

**Administration:****Rachel Cardone, Chair**

- Members Present: Valerie Cholvin, Ron Rochon, Eric Anderson, Dave Magorty, Frank Metheny, Alice Lanczos, Laura Markley, Helen Ross Pitts, Tom Grant, Rachel Cardone
- SPU Staff Present: Julie Burman, Cyndy Holtz, Sally Nickelson, Sue Morrison, Jim Erckmann
- Review of July meeting summary – No corrections noted.

**.AGENDA TOPICS:****Eradication of Japanese Knotweed in Cedar River Watershed****Cyndy Holtz,  
Sally Nickelson**

Cyndy and Sally briefed the WSAC committee regarding SPU's analysis and staff recommendation to amend the Ordinance that contains secondary use policies that pertain to the Cedar River Watershed. If adopted by the City Council, the amendment would allow for limited application of a specific herbicide (Imazapyr) to eradicate invasive Japanese Knotweed in the Cedar River Watershed. The existing 1980s Ordinance prohibits herbicide use in the Cedar River Watershed.

Sally provided background information on Japanese Knotweed, control options, and potential use of Imazapyr.

Cyndy noted that the State Department of Health has reviewed SPU's proposal to use limited applications of Imazapyr and DOH has not expressed concern. SPU would seek formal DOH approval should the Ordinance be amended.

**WSAC follow-up Discussion of Eradication of Japanese Knotweed in Cedar River**

Members noted that the City of Seattle is the last in the region to "get on the herbicide bandwagon" for treatment of Japanese Knotweed. Tacoma has been using it in their watershed for quite some time. It was suggested that results of testing after herbicide application be published in communications such as the Water Quality Report.

Proposed content for a letter from WSAC to the City Council would include mention of the low toxicity, and EPA approval of this herbicide for riparian use. Rachel Cardone asked if there is agreement from WSAC to support the use of herbicides in the Cedar River watershed. All members agreed.

Action from the committee regarding this issue will include a letter to the City Council, and WSAC will offer to meet with Councilmembers. A letter from the WSAC will be drafted ASAP - before SPU meets with the City Council. The letter will express a public perception of the issue, and cite low toxicity, wide use by other land managers, approval by the Department of Agriculture, approval by the EPA, as well as a statement that the option to not treat really does not exist.

WSAC will urge the City Council to act, and sees no reason to delay. Cost issues will also be highlighted.

### **Water Supply Update**

**Julie Burman**

Dave Hilmoe was not able to be here today, but reports that SPU managed water supply well during the dry summer months. Attention now is on arrival of the fall rains.

### **October / November Agendas**

**Julie Burman**

Interest has been expressed in green building and rain harvesting. Julie has arranged for Paul Fleming and Joel Banslaben to speak on green building and rainwater harvesting for the October Meeting. Laura noted that on the arcade level of Seattle Municipal Tower there's a concise definition regarding green building. Rachel Cardone will send background information.

Dave Hilmoe offered to invite a regulator from the Washington State Department of Health to meet with the WSAC in November (meeting date may need to be shifted due to potential conflict). Purpose is to provide WSAC with the regulatory environment in which SPU operates and provide WSAC an opportunity to meet with officials at the State level.

### **Wrap Up**

**Rachel Cardone**

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st.