

**Present:** Chris Thompson, Tom Grant, Kyle Stetler, Carol O'Hara, Ross Gilliland, Kelly McCaffrey  
**Absent:** Kris McArthur, Eric Anderson  
**Staff:** Dave Hilmoe, Julie Burman, Teresa Rayburn

4:07 PM Call to Order

### 1. Regular Business

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approved January meeting notes

### Monthly Topics:

### 2. Water Rate Design Study – Tom Grant and Carol O'Hara

- Analysis of how SPU water rates are structured currently (three tier structure) versus various draft options (see handout) prepared by the Water Rate Design study group for discussion
- Variables include combining customer class (residential/commercial), removing the base service charge, single commodity rate only, and increasing the base service charges
- There will be a Director's Briefing in mid-March for policy direction from Ray

### 3. Strategic Outlook – Dave Hilmoe, Division Director

- 2-year, 8-year, 20-year strategic outlook for Drinking Water
- Articulates key drivers and strategic challenges as well as key strategic decisions for the next 20 years (see handout)
- Focus is currently on the distribution and transmission system, while taking into account workforce flexibility, succession planning, and projects and programs already moving through the utility.

### Wrap Up

- **Review**
  - 2013 draft Workplan (see handout)
- Preliminary agenda for next meeting March 20, 2013 tbd
  - Other business: workplan, annual meeting, election of chairs, recruitment, outreach

6:00 PM Meeting Adjourned