

Administration:

- Members Present: Eric Anderson, Tom Grant, Ron Rochon, Laura Firth Markley, Alice Lanczos, Valerie Cholvin, Rachel Cardone
- SPU Staff Present: Nancy Ahern, Rand Little, Julie Burman, Sue Morrison
- Review of May meeting notes. Accepted as written.

Rachel opened the meeting by thanking members for RSVP'ing ahead of time. The administrative agenda issues were moved to the end of meeting agenda. Julie introduced Rand Little, SPU Fish Biologist.

AGENDA TOPICS:**Salmon, the Cedar River, and SPU****Rand Little**

Rand announced that a contract was awarded this morning for the salmon hatchery project. Rand has been with the SPU Drinking Water Division since 1992, and works with small groups of biologists. There is a unique arrangement at SPU in that planning ("turning of dials") at SPU works along with biologists. This is extremely helpful in creating solutions which unveil themselves because of the group working together. Today, Rand will offer draft framework for salmon conservation in the Cedar River basin and talk about Drinking Water contributions, as well as the Landsberg mitigation component. There are 5 links – Cascade to Crest consisting of headwaters, lowlands, Lake, Ballard Locks, marine waters. Without the dam, fish would have had this entire area/habitat to spawn. Sockeye are not allowed to go above the dam. A member asked why SPU should save/conserves the fish. Rand responded by saying if the utility doesn't protect the fish supply, then it will be vulnerable to State, Federal, and Tribal law. There are tangible and non-tangible contributions of the salmon. Non-tangible would be the enjoyment we receive from catching and barbecuing the salmon. HCP components include watershed management, in-stream flow management, and mitigation of fish migration barrier at Landsberg. Regarding Landsberg mitigation: Fish ladder is not a conventional ladder. Chinook and Sockeye runs overlap mid-September to mid-December. Sockeye are diverted out of the ladder. Fish accumulate until next day. Salmon are sorted by SPU staff. A re-colonization study is being done to study how salmon re-colonize. Main objectives of mitigation are restoration, recovery and resistance, avoid detrimental effects. Where we are today for hatchery: Contract signed today. Construction is to be completed by fall, 2011. Amount of contract is \$5.6 million (2 million less than what was originally thought). Funding is done through CIP. SPU has been trying to do this since 2000. Rand suggested that the committee might want to consider a float trip down the Cedar River. He offered to be a tour guide and indicated a trip could run 1 to 6 hours. Trip would occur below Landsberg. Ideally, the first two weeks of October – 2nd week being optimal.

Members expressed interest in volunteer participation. Cindy Holtz of SPU would be a good person to contact, as she is involved in the Cascade Land Conservancy and Friends of the Cedar River. Julie added that Cindy will be speaking to the committee during the 3rd quarter regarding the habitat conservation plan.

Committee Business**Rachel Cardone & Julie Burman**

Alice and Rachel met with Dave Hilmoe and Julie to discuss the work plan for the remainder of 2010, and into 2011. Priscilla Call has resigned. It has been left open to Priscilla to return

and join WSAC at a future meeting so members can express their gratitude. Rachel will be touching bases with members outside of meetings. She will be contacting members.

Agenda topics remaining in 2010 and those for 2011 include Cascade Water Alliance, water rights, reclaimed water, water conservation (if analysis is done, WSAC would review draft business case in August), water planning, transportation impacts (520, viaduct, capitol hill), habitat conservation plan, "extreme service level" (not ready until 2011), water rates primer & orientation for new WSAC members. In the 2011 look ahead, the rate study and 2013 water system plan (setting 6 year conservation goal).

Rachel indicated that the nature of committee work for 2011 will be much more systematic and has ramifications for the type of individuals to be recruited. There may be opportunity to break into subcommittees. More time and more subcommittees may be needed in 2011.

Julie presented the following field trip options: Reclaimed Water (Brightwater / Renton Treatment), green tour, bio-swales in Ballard – possibly with CDWAC, and Cedar River float trip. Rachel added that there may be flexibility for fieldtrips – i.e. lunch hours or weekends. Alice volunteered to coordinate with Sue to use "Doodle" website to ascertain and coordinate committee member's availability. Members were asked to check calendars for the first and second weeks of October – specifically, October 9th for float trip.

Julie explained that Aurora Mendoza has been replaced by Sheryl Shapiro. Sheryl and Nancy Ahern met with Mayor McGinn's staff. Nancy and Sheryl are coming up with long range strategies for recruitment. Sheryl has asked about committee member's level of commitment, and is also asking what type of people should be recruited. Suggestions included banker, large commercial water user, race/age/ethnicity diversity, finance background, economist. Sheryl will be coming to an upcoming WSAC meeting to share SPU's strategy for recruitment. Tom Grant said that in order for WSAC to have any impact he would like to see the recruitment strategy in draft form before it is finalized. Members could review and contribute individually. Rachel stressed that recruitment should add value. Julie suggested that the size of the committee be 12-13 people. Laura Markley suggested that a student of finance from an MBA program would be a good fit. Ron Rochon felt representation from an environmental group would be beneficial. Based on discussion with Dave Hilmoe, Julie is developing a list of "top 10 things every WSAC member, employee, and citizen should know about drinking water".

Julie reported that Cindy Holtz said the imazapyr discussion between Councilmember O'Brien, People for Puget Sound and SPU went well. Councilmember O'Brien's decision after the meeting was to direct his staff to allow for limited use of imazapyr for 3 years of evaluation. There is a Council meeting the 2nd Tuesday of July (July 13th). When it's known that imazapyr is on the agenda, WSAC members will be notified. The hope is that Frank, Helen and others can testify. Sue will email Cindy Holtz and Julie to determine if the meeting will take place. WSAC members will be notified regarding the date, time and location.

Water Supply Update

Julie Burman

Record low usage right now, and as a result revenue is low. Revenue impacts will be available in July.

Wrap-up

Rachel Cardone

Julie will check with Dave Hilmoe regarding a Cedar River field trip.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00M.