

**Administration:**

Members and Members Pending Confirmation Present:

Ross Gilliland (acting chair), Tom Grant, Kelly McCaffrey, Carol O'Hara, Kyle Stetler

SPU Staff Present: Dave Hilmoie, Joan Kersnar, Bill Wells, Jim Nilson, Julie Burman Sheryl Shapiro, Linda Rogers

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM by Ross Gilliland, WSAC acting chair.

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

**Fluoridation of Drinking Water**

**Dr. Moffet Burgess, King Co Public Health**

- Dr. Burgess was invited to discuss fluoridation of drinking water with WSAC as preparation to potential questions at the 4/17 Water System Plan public meeting. Dr Burgess presented a history of drinking water fluoridation, its dental health benefits, and safety of adding fluoride to drinking water. She discussed her experience working with SPU and its approach to fluoridation. Dr. Burgess responded to questions from WSAC members.

**Director's Update**

**Ray Hoffman, SPU Director**

- SPU Director, Ray Hoffman briefed WSAC on current issues and provided an overview and status update on SPU's actions to tighten internal controls. SPU will keep all the Citizens Advisory Committees updated about the progress of the work.
- Ray also reiterated his commitment to involving WSAC in the upcoming SPU Water Rate Design Allocation Options study. The workplan for the group was presented to WSAC in 12/11.
- Note: At the May 16 meeting, WSAC will appoint two members to serve on the Rate Design Team, serving along with SPU staff. If feasible, one WSAC member will represent residential customers and one will represent the perspective of commercial customers. The two WSAC representatives will brief and involve the full WSAC as appropriate.

**Draft 2013 Water System Plan Public Review Meeting**

**Julie Burman and Joan Kersnar**

- The April WSAC meeting will be in conjunction with the public review meeting for the *draft SPU 2013 Water System Plan*. Julie and Joan reviewed plans for the public review meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 17 from 4-6 PM in the Bertha Knight Landes Room at Seattle City Hall. The meeting is being hosted by SPU and WSAC – this reflects WSAC's intent to help the public access SPU water issues and is not an endorsement by WSAC of the WSP's content.

- The public comment period for the draft WSP is from April 2-May 31, 2012. The draft WSP and related materials will be on the SPU web-site beginning April 2. At WSAC's May 16 meeting, the committee will discuss its comments on the draft WSP.

### **Drinking Water Quality Report**

**Julie Burman**

- Review of the draft SPU Drinking Water Quality Report is one of the annual items on WSAC's workplan. WSAC's involvement has been instrumental in helping ensure that the report, within Federal requirements, communicates well to customers.
- Julie noted that the draft copy of the 2011 DWQR is ready for WSAC review and it will be sent to WSAC members via e-mail.. Kyle Stetler, Kelly McCaffrey, Tom Grant, and Carol O'Hara volunteered to review the copy along with retired WSAC member Laura Firth-Markley. WSAC members will be contacted via e-mail for the review process.

### **WSAC Business**

**Julie Burman, Sheryl Shapiro**

- SPU has been recruiting new community advisory members for all three committees. New member recommendations have been forwarded to Nancy Ahern, Utility Systems Management Branch Director; these in turn will be presented to Ray Hoffman, SPU Director, for final approval. These final steps are expected to be completed shortly. Returning WSAC members and those waiting for membership appointment will receive a letter in the mail from Ray Hoffman.

### **Wrap up –**

- Reminder: April WSAC meeting the Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>; is the Public Review Meeting at Bertha Knight Landes Room at City Hall.
- Follow-up – be thinking about WSAC representation on rate design study group.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM