

**Minutes  
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board  
April 5, 2012  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Mercer Island Council Chambers  
9611 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mercer Island, WA 98040**

| <u>Board<br/>Members</u> | <u>Board Alternates</u> | <u>Wholesale Utility<br/>Representatives</u> | <u>SPU Attendees</u> | <u>Other<br/>Attendees</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Nancy Ahern              | Lynne Danielson         | Don Fiene                                    | Tom Fox              | Walt Canter                |
| Matt Everett             | Judi Gladstone          | Abdoul Gafour                                | Bill Wells           | Denny Clouse               |
| Ray Hoffman              | Steve Moye              | Mike Harris                                  | Dave Muto            | Charlotte Haines           |
| Ron Little               | Ron Speer               | Ken Howe                                     | Terri Gregg          | Tom Hoffman                |
| Byron Murgatroyd         |                         | Terry Olson                                  |                      | Pam Martin                 |
| Ron Sheadel              |                         | Mark Parsons                                 |                      | Jim Rick                   |
|                          |                         | Diane Pottinger                              |                      | Ron Ricker                 |
|                          |                         | Terry Smith                                  |                      | John Thompson              |
|                          |                         | Dick Swaab                                   |                      | Jerry Thornton             |
|                          |                         | Margaret Wiggins                             |                      |                            |

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes/Agenda

March 1, 2012 minutes were approved as written.

The agenda for the April 5, 2012 meeting was approved as written.

3. New Business

• Operations, Planning & Scheduling (OPS)

Tom Fox, Water Resource Manager gave a presentation on OPS. He said OPS comprises of Water Quality and Treatment, Transmission/Distribution Operations and Water Resources (Rivers and Reservoirs). The purpose of OPS is to plan SPU's water systems operations for the supply of water to people and fish, the water quality and to manage the risk and to maintain reliability during construction and maintenance projects. OPS currently is involved in planning strategies for managing the transition from flood management to refill, the Lake Youngs gravity by-pass during a possible cyclotella bloom, the Landsburg Forebay cleaning and Walsh Ditch reconnection construction constraints. Tom then gave an update on current water supply conditions. Current conditions are the overall water supply situation and outlook are good, snowpack is at 150% of average for this year, both reservoirs are at levels to capture snowmelt and

demand is the same as last year. In comparing current hydraulic conditions with previous years conditions and projecting future scenarios, Ken Howe and Ron Speer requested that Tom come back and give a presentation on what actually occurred versus what was predicted at the end of the water year.

- **KC Water District 125**  
Mark Parsons, District Manager for King County Water District 125 made a request to the OB for a one-way emergency intertie from Highline Water District. OB member Matt Everett has agreed to WD 125's request and is intending on entering into an Interlocal Agreement with WD 125. However; he recused himself from voting. The OB approved the request by a vote of 5-0.
- **Embezzlement of SPU Funds**  
Ray Hoffman, Director of SPU gave an update on the latest development of the misappropriation of funds by a trusted ex-SPU employee and described the internal steps SPU is taking to alleviate the potential of future possibilities of this type by getting SPU's "house in order" .

#### **Executive Summaries and Other Business**

- **ERU follow-up** - Terri Gregg requested to know if the OB wanted a follow up discussion from last month's ERU discussion. The OB requested that this discussion be brought back at the June OB meeting for further discussions.
- **Morse Lake Pump Plant Project** – Ray Hoffman gave a quick overview of his decision on going forward with the MLPP project. Ken Howe asked if SPU would bring back something on the economics of the project and the rate impact of the \$40 million project costs.
- **Water System Plans** – Terri Gregg reminded everyone to include SPU in your WSP review. SPU is here to assist in the process by reviewing specific aspects of the plans and make comments.
- **Continuity of Wholesale Water Service** – Terri Gregg informed the OB that Eugene Mantchev will be back in the fall of 2012 to take a look at the continuity of service in respects to valving on the transmission system and water supply during an emergency outage.
- **Tour – Landsburg Diversion and Sockeye Hatchery** - Terri Gregg ask if the OB members, alternates and utility representatives would like a tour of Landsburg Diversion and the new Sockeye Hatchery in the fall of 2012. Members said yes.

#### **Material presented:**

- Operations Planning and Scheduling power point presentation
- Letter from WD 125 requesting an emergency intertie with Highline WD
- 2006 Continuity of Wholesale Water Service

#### **4. Future Meetings**

- May 3, 2012
- June 7, 2012

#### **5. For the Good of the Order**

6. **Public Comment Period**

No comments provided.

7. **Meeting Adjourned @ 3:30 PM**

Approved by:

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Chair, Nancy Ahern  
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

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Date