

Final Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
October 5, 2023

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Alex Chen, Vice Chair	Abdoul Gafour	Amy LaBarge	Christian Hoffman
Andrew Lee	Jane Vandenberg	Brooke Pennock	Darcey Peterson
Bob Danson, Alternate	Jorgan Peadon	Jim Nilson	Darcie McAlister
Diane Pottinger	Kathy Curry	Kelly O'Rourke	Jamie Crookston
Jeremy Delmar, Chair	Pete Eberle	Maura Patterson	Katie Nolan
Julie Crittenden, Alternate	Steve Leniszewski	Michael Connelly	Luke Eckert
Ron Little, 7 th Member	Suzi O'Byrne	Paige Igoe	Max Woody
	Terry Olson		Mike Smith
			Patrick Martin
			Patty Hale
			Robert Russell
			Roxanne Heller
			Sandra Tachibana
			Todd Young
			Tonya Christoffersen

Note: This in-person Operating Board meeting was conducted in conjunction with a tour of the Tolt Watershed. The collective event ran from 9am to 3pm. The business meeting was an abbreviated meeting from 9:30am to 10:40am. After the meeting, the attendees toured the Tolt Treatment Plant (led by Jim Nilson, Paige Igoe & Alex Chen), had lunch at the Vista House near the Tolt Dam, and toured the Tolt Dam (led by Brooke Pennock & Alex Chen).

1. Welcome, Roll Call & Announcements

The Operating Board (OB) Chair, Jeremy Delmar welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken. A round of introductions was conducted because the attendees included many wholesale customer staff who do not typically attend Operating Board meetings. Alex Chen provided safety information pertinent to being at the Tolt Treatment Plant.

2. Agenda/Minutes

- a) The **September 7, 2023** minutes were **approved 6-0**.
- b) The **October 5, 2023** agenda was **approved 6-0**.

3. New Business

3a) South Fork Tolt FERC Relicensing Project

Maura Patterson, SPU Drinking Water Planning and Policy Advisor, provide an overview of the project to relicense the South Fork Tolt Dam. The presentation covered the project background, FERC, the project approach, the process and timeline, work performed in 2023, and work planned for 2024.

There were questions and discussion regarding how the tribes will be involved in the process, how decisions are made with the stakeholders, how decisions are documented, the purpose of the various scientific studies, logging on land adjacent to the watershed, the project budget, and clarifying that no operational changes are planned. The wholesale customers requested that SPU let them know when

public comment periods arise. SPU committed to providing that information.

3b) Cedar and Tolt Watershed Bridges

Mike Connelly, SPU's Watershed Engineer, shared information about the bridges that SPU is responsible for in the Cedar and Tolt watersheds. The presentation covered the history of watershed bridges, the current inventory, the bridge inspection program, the rehabilitation & replacement decision model, and next steps for the bridge program.

There were questions and discussion regarding seismic assessments, whether any current bridges have been deemed unnecessary, how decisions are made on whether work is done in-house or contracted out, the condition assessment process, assumptions on bridge lifespans, and who regulates the bridges.

4. Executive Summaries & Other Business


- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies:** This was mentioned only briefly, due to time constraints.
- **Water Supply Update:** This was mentioned only briefly, due to time constraints.
- **Future Meetings:**
 - **November 2** – Remote online regular monthly meeting (1 to 3 pm); currently online but may convert to in-person to support potential adjacent contract negotiations meeting
 - **December 7** – Remote online regular monthly meeting (1 to 3 pm); currently online but may convert to in-person to support potential adjacent contract negotiations meeting

5. Good of the Order

- No comments.

Board meeting was adjourned at 10:40am

Approved by:


 Jeremy DelMar (Nov 9, 2023 15:51 PST)

Chair, Jeremy Delmar
 Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

11/09/2023

Date