

**Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
October 28, 2011
12:30– 2:30 p.m.**

**Cedar River Watershed Education Center
Auditorium
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<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Alternates</u>	<u>Wholesale Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Nancy Ahern Ray Hoffman Steve Moyer Walt Canter Dave Hilmoe Ron Little	Ron Speer John Thompson	Gary Cline Lynne Danielson Don Fiene Troylyn Goldsberry Tom Hoffman Mark Parsons Ron Sheadel Jerry Thornton Stu Turner Helen Weagraff	Terri Gregg Joan Kernsar Julie Burman Regina Carpenter Rich Gustav	Denny Clouse Marci Oda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes/Agenda

October 6, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

The agenda for the October 28, 2011 meeting was approved as written.

3. New Business

• Water Use Efficiency (WUE) 2013-18 (Water Conservation)

Julie Burman, SPU, reviewed the 6-year proposed Water Use Efficiency (WUE) goal for the 18 utilities that participate in the Saving Water Partnership. The goal stated is to “reduce capita water use from current levels so that total average annual retail water use of members of the Saving Water Partnership is less than 105 mgd from 2013 through 2018 despite forecasted population growth”. The Operating Board adopted the goal with a vote of 6-0. The four different WUE program approaches were reviewed with program 4 being the preferred approach. The Board voted 6-0 to adopt program 4. The WUE goal will be adopted in a public meeting in 2012 by each utility’s governing body. Both the goal and

program will be included in the Water System Plans of all Saving Water Partnership utilities.

- **Equivalency Residential Units (ERU)**
Regina Carpenter, Sr. Economist began the discussion on contractual history of what constitutes an ERU. After much discussion among Board members and utility representatives it was determined a future meeting was necessary to look at the different scenarios and the financial implications described by both board members and utility representatives.

Executive Summaries and Other Business

- None were presented

Material presented:

- Water Use Efficiency Requirements Saving Water Partnership
- 2013-2018 WUE Program Approaches
- Facility Charges, ERU's, and Meter Size

4. Future Meetings

- October 28, 2011
- December 1, 2011

5. For the Good of the Order

- The State Supreme Court heard arguments in the case of City of Tacoma v. City of Bonney Lake on October 20th on whether indemnity provisions in water supply franchise agreements between the city of Tacoma and surrounding municipalities require the city to bear the cost of fire hydrants in the municipalities.
- A customer with the City of Covington challenged a high water bill based on the argument that “the utility does not actually know what amount of water actually went through the meter” and won.

6. Public Comment Period

No comments provided.

7. Meeting Adjourned @ 2:00 PM

Approved by:

Chair, Nancy Ahern

Date

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