



SPU Water System Advisory Committee (WSAC)

May 21, 2014 Meeting notes
Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue
Room 5975
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Chair: Kyle Stetler
Vice-Chair: Kelly McCaffrey

Present: Tom Grant, Kelly McCaffrey, Kyle Stetler

Staff: Julie Burman, Dave Hilmoe, Bill Wells

5:40 PM Call to Order

1. Regular Business

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve meeting notes from April

Monthly Topics:

2. Transmission and Distribution System Plan

- Dave Hilmoe introduced the plan and commented that it is a road map for addressing key issues in the water transmission and distribution systems. It also guides CIP and O&M spending for the 2015-2020 rate period.
- Bill Wells added that the plan will focus on gaps in planning and policy as well as develop system assessment tools, initiatives, and programs.
- Bill reviewed the plan as he walked WSAC members through a Power Point (refer to Power Point from the 5/21/14 WSAC meeting)
- Initial areas of interest identified by WSAC for future discussion:
Seismic – what is SPU's post-earthquake performance objective for drinking water for customers?

Pipe replacement – what is the rate for pipe replacement?

Tolt slide – update WSAC as the options analysis and SPU decision-making mature.

Generational equity – discussion of issue of who pays for transmission and distribution investments.

3. Tap Water Campaign

- Tom Grant reported that he, Dave Hilmoe, and Ralph Naess attended the SWAC meeting to invite members to join WSAC on the Tap Water team. He expects that at least two members will volunteer.

- Dave Hilmoie noted that Seattle has been interested in promoting its tap water for some time. The policy related to this is: Manage drinking water quality from the water source to the customer taps to protect public health, comply with drinking water regulations, and maintain and improve public confidence in the drinking water quality. (Source: SPU 2013 Water System Plan, Table 1-1. Policies to Guide SPU's Water System Activities, p. 1-6.)
 - Dave said that Seattle has arguably the best tap water in the country and it costs less than a penny a gallon.
 - Dave noted that conversations with SPU leadership were positive about the upcoming campaign and involvement by SPU's advisory committees.
 - He thanked WSAC for their interest in and leadership on the SPU Tap Water campaign.

4. WSAC Business

- Julie encouraged WSAC members to review the SPU Strategic Business Plan and let her know if there are areas, including the Action Plans, where WSAC would like more information.
- Julie said that Sheryl has contacted a potential member for consideration.
- The next meeting will be the first meeting of the Tap Water team – date tbd.

7:15 PM Meeting Adjourned