

Final Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
November 1, 2018
2:00 pm to 4:00 PM

Mercer Island Community and Event Center
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<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Alternates</u>	<u>Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Alex Chen - Chair	Matt Everett	Abdoul Gafour	Kathy Curry	Charlotte Haines
Mami Hara	Bryan Koehmstedt	Pam Martin	Cameron Findlay	Darcey Peterson
Wylie Harper – Alt	Shane Young	Byron Murgatroyd	Bill Heubach	Steve Pfaff
Ron Speer		Patrick Sorenson	Wylie Harper	Ron Ricker
Diane Pottinger			Joan Kersnar	Jerry Thornton
Lynne Danielson			Eugene Mantchev	
Ron Little			Jesse Narog	
			Martha Neuman	
			Bill Wells	
			Ned Worcester	

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes/Agenda

- The **October 4, 2018** minutes were **approved 6-0**.
- The **November 1, 2018** agenda was **approved 6-0**.

3. New Business

a. Water System Seismic Study

Alex Chen, SPU Water Planning and Program Management Division Director, introduced the presentation topic and explained that the SPU Water System Seismic Study is PClI protected as determined by the Department of Homeland Security.

Bill Heubach, PE provided an overview of SPU's recently completed Seismic Study and the potential impacts to the regional transmission infrastructure. To provide context, Bill described recent earthquakes, the importance of post-earthquake water supply, SPU Seismic Mitigation Program history, and the regional Water Supply Forum's Resilience Study. Bill outlined the project goals of SPU's most recent Seismic Study and the scenarios and hazards analyzed with a focus on the regional water transmission system. Bill also described the results of the seismic vulnerability assessments on regional facilities and pipelines. SPU's planned short-term and long-term mitigation measures were also discussed, along with estimated cost implications.

Following Bill's presentation, Alex Chen led a discussion on next steps. There was interest expressed in covering the following topics at future Operating Board meetings: the Water Supply Forum's resiliency studies and regional emergency response planning and funding; balancing emergency planning for domestic water supply and firefighting needs; coordination with first responders; regional messaging around emergency planning; and emergency planning between SPU and

wholesale water customers. As the discussion wrapped up, Alex offered for SPU staff to meet with the City Councils, Boards, or Commissions of Operating Board members to discuss the results of SPU's most recent Water System Seismic Study and related next steps.

b. Water Quality Update

Wylie Harper, SPU Drinking Water Quality Director, provided an update on recent PFAS sample results. He reminded the group of the background on PFAS at the National and Washington State levels and described the results of recent SPU PFAS sample tests. Wylie relayed that recent sampling confirmed that there are no PFAS detections in Tolt and Cedar water supplies. Wylie also described sampling results for Seattle's three seasonal wells that haven't been in service since the late summer of 2015. Samples from two of the three wells revealed no detection of PFAS. Wylie reported that there were trace detections found in the third well that are far below the EPA's Health Advisory Level (HAL) and this testing will be repeated to confirm accuracy.

c. 2019 OB Work Plan and Board Business

Kathy Curry, Interim Wholesale Contract Manager, briefly went over the 2019 draft work plan and requested additional topics currently not scheduled to be presented for next year. Kathy also asked about field trip interest and called attention to some potential 2019 meeting date changes for the Operating Board to provide input on.

- *Matt Everett, General Manager and Utility Representative for the Highline Water District, expressed interest in having Bruce Flory present on the Annual Survey in 2019.*
- *Kathy relayed that Bruce Flory is planning to provide a presentation on the Annual Survey at the upcoming December 6 Operating Board meeting.*

Kathy also mentioned the upcoming term expiration of the Large Category Board Member and Alternate and said that we will discuss nominations for 2019 Chair and Vice Chair during the December 6 Operating Board meeting.

- *Ron Speer, Board Member and General Manager with the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District, said that all but one of the Large Category members had voted to select Matt Everett as the Large Category Board Member and himself as the Alternate for January 2019 through December 2022. Ron said that he would reach out to the last member that had not yet voted, but that otherwise the vote was unanimous.*

Kathy concluded by asking the group to come to the December 6 Operating Board meeting prepared to finish the discussion on the 2019 Work Plan.

4. Executive Summaries and Other Business

- Alex Chen called attention to the following materials that were provided at the meeting:
 - **Water Consumption vs. Rate Study** – *monthly handout*
 - **Water Supply Update, Report as of October 29, 2018** – *monthly handout*
- Alex also relayed that there are no Reclaimed Water updates at this time.

5. Future Meetings

- Kathy Curry confirmed that the next Operating Board meeting will be on December 6, 2018.

6. For the Good of the Order

- Joan Kersnar, SPU Drinking Water Planning Manager, provided an update on SPU's 2019 Water System Plan (WSP), relaying that it has been approved by the Seattle City Council. Joan also passed on that the King County Utilities Technical Review Committee review of the WSP is expected to be complete by the end of December and then the WSP will move forward for review by the Department of Health.

7. Public Comment Period

- None

8. Material presented at Meeting

- Copies of presentations described on the agenda were provided at the meeting.
- Other handouts supplied are as described above under *Executive Summaries and Other Business*

9. Board meeting was adjourned @ 4:00 PM

Approved by:



Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

12/6/18

Date