

**Final Minutes**  
**Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board**  
**July 6, 2023**  
**1-3 PM**

**Webex Conference Meeting**

**Board Members**

Jeremy Delmar, Chair  
 Alex Chen, V. Chair  
 Shane Young  
 Diane Pottinger  
 Kelly O'Rourke, Alt.  
 Ron Little, 7<sup>th</sup> Member

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 Allen Hunter  
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 Michael Martin  
 Suzi O'Byrne  
 Terry Olson  
 Jorgan Peadon  
 Alaine Sommargren  
 Jane Vandenberg

**SPU Attendees**

Hilary Allison  
 Regina Carpenter  
 Elizabeth Garcia  
 Brent Lackey  
 Ky Lewis  
 Eugene Mantchev  
 Martha Neuman  
 Carol Volk

**Other Attendees**

Jamie Crookston  
 Charlotte Haines  
 Patty Hale  
 Roxanne Heller  
 Pam Maloney  
 Darcey Peterson  
 Kathleen Quong-Vermiere  
 Ron Ricker  
 Robert Russell  
 Nicole Siekmeier Janes  
 Ron Straka  
 Sandra Tachibana  
 Laurie Tish  
 Logan Wallace  
 Crystil Woodridge  
 Max Woody

**1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements**

The Operating Board (OB) Chair, Jeremy Delmar welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kathy Curry, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Wholesale Water Contracts Manager, completed roll call of OB Members and confirmed there was a quorum to begin the meeting.

**2. Agenda/Minutes**

- a) The Revised **June 1, 2023** minutes were **approved 5-0**. Revisions included correction of the attendee list.
- b) The **July 6, 2023** agenda was **approved 5-0**.

**3. New Business**

**3a) 2022 Annual True-up Results and Rate Study Update**

Laurie Tish, Partner and National Practice Leader from Moss Adams, along with Regina Carpenter, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Principal Economist, shared a presentation on the results of the 2022 Annual True-up. They started by reminding the group of the process and then went over the results for Full and Partial Contract holders and also for Block Contracts and Subregions. At the conclusion of their presentation and after some group discussion, a vote was requested on the procedures as performed. **The Board then voted to approve the True Up procedures as performed 5-0.**

**3b) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update**

Carol Volk, Interim SPU Aquatic Resources and HCP Program Manager, shared information about 2022-2023 HCP activities and finances. Carol also included background information that helped to explain what the HCP is and why it is important to Seattle's water supply. Following Carol's presentation, the group discussed a few questions and comments.

**3c) Hatchery Program Updates**

Carol Volk provided a Hatchery Program overview with project updates. Carol's presentation also included background information on the Sockeye Program, the Landsburg Mitigation Agreement, and the Muckleshoot Settlement Agreement. Some group discussion followed on topics such as critical minimum flows.

**3d) Riverbend Levee Setback & Floodplain Restoration and Royal Arch**

Brent Lackey, SPU Strategic Advisor and Project Manager, provided a presentation on two projects that SPU has partnered on to improve floodplain connectivity and to improve refuge and rearing habitat for juvenile Chinook in the mainstem Cedar River. Brent also shared information that provided a watershed context to these projects and helped to explain their tie to the HCP Downstream Habitat Program.

**4. Executive Summaries & Other Business**

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies and Water Supply Update** – Alex Chen went over the graphs on Attachment 4a and Elizabeth Garcia reviewed the graphs on Attachment 4b with both relaying that consumption is up and we're in good shape for water supply but continue to monitor and manage very carefully, given how dry this year has been.

- **6. Future Meetings**

- August 3 – Remote online regular monthly meeting (1 to 3 pm). *Post-meeting, this was canceled and converted to a tour of Lake Youngs facilities.*
- September 7 – Remote online regular monthly meeting (1 to 3 pm).
- October 5 – In-person, all-day field trip & meeting at the Tolt Watershed. More details to come.

**7. Good of the Order**

- No comments.

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Approved by:

*Jeremy DelMar*

Jeremy DelMar (Sep 28, 2023 10:16 PDT)

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**Chair, Jeremy Delmar  
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board**

09/28/2023

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**Date**