

Final Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
May 6, 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	Boyd Benson	James Amspacher	Charlotte Haines
Diane Pottinger, Chair	Eli Zehner	Peter Eberle	Jennifer Arthur	Patty Hale
Dave Barnes, Alt		Abdoul Gafour	Chad Buechler	Laura Gallez
Ron Little, 7 th Member		Steve Leniszewski	Regina Carpenter	Pam Maloney
Mami Hara		Mike Martin	Kathy Curry	Darcey Peterson
Alex Chen, V. Chair		Al Nelson	Michael Godfried	Steve Pfaff
Paula Laschober		Suzi O'Byrne	Terri Gregg	Kathleen Quong-
		Terry Olson	Bill Heubach	Vermeire
		Jason Kintner	Eugene Mantchev	Ron Ricker
			Ned Worcester	Robert Russell
				Ron Straka
				Tammy Haas
				Kimberly Moore
				Lynne Danielson

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Diane Pottinger, Operating Board (OB) Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Kathy Curry, Wholesale Water Contracts Manager, confirmed Board Member attendance, noting that Dave Barnes, Small Utility Category Board Alternate, would be acting as Board Member in Shane Young's absence.

Alex Chen, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU's) Interim Branch Deputy Director, Water Line of Business and Shared Services, announced a United for Infrastructure 2021 Webinar and highlighted Mami's speaking role in the upcoming event. Alex also mentioned some of Mami's other national water leadership roles and asked the Board if they would like SPU's Government Relations Director, Susan Saffery, to bring the OB an overview of Seattle's water related proposals and advocacy efforts. The Board indicated that they would appreciate seeing a presentation on this information.

Mami Hara, SPU General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, reminded the group of the upcoming Contract Workshop #3 that is to be held on May 17th. Mami relayed that Workshop #3 is the first of 3 financially based workshops that will focus on financial principles, framework, cost pools and cost allocations, setting the stage for later workshop discussions.

2. Agenda/Minutes

- a) The **April 1, 2021** minutes were approved 6-0.
- b) The **May 6, 2021** agenda was approved 6-0.

3. Old Business

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

Alex Chen presented information for the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) annual CIP review process. He highlighted changes to the Draft CIP information that was provided in March and shared more information about three Dam Safety Projects. Alex finished his presentation with a refresher on regional facilities.

4. New Business

a) **Water System Seismic Program Update**

SPU's Bill Heubach, P.E., provided an update on the Water System Seismic Program, starting with a recap of the SPU's 2018 Water System Seismic Study scope and findings. Bill noted that SPU instituted water main seismic design standards and completed the Water System Earthquake Hazard-Specific Response Plan. The Transmission Pipeline Study is in-progress and the Eastside and Riverton Reservoirs projects are just getting underway. Bill also shared information on some projects that are coming up. The group asked questions and discussed the information shared, and the Board requested that Bill come back to share more information on earthquake resistant pipe materials.

b) **Cascadia Rising 2022 – Early Overview & Planning**

Chad Buechler, SPU Acting Emergency Management Manager, provided information on early Cascadia Rising 2022 event planning. Kimberly Moore, Emergency Planner with the State Office of Drinking Water, joined Chad to answer questions and share perspective on the State exercise. Chad and Kimberly went on to describe how OB members can get involved.

The group discussed Cascadia Rising planning and interest in engaging in future emergency coordination efforts. Options such as lunch-and-learn meetings and re-activating the Emergency Technical Forum were discussed. Chad said that he would work with Kathy on how to best bring these opportunities back to the OB.

5. Executive Summaries and Other Business

- **Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies and Water Supply Update** – Alex Chen went over Attachments 5a and 5b.
- **Lake Youngs Algae Bloom Update** – Alex Chen went over Attachment 5c, commenting on graphs that reflect that increasing algae levels, including *Lindavia* biovolume, and describing that by-pass will likely continue for a few more weeks.

6. Future Meetings

Kathy provided reminders for the following upcoming meetings:


- **May 2021**
 - Contract Workshop #3: May 17, 2-4pm
 - CIP Workshop #4: May 19, 10-noon
- **June 2021**
 - Monthly OB Meeting: June 3, 2021
 - Contract Workshop #4: June 10, 1-3pm
 - Contract Workshop #5: June 29, 1-4pm
- **July 2021**
 - Monthly OB Meeting: July 1, 2021
 - Contract Workshop #6: July 29, 2-4pm

7. Good of the Order

Alex Chen provided context to a recent Seattle Times story on SPU rates.

Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:01 p.m.

Approved by:



Chair, Diane Pottinger
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board



Date