

Minutes June 6, 2024 – Final Revised 7-27-24

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		In person
Sean	Bauer	Cedar River	Utility Rep	In person
Julie	Belt	Woodinville		In person
Alex	Chen	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member + Chair	In person
Julie	Crittenden	SPU	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	In person
Jamie	Crookston	Coal Creek		In person
Kathy	Curry	Woodinville	Utility Rep	In person
Bob	Danson	Olympic View	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	In person
Jeremy	DelMar	Highline	Utility Rep + Board Member	In person
Paulette	Dorsey	Coal Creek		In person
Pete	Eberle	WD 90	Utility Rep	In person
Terri	Gregg	SPU		In person
Patricia	Hale	North City		In person
Roxanne	Heller	WD 119		In person
Christian	Hoffman	Woodinville		In person
Michele	Koehler	SPU		In person
Amy	LaBarge	SPU		In person
Wayne	Liou	SPU		In person
Pam	Maloney	Woodinville		In person
Patrick	Martin	Coal Creek		In person
Darcie	McAllister	Woodinville		In person
Suzi	O'Byrne	Coal Creek	Utility Rep	In person
Kelly	O'Rourke	SPU		In person
Maura	Patterson	SPU		In person
Jorgan	Peadon	WD 49	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member	In person
Darcey	Peterson	WD 90		In person
Diane	Pottinger	North City	Utility Rep + Board Member	In person
Kathleen	Quong-Vermeire	Highline		In person
Ron	Ricker	North City		In person
Robert	Russell	Coal Creek		In person
Max	Woody	North City		In person
Crystil	Wooldridge	Woodinville		In person
Shane	Young	WD 125	Utility Rep + Board Member + Vice Chair	In person
Peter	Zevenbergen	Coal Creek		In person

2. Agenda/Minutes

- 2a. May 9, 2024 minutes were approved 5-0.
- 2b. June 6, 2024 agenda was approved 5-0.

3. Old Business

3a. 2025-2030 (6-Year) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Part 4: Julie Crittenden, SPU Director of Planning and Program Management, presented the final Regional CIP Table for 2025-2030. There were no further questions received from the Operating Board members, and the motion to concur that the 2025-2030 CIP

review process is complete was passed 4-0, with the medium category abstaining. Jorgan Peadon participated in an Asset Management Committee (AMC) meeting at SPU and feels confident in SPU's internal CIP process. He conveyed that SPU was transparent and thoughtful about their CIP process. He encouraged others to ask questions and attend AMC meetings. Julie Belt from Woodinville also attended the AMC meeting with Jorgan Peadon and shared her experiences.

4. New Business

4a. Watershed Management Program Overview: Amy LaBarge, SPU Watershed Management Division Director, gave an overview of SPU's watershed management program, which includes watershed protection, natural resource management, public & cultural programs, and operations. A discussion ensued around Limited Alternative to Filtration (LAF), which is legislation under the Safe Drinking Water Act that only applies to the Cedar River Watershed (although there are a handful of other utilities in the country that do not filter their water supplies). A discussion ensued about the LAF status and threats to that status. Alex Chen explained that per the LAF regulations, as long as SPU is compliant with the regulation, SPU cannot be made to filter the water. SPU may choose to add filtration in the future due to risks such as wildfire but that is not on the horizon for the utility. A question arose about invasive species removal; SPU sponsors WA Conservation Corp crews every summer for invasive species removal at the guidance of SPU staff. Another question arose about wildfire management and SPU's network with other firefighting entities. Amy LaBarge shared that SPU has an initial attack team, as well as cooperative agreements with WA Department of Natural Resources (the primary firefighting agency in the state), Eastside Fire, and Seattle Fire.

4b. Habitat Conservation Plan Overview & Sockeye Hatchery Update: Michele Koehler, SPU Aquatic Resources & HCP Program Manager, gave an overview of the HCP program including 2023-2024 activities and finances, as well as an overview of the sockeye hatchery program (part of Landsburg and MIT Agreement, but not technically part of HCP). A question arose about what happens when the current HCP expires. Michele shared that, after 2050, another HCP is likely. It will not likely have cost commitments but may be less complicated by covering less species. Another question arose about annual reporting on the HCP; there is an annual financial report that goes to oversight committee. There was also a clarification that this is a Seattle Regional system cost/contribution that all wholesale customers, including Seattle as wholesale, pay into. Finally, there was a request for a pie chart showing the percentage of the HCP within the entire Regional CIP budget.

5. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies:** Alex Chen briefly discussed this document. Consumption is currently about 3% above the rate study estimate.
- **Water Supply Update.** Julie Crittenden shared that water supply is looking good. Both reservoirs are full, and the Cedar has approval for an extra two feet of water supply due to low snow pack this year. The annual forebay cleaning at Landsburg will occur next Monday to align with minimal fish return impacts.
- **PFAS Sampling.** Alex Chen explained that SPU is still in the process of investigating the non-regulatory PFAS found in the system (PFPrA), but does not have conclusions yet.
- **Other Wholesale Customers.** Alex Chen gave a brief update on negotiations with Cascade Water Alliance.
- **Next Meeting:** July 11th - Hybrid; Mercer Island Community Center; 1-3PM.

6. Good of the Order

Board meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Approved by:



Alex Chen (Jul 24, 2024 15:46 PDT)

Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

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Date