

Administration:**Rachel Cardone, Chair**

- Members Present: Valerie Cholvin, Alice Lanczos, Frank Metheny, Ron Rochon, Laura Firth Markley, Eric Anderson, Rachel Cardone
- SPU Staff Present: Julie Burman, Joan Kersnar, Cornell Amaya, Sue Morrison
- Review of January and February meeting notes. Both were accepted as written.

AGENDA TOPICS:**Drinking Water Quality Report****Cornell Amaya**

Cornell Amaya explained that he is transitioning off of his current role, and Jason Argo will be taking his place. Jason was unable to attend today's meeting. Cornell provided an update of the Drinking Water Quality Report. SPU is currently going thru an RFP process to acquire a new consultant to assist in creating the report. The contract is in the Mayor's office for approval right now. SPU is hoping to begin the process by the end of the month. Cornell asked members to take a look at last year's report and email ideas to Sue, Julie or Cornell.

Ideas suggested by members during the meeting:

- Use some of the social networking forums to notify the public (i.e. Facebook & Twitter).
- Offer something for visiting SPU's website and reading the Drinking Water Quality Report such as a \$5 coupon off the next water bill by supplying your account number and answering a few questions.
- Use a perforated postcard
- Staff booths at farmer's markets in all neighborhoods in order to gather random feedback about the Drinking Water Quality Report.
- Start out the Report with "Why you should care about this information..."
- WSAC members would like to review and comment on report using the same poster board method as last year.
- The draft document could be published as a .PDF for the committee to review.
- Present the last four years of Drinking Water Quality Reports to the committees. This could be valuable because the committee could then identify which elements of each report worked well.
- The committee agreed that it would be useful to tell customers a story about how the water gets to their tap, and end the story with "... this is why the rates have gone up". This could also be linked to a breakdown showing where the cents go. e.g. show the cost and how it changes from the mountains to the tap.
- A map of the water system would be a good visual and informative.
- It was suggested that a brief explanation be provided about what is done in a year of low snow pack to ensure adequate water supply.
- Interest was expressed in providing input regarding SPU's website

Cornell provided the overall budget for the report which is about \$100,000, or about 43 cents per unit – including postage

2009 Regional Municipal Water Supply Outlook

**Don Wright
South King County
Regional Water Association**

Don is a Seattle native with degrees in Civil and Sanitary Engineering. He has been working in the Puget Sound region on water issues since 1970. The Regional Water association was formed 30 years ago. Participants were the three big utilities (Everett, Seattle, Tacoma), plus four smaller. The forum is funded by the participating agencies. Individual utilities are responsible for water supply planning for their service area. The first Outlook was developed in 2001. The "Outlook" is not a plan, and does not have a regional planning status. The 2009 Water Supply Outlook objectives are to update the regional demand forecast, and assess regional supply against demand.

To review a copy of the report, contact Don Wright at: don@dc-wright.com

WSAC members asked if Citizens groups have been used in the past, and said that if the need arises in the future to contact WSAC for participation.

Water Supply Update

Joan Kersnar

SPU is tracking the water supply closely. Snow pack is around 50% of average. We are contemplating refilling the reservoirs early. SPU wants to start with full reservoirs going into the summer.

Committee Business

**Rachel Cardone,
Julie Burman**

The Mayor's office has been invited to the CAC Annual meeting, and we are awaiting a confirmation. There is a request for topics from WSAC. Currently, a requested topic is: How can the committees from the three lines of business integrate? Members were asked to submit any additional questions to Julie.

Timing of the regularly scheduled March 17th meeting was discussed because of conflict with the upcoming meeting between the CAC chairs and Councilmember O'Brien. The WSAC topic of discussion for that meeting will be imazapyr. It was decided to tentatively reschedule the March 17th meeting to March 24th. Members were asked to email Sue regarding availability. Agenda topic option for the March 24th meeting is a financial update by Sherri Crawford

Wrap Up

Rachel Cardone

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 24th