

Present: Chris Thompson, Tom Grant, Kyle Stetler, Kelly McCaffrey
Absent: Eric Anderson, Carol O'Hara
Staff: Dave Hilmoe, Julie Burman, Teresa Rayburn, Annie Tran

4:05 PM Call to Order

1. Regular Business

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approved February meeting notes
- Water Rate Design Study – presentation to Ray Hoffman on 8/22/13

Monthly Topics:

2. Watershed Fire Protection Overview – Suzie Flagor, Watershed Division Director

- See PowerPoint presentation
- The watershed covers a span of 100,000 acres
- The program started shortly after the great Seattle fire in the 1890s
- Policy was created in the late 1980s along with other laws to suppress fires in the watershed
- SPU is responsible for the first 24 hours
- The biggest fires were 300 and 500 years ago from volcano eruptions
- Many fires early on were caused by the logging industry (chainsaws, etc.) and the railroad
- Now, nine out of ten fires are caused by people; the other 10% are caused by lightening
- There are different levels of training to become certified as a fire fighter, squad boss, or crew boss
- September and October is the critical time of year; we are also looking at climate change and are preparing for drier summers in the future

3. Drinking Water LOB Update – Dave Hilmoe, Division Director

- See graphs comparing where we are currently compared to historical ranges on consumption, rainfall and temperature
- Water temperature is up because air temperature is up
- In-town reservoirs are all covered and/or out of service
- Strategic Business Plan
 - SWOC process – complete and now collecting information on baseline
 - Benchmarking – looking at other utilities for efficiency evaluation
 - Decision Lens – prioritize programs based on eight criteria
 - Community meetings for outreach this winter

- Infrastructure – using asset management, looking at generational equity, seismic analysis and upgrades, looking at replacement versus maintenance costs
- Rate Design Team has a presentation to Ray Hoffman and will attend September WSAC meeting

Wrap Up

- Review
- Preliminary agenda for next meeting September 18, 2013

5:53 PM Meeting Adjourned