

Final Minutes  
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board  
March 4, 2021  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
WEBEX Teleconference

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Alternates</u>	<u>Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Matt Everett	Ron Speer	Mike Amburgey	James Amspacher	Renea Blanchette
Diane Pottinger, Chair	Eli Zehner	Boyd Benson	Jennifer Arthur	John Gibson
Shane Young	Dave Barnes	Peter Eberle	Regina Carpenter	Charlotte Haines
Ron Little, 7 <sup>th</sup> Member		Abdoul Gafour	Kathy Curry	Patty Hale
Mami Hara		Steve Leniszewski	Terri Gregg	Roxanne Heller
Alex Chen, V. Chair		Mike Martin	Paul Hanna	Laura Marrone
Paul Faulds, Alt		Al Nelson	Brent Lackey	Pam Maloney
		Suzi O'Byrne	Eugene Mantchev	Darcey Peterson
		Terry Olson	Martha Neuman	Steve Pfaff
		Patrick Sorenson	Maura Patterson	Kathleen Quong-
			Kahreen Tebeau	Vermeire
			Bill Wells	Ron Ricker
				Robert Russell
				Ron Straka

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements**

Diane Pottinger, Operating Board (OB) Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared Kathy Curry's and Terri Gregg's contact information for technical assistance during the meeting.

Shane Young, General Manager of King County Water District No. 125, announced that he is now the OB Board Member for the Small Utility Category and Dave Barnes will be their Alternate.

Darcey Peterson, King County Water District No. 90 District Manager, announced that Pete Eberly, a Commissioner for WD 90, will be the new Utility Representative for the District.

Alex Chen, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Acting Deputy Directory of the Water Line of Business (WLOB) and Shared Services, announced that Rick Scott has decided to end his tenure after 10 years of service with SPU. Alex shared highlights from Rick's career. Alex will remain the Acting Director of SPU's WLOB and Shared Services, and Paul Faulds will remain Acting Director of SPU's Water Planning and Program Management Division.

**2. Agenda/Minutes**

- a) The February 24, 2021 minutes were approved 6-0.
- b) The March 4, 2021 agenda was approved 6-0.

**3. New Business**

a) **2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan**

Maura Patterson, SPU's Drinking Water Planning and Policy Advisor, presented the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), providing an overview of SPU's CIP planning process and noting changes and updates from last year's CIP. Maura concluded by relaying that Utility Representatives can send comments or questions to their OB Member for compilation and transmittal to SPU by March 15 for discussion at the 2<sup>nd</sup> CIP Workshop on March 24 from 10am to noon.

b) **Tolt Slope Stabilization Mid-Project Update**

Brent Lackey, SPU Strategic Advisor and Project Manager, provided an update on the Tolt Slide Stabilization Projects, including the Horizontal Groundwater Drains, the Tolt Pipeline #1 Rehabilitation, and the newly identified Pile Wall Stabilization project under the Transmission Pipelines Rehabilitation Program. Brent also shared highlights and videos from Tolt Dam mitigation work done through a collaborative river restoration project with Seattle City Light installing large logs and engineered log jams on the Tolt River with use of a chinook helicopter. Brent's presentation was followed by questions and discussion.

- c) **Resuming Water Shutoffs: Options and Approaches** – Kahreen Tebeau, SPU Senior Policy Advisor, shared information on water shutoff issues and options being considered in SPU planning efforts. Following the presentation, there was discussion around what other utilities are doing (e.g. waiving fees, installing restrictors, payment plans, liens, etc.) and issues to consider (fire/sprinkler systems and related legal issues and opinions). Board members asked SPU to share its final plan with the Board as an example for the water districts to consider.

4. **Executive Summaries and Other Business**

- **Contract Review Updates** – Mami Hara thanked everyone for their active participation in last week's meeting and summarized the next contract workshop – tentatively scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>. The April workshop will cover overall contract changes, water quality and regional water conservation.
- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies** – Alex Chen went over Attachment 4a pointing out that consumption was 3% lower than expected in the last 2 months of the year, but that it has been increasing some since then.
- **Water Supply Update and Lake Youngs Algae Update**– Paul Faulds went over Attachments 4b and 4c commenting on current graphs that reflect we have a great snowpack this year (4b) and that algae in Lake Youngs is below historical averages so far this year (4c).
- **CIP Project Updates** – Alex Chen relayed that the Tolt Valve 15 project received 5 bids.
- **Other Updates**
  - Alex Chen provided an update on a minor Cedar Treatment issue that was reported on SPU's website.
  - Kathy Curry shared that Attachments 4d-1 and 4d-2 were supplied for OB review in advance of the next 4/1 OB meeting.

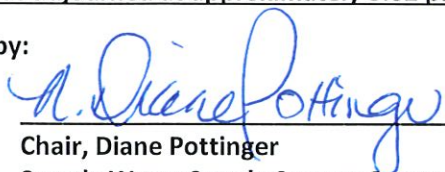
6. **Future Meetings**

Kathy provided reminders for the following upcoming meetings:

- CIP Workshop #2: March 24, 10 am to noon
- Monthly OB Meeting: April 1, 2021
- Wholesale Contract Workshop #2: date to be determined
- Monthly OB Meeting: May 6, 2021
- Monthly OB Meeting: June 3, 2021

**Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:02 p.m.**

Approved by:

  
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Chair, Diane Pottinger  
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

  
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