

FINAL Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
August 4, 2022
1-3PM

WebEx

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Alex Chen, Chair	Mike Amburgey	Hilary Allison	Charlotte Haines
Patrick Sorenson, V. Chair	Bob Danson	Regina Carpenter	Patty Hale
Diane Pottinger	Jeremy Delmar	Kathy Curry	Katie Nolan
Shane Young	Pete Eberle	Kelly O'Rourke	Darcey Peterson
Ron Little, 7 th Member	Abdoul Gafour	Maura Patterson	Kathleen Quong-Vermiere
Paula Laschober	Michael Martin	Michele Koehler	Ron Ricker
	Ron Ricker	Ky Lewis	Robert Russell
	Suzy O'Byrne	Julia Munger	Ron Straka
	Terry Olson	Martha Neuman	Logan Wallace
	Jorgan Peadon	Carol Volk	
	Jane Vandenberg	Helen Westphal	

1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements:

Kathy Curry, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Wholesale Water Contracts Manager, completed a roll call of Board Members and confirmed there was a quorum to begin the meeting. There were no announcements.

2. Agenda/Minutes

a) The **July 7, 2022**, minutes were **approved 5-0**.

b) The **August 4, 2022**, agenda was **approved 5-0**.

3. New Business

a) Water Conservation Drivers

Kelly O'Rourke, SPU Water Conservation Manager, gave an overview of a recent effort to refine the water conservation drivers.

b) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update

Michele Koehler, SPU Aquatic Resources and HCP Program Manager, shared information about 2021-2022 HCP activities and finances. Michele also welcomed Pete Eberle as the Operating Board's new Representative to the HCP Oversight Committee, replacing Matt Everett in this role.

c) Hatchery Program Updates

Carol Volk, SPU Aquatic Resources Strategic Advisor, provided a Hatchery Program overview with project updates. There was a discussion around the elevated sockeye salmon count returning to the Cedar River this year and what positive conditions led to the high salmon returns.

d) Landsburg Diversion Dam and Hatchery tour

Helen Westphal, SPU Water Treatment Crew Chief, shared an outline of activities planned for the in-person, Operating Board field trip to the Landsburg Diversion Dam and Hatchery on September 1. Kathy Curry shared that additional tour details will be provided to Operating Board members in the coming weeks.

4. Executive Summaries & Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies** – Alex Chen went over the graphs on Attachment 4a.

- **Water Supply Update** – Alex Chen went over Attachment 4b and reminded the group that the current water supply synopsis can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/util/MyServices/Water/WaterSupply/index.htm>
- **Cascade Water Alliance** – Alex Chen provided an overview of the Cascade Water Alliance, their organizational structure compared to the Operating Board, their current and future water supply scenarios as gathered from publicly available information, and ongoing discussions with Seattle Public Utilities. There was a discussion about what some of these scenarios could mean for the Seattle Regional Water Supply System and the Operating Board.
- **Tolt Treatment Plant Contract Update** – Alex Chen provided early notice of an ongoing options analysis that SPU is pursuing to decide how to best provide Operations & Maintenance (O&M) for the Tolt Treatment Plant when the current Design Build Operate contract ends. Options include a contract extension, if possible, a new O&M contract, or transitioning O&M to SPU staff, which at present is the preferred alternative. A complete presentation of options will be provided at the October 2022 Operating Board meeting for member feedback and input into this decision.

5. **Future Meetings**

Kathy Curry provided reminders for the following upcoming Operating Board meetings:


- September 1, 2022 – in-person field trip to Landsburg Diversion Dam & Hatchery (9 am to noon)
- October 6, 2022 – regular monthly Operating Board meeting – Webex remote meeting
- November 3, 2022 – regular monthly meeting – Webex remote meeting

6. **Good of the Order**

Alex Chen raised the Westwater vs. L&I case and its implications to underground pipe fitters working with ductile iron pipes (e.g., it would double their pay, significantly impacting construction costs). He added that Judi Gladstone is tracking this case closely on behalf of the Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts (WASWD), and SPU is engaged on potential appeals process in collaboration with the Water Supply Forum (Seattle, Tacoma and Everett).

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Approved by:


 Alex Chen (Oct 12, 2022 10:07 PDT)

Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

10/12/2022

Date