

DRAFT Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
January 4, 2018
2:00 to 3:40 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 – V. Chair	Matt Everett	Ken Howe	Terri Gregg	Darcey Peterson
Lynne Danielson	Shane Young	Byron Murgatroyd	Regina Carpenter	Steve Pfaff
Mami Hara	Joan Kersnar	Terry Olson	Kathy Curry	Ron Ricker
Rick Scott	Cameron Findlay			John Thompson
Diane Pottinger	Bryan Koehmstedt			Jerry Thornton
Ron Little				

▪ **Welcome and Introductions**

▪ **Minutes/Agenda**

The December 7, 2017 minutes were **approved 6-0**.
The January 4, 2018 amended agenda was **approved 6-0**.

▪ **New Business**

OB Business

Terri Gregg, Wholesale Contracts Manager notified members that the Small Category had re-nominated and elected Lynne Danielson of Olympic View Water and Sewer District to be the OB voting member and Shane Young of Water District 125 to be their alternate for the next 4-years. Next, the Board was asked for the nomination of Chair and Vice Chair to the OB for 2018. Diane Pottinger, Medium Category OB member nominated Alex Chen for Chair and Lynne Danielson for Vice Chair. Rick Scott, Seattle OB member seconded the nomination, the Board approved the nomination 6-0. Next, the Board was then asked for any further comments or changes to the amendment of OB By-Laws to reflect the change in compensation for the 7th member. The Board reviewed the amendment, Lynne Danielson motioned to approve the changes, Rick Scott, seconded the motion and the Board approved the changes and amended the By-Laws 6-0.

Water Shortage Contingency Plan and 2019 WSP updates

SPU's Joan Kersnar, Drinking Water Planning Manager gave a walked the members through comments received by some Wholesale customers on the draft WSCP, and the changes that would be made to address those comments. Highlighted were some changes to improve the document, clarification of when each utility would need to update their own WSCP, and how flushing would be handled during a water shortage. At the conclusion of the presentation, Alex Chen, Chair asked if members had time to review plan or if more time was needed, and no one asked for more time. Joan then mentioned the

draft WSCP with the marked changes along with the list of comments would be sent out after the meeting.

Reclaimed Water Legislation

SPU's Joan Kersnar, SPU Drinking Water Planning Manager presented the current proposed legislation on reclaimed water that is being drafted by Seattle, Cascade Water Alliance and other utilities and associations. Two issues have been raised; 1) protection of ground water used for water supply, and 2) coordination with Water Utilities. Joan mentioned DOE did not think they had enough authority to regulate in the current statute and that new legislation was necessary. Conversations followed and below are a few questions that ensued:

- ✓ Ken Howe, Woodinville – Concern about the Seattle Water Supply contract authority regarding weighing in on a Wholesale customer ability to choose to reduce purchases from Seattle by purchasing or using reclaimed water within their service area. Joan commented that Seattle would honor its contracts which states that a Wholesale customer has the contractual ability to reduce purchases with 5 years notice to Seattle and that the contracts would override state law. Alex Chen, Chair requested that Seattle follow up with its lawyers and come back with interpretation of the contract regarding this issue.
- ✓ Diane Pottinger, OB member commented that Judi Gladstone gave a very good presentation on reclaimed water to WASWD a few years ago and asked if she could come back and share that presentation or send it out again. Terri Gregg, Wholesale Contracts Manager to follow up.

Executive Summaries and Other Business

- 2018 OB Review of Structure and Authority – check in
 - Byron Murgatroyd, WD 90 inquired on when the OB would begin discussions on the contract re-opener. Alex Chen, Chair responded it would be added to the work plan in 2019.
 - Darcey Peterson, WD 90 requested to move the April OB meeting since it's in conflict with the WASWD conference.
 - Diane Pottinger, OB member had a request for more information on fluoride in the water system from a dental health perspective and to maybe add some links to SPU website to direct folks to that type of information.
- KC Franchise agreement – Any updates?
 - A member commented the rule was out.
 - Matt Everett, Alt OB member commented that 21 Districts are in the process of suing KC on the new rule.
- 2018 Draft OB Work Plan
 - Alex Chen, Chair – Fluoride will be discussed at the April meeting, incorporate long term planning discussions into the OB work plan, i.e., contract re-opener discussions, and send any further thoughts for discussion on OB structure and authority to Terri Gregg.

Future Meetings

- **February 1, 2018**
- **March 1, 2018**

- **For the Good of the Order**
- **Public Comment Period**
 - None
- **Material presented at Meeting**
- ✓ **Board meeting was adjourned @ 3:25 PM**

Approved by:

Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

Date