

Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
September 2, 2010
2:30– 4:30 p.m.

Mercer Island Council Chambers
9611 SE 36th Street
Mercer Island, WA 98040

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Alternates</u>	<u>Wholesale Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Matt Everett Walt Canter Steve Moye John Bjork Ray Hoffman Nancy Ahern	Terry Smith John Thompson	Roger Eberhart Margaret Wiggins Charlotte Haines Mark Parsons Jerry Thornton Jim Rick Ken Howe Tom Hoffman Stu Turner Ron Sheadel Marci Oda	Dan Swenson Regina Carpenter Julie Burman Liz Fikejs Al Dietemann Cyndy Holtz Liz Kelly	

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes/Agenda

The July 1, 2010 minutes were approved by consent of the Operating Board.

3. New Business

▪ Management of Knotweed Infestation in Cedar River Watershed

Cyndy Holtz, SPU, gave a presentation on the use of Imazapyr to control the knotweed infestation in the Cedar River Watershed. Imazapyr is a herbicide that acts on an enzyme only found in plants and the enzyme doesn't exist in animals, amphibians and birds. The EPA rating of the herbicide is low or non-toxic to animals. There are no adverse affects on mammals, birds, macro-invertebrates and fish and no bio-accumulation of the compound. Removing knotweed with Imazapyr actually benefits fish and wildlife, not just doesn't harm them. She reviewed the process to get public support and City Council approval for use of the herbicide.

Agenda Materials

- PowerPoint presentation – Using Herbicide to Treat Knotweed in the Cedar River Municipal Watershed

▪ 2011-2013 Regional Conservation Business Case

Julie Burman, SPU, presented the Regional Conservation Programs Options for 2011-13. She reviewed conservation goals and saving targets, regional conservation program options, and the process for setting the next 6-year water use efficiency goal. The choices made in the mix of programs dictate the size of the Facility Charge that funds the regional conservation program. For the five options presented the facility charges would range from \$779 to \$1224. The current facility charge is \$713. The Conservation Technical Forum recommended a modified version of Option 2. (See letter dated August 30, 2010 from Deborah Rannfeldt to Matt Everett). The Operating Board had a full discussion about the program options and funding commitments in a difficult economic period and at a time when the future of our water supply appears to be robust.

SPU will be making a presentation to the utilities Asset Management Committee in mid-September and will bring the results of those deliberations to the Operating Board at its next meeting. Also, Ray Hoffman offered to have a future discussion about the regional conservation programs, probably as part of the development of SPU's next 6 year water system plan.

Agenda Materials

- PowerPoint presentation – Review of Regional Conservation Program Options 2011-2013
- Support documents – Levelized Cost; Details of Options; Selection Criteria; Glossary
- Conservation Technical Forum Support Letter; Program Option Rankings; Margaret Wiggins letter.

▪ Project Delivery Branch Presentation

Liz Kelly, SPU, gave a presentation on Project Delivery Branch improvements that aim to deliver the right projects, at the right price, and that are predictable and properly resourced. Liz covered planning for projects, governance, project controls, capacity building and teaming.

Agenda Materials

- PowerPoint presentation – Project Delivery Improvements

4. Executive Summaries and Other Business

- Water Supply and Consumption Status - Good

- Algae – Lake Youngs is experiencing a fall algae bloom that is dominated by *Fragilaria*.
- SPU Purveyor All Hazard Response Plan Training – Still under development, proving more difficult to develop than originally anticipated.
- SPU Wholesale Contracts Manager Position – Ray Hoffman announced that Dan Swenson will be leaving SPU on March 1, 2011.

▪ Future Meetings

September 30th – Tour Everett Water Facilities – ½ Day
 October 7th – Possible conflict with Sound Shake 2010

5. For the Good of the Order

No comments provided.

6. Public Comment Period

No comments provided.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Approved by:

Matt Everett

Chair, Matt Everett

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Date

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