

**Final Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
October 3, 2019
1 PM to 3:00 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>
Lynne Danielson - Chair	Shane Young	Mike Amburgey	Regina Carpenter	Charlotte Haines
Alex Chen – Vice Chair		Boyd Benson	Kathy Curry	Patty Hale
Mami Hara		Abdoul Gafour	Celia Kennedy	Lauren Imhoff
Rick Scott		Mike Martin	Denise Leung	Pamela Maloney
Matt Everett		Pam Martin	Jesse Narog	Katie Nolan
Bryan Koehmstedt, Alt		Byron Murgatroyd	Martha Neuman	Darcey Peterson
Ron Little, 7 th member		Al Nelson	Amy LaBarge	Ron Ricker
		Patrick Sorenson		John Thompson
				Jerry Thornton

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes/Agenda

- The **September 5, 2019 minutes** were approved 6-0.
- The **October 3, 2019 agenda** was approved 6-0.

3. New Business

a. Cedar Falls Power Service Upgrade Project

Jesse Narog, SPU Watershed Operations Manager, provided an update on the Cedar Falls Power Service Upgrade Project including information on the project’s background, purpose, progress to date, challenges, budget, and schedule.

- *A Utility Representative asked if Seattle City Light (SCL) considered asking for a waiver from King County on the shoreline offset. Following the meeting, this question was investigated, and it was found that the waiver was not pursued because the waiver process would have significantly delayed the project, which was already time sensitive due to the lack of capacity on the electrical grid.*
- *A meeting attendee asked if SPU considered putting the power lines underground. Jesse explained that SPU did consider this idea, but undergrounding transmission lines is considered cost prohibitive for SCL.*
- *A Utility Representative asked how much extra electricity would be available after the project was completed. Jesse explained that there would be enough to power the emergency Chester Morse Lake Pump Plants, and for improvements to existing and future facilities for the next 50 years.*

b. Risk and Resiliency Assessment

Denise Leung, SPU Risk Advisor, provided a presentation on America’s Water Infrastructure Act requirement for a Risk and Resiliency Assessment, SPU’s work to meet this requirement, and considerations for Operating Board participants.

During Denise's presentation, it was clarified that each utility needs to complete their own Risk and Resiliency Assessment based on the EPA's timeframes, which vary depending on the size of the utility. Denise mentioned that each utility's size, for the purposes of the report, is determined by population served according to EPA's Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) website for 4th quarter in 2018. She noted that utilities can search the internet for SDWIS to find out what size EPA has for the utility at that point in time.

The group also discussed which utilities had completed their reports. Only one utility present (Water District 90) reported that they had completed the report thus far. Denise offered to share the SPU outline. She explained that she will send it to Kathy Curry, who will distribute it to the group. Denise also relayed that, if there is interest, SPU could host a workshop in February or March 2020 for wholesale customers. Several utility representatives voiced their interest in such a workshop.

c. Water Supply Forum Seismic Project Funding

Alex Chen, SPU Water Planning & Program Management Division Director, provided an overview of next steps planned related to SPU's Water System Seismic Study. Alex reminded the group that the SPU Water System Seismic Study was presented to the Operating Board when it was released late last year, and that there have been some added individual briefings for wholesale customers. He also discussed some of the near-term recommendations in the report and explained that more information on the costs of proposed seismic upgrade projects will be provided to the Operating Board for discussion through the annual Capital Finance Plan (CFP) review process.

Alex then explained how SPU was inviting Operating Board participants to partner in a multi-year seismic project funding opportunity that is available through the regional Water Supply Forum. He explained how other areas like the Yakima Basin and Chehalis Basin had packaged projects together, in a strategic way, when submitting their requests for major funding from the state legislature. Alex said that the Water Supply Forum is in the process of putting a large funding request forward and he asked wholesale customers to send in a list of seismic improvement project names, along with proposed costs, to Kathy Curry by October 31, 2019. These projects will be bundled with other projects that the Forum submits.

4. Executive Summaries and Other Business

- Alex Chen provided summaries on the following topics:
 - Water Consumption from the Watersheds vs. Rate studies (Attachment 4a.)
 - Water Supply Conditions (Attachment 4.b.)
 - Reclaimed Water Update (Attachment 4.c.)

Alex shared a short-term, draft agreement between SPU and King County that has been developed for use while a longer-term agreement is being discussed and drafted. Alex also went over some map exhibits that reflect existing and proposed reclaimed water use areas and pointed out areas where specific wholesale customers might have interest. Alex relayed that SPU will continue to provide updates to the Operating Board on the long-term agreement that is being discussed with King County.

5. Future Meetings

Kathy Curry, SPU Wholesale Contracts Manager, reminded the group of upcoming OB meetings on November 7 and December 5, 2019, starting at 1 p.m. at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center. Kathy reminded everyone that this start time is one hour earlier than the meetings used to convene.

6. For the Good of the Order

- An Operating Board member mentioned that the U.S. was spending \$31 billion a year on plastic water bottles.

7. Public Comment Period

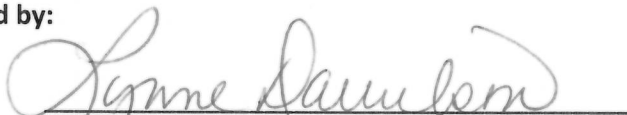
- None

8. Material presented at Meeting

- Copies of information described on the agenda were either provided in advance or at the meeting.

9. Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.

Approved by:



Chair, Lynne Danielson
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

11-7-19

Date