have a SCL nexus and thus there is no cost sharing with SCL. SPU offered to share various Tolt-related cost sharing MOAs and the Operating Board said they would appreciate that.

5. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies:** Alex Chen briefly discussed this document. He mentioned we'll have to wait until this summer to see how demand coincides with the rate study. Currently, we are still in El Nino conditions, but NOAA is predicting we will shift to La Nina conditions later this summer early fall.

- **Water Supply Update:** Julie Crittenden shared that precipitation is slightly below normal, snowpack is at 66% of normal, we are increasing reservoirs storage and will hit refill this spring. We will be keeping a close eye on water supply conditions and will adjust as needed.
- **Next Meeting:** May 9th - Hybrid meeting, Mercer Island Community Center 1-3PM.

6. Good of the Order

- Jane Vandenburg, Soos Creek General Manager, shared that the district has a seismic project underway at one of their storage tanks that will not be completed prior to the district peak demands, and they will be requesting Operating Board authorization (vote via email) for a temporary emergency intertie (for roughly 1-2 months) with CRWSD.
- Diane Pottinger announced that Jorgan Peadon from Water District 49 is the new alternate for the Medium Category, given Mike Amburgey's retirement.

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Approved by:


Alex Chen (May 9, 2024 17:31 PDT)

Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

05/09/2024

Date