

Administration:

Members Present: Alice Lanczos, Eric Anderson, Tom Grant; Laura Firth-Markley, Kris McArthur, Frank Metheny, Chris Thompson
SPU Staff Present: Dave Hilmoe, Sherri Crawford, Diane Clausen, Craig Omoto, Joan Kersnar, Julie Burman Sheryl Shapiro, Linda Rogers
Guests: Kelly McCaffrey, Kyle Stetler

Meeting called to order at 4:10 PM

AGENDA TOPICS:

WSAC Member End of Term Appreciation

Dave Hilmoe and Julie Burman

Thank you and comments regarding members's contributions for Alice Lanczos, Frank Metheny, Valerie Cholvin, Eric Anderson, Laura Firth-Markley and Tom Grant. Each was presented with a "teamwork" cup; certificates of appreciation will be mailed.

Analysis of Rate Design and Allocation Options for Water Rates

**Sherri Crawford,
Diane Clausen, Craig Omoto**

SPU is beginning a study of alternatives to its current water rate structure that is expected to influence the water rate proposal for 2015-2017. The analysis will include questions such as:

- Are current allocation factors still valid?
- Do we need to revisit rate design for financial soundness?
- Are rate tiers still valid?
- Do peak rates have appropriate differentials?

WSAC will be represented on the study group by two members – a commercial customer and a residential customer. Those two members will involve the full WSAC group as appropriate. Meeting times and dates to be determined by participants. The study timeframe will likely be mid-2012 through early 2013. WSAC will nominate its representatives after the incoming 2012 members have been approved by Ray Hoffman.

Draft 2013 Water System Plan Public Review Meeting

Julie Burman and Joan Kersnar

The public review meeting for SPU's 2013 draft Water System Plan (WSP) will be **Tuesday, April 17 from 4-6 PM in the Bertha Knight Landes Room at Seattle City Hall. This is also the April meeting for WSAC.** 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. WSAC members will be provided a hard copy of the draft WSP. Kris McArthur noted that he is interested in helping to coordinate WSAC review of the draft WSP.

The April 17 public meeting will include a presentation on the draft WSP and informal time to interact with WSAC and SPU representatives. Announcements to invite the public and key audiences are under development.

Julie outlined a possible open house style meeting for 4/17 and received WSAC feedback. She indicated that a more traditional style meeting seemed to be the WSAC recommendation. WSAC members did volunteer to help with topical display tables if the open house style is pursued. Julie asked for comments on the two meeting styles via e-mail by 2/22 and, then she will consult further on this topic with WSAC members prior to 3/21. She and Kris McArthur (WSAC acting chair) will provide an update at the 3/21 WSAC meeting.

WSAC Business

Alice Lanczos, Chair

West Point Treatment Plant Field Trip

Kris McArthur

Kris provided a presentation on highlights of the field trip.

Approved November, 2011 meeting notes

Vice Chair election – March meeting, or after 2012 members are confirmed.

Wrap up –

- Tentative March 21 WSAC agenda items:
 - Dave Hilmoe – 3/6/20 Plan – what’s hot and what’s not; intersection with WSAC work plan (?)
 - Election of Vice Chair (?)
 - Discussion of draft WSP review, WSAC sub-committee
 - Dr. Moffett Burgess, Seattle & King County Public Health on fluoridation of drinking water
- Follow-up – be thinking about WSAC representation on rate design study group
- Thoughts on WSP public meeting to Julie by 2/22

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM