

**FINAL Minutes**  
**Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board**  
**June 6, 2019**  
**2:00 pm to 4:00 PM**

**Mercer Island Community and Event Center**  
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<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Alternates</u>	<u>Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Alex Chen – Vice Chair	Ron Speer	Mike Amburgey	Regina Carpenter	Charlotte Haines
Mami Hara	Shane Young	Abdoul Gafour	Kathy Curry	Pamela Maloney
Wylie Harper - Alt		Jason Kintner	Joan Kersnar	Darcey Peterson
Matt Everett		Pam Martin	Michele Koehler	Steve Pfaff
Diane Pottinger		Byron Murgatroyd	David Muto	Kathleen Quong-
Lynne Danielson - Chair		Al Nelson	Martha Neuman	Vermeire
Ron Little		Terry Olson		Ron Ricker
		Patrick Sorenson		John Thompson
				Jerry Thornton

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Minutes/Agenda**

- The **May 9, 2019** minutes were approved \*5-0.
- The **June 6, 2019** agenda was approved \*5-0.

*\*Mami Hara, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) General Manager, joined the meeting after these items were voted on.*

**3. New Business**

**a. Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Update**

Michele Koehler, SPU Aquatic Resources Manager, delivered a presentation on the HCP. The presentation included an overview of the HCP's background and scope, instream flow management, watershed management, Landsburg Dam mitigation, downstream habitat protection and restoration programs, HCP expenditures by program, and future HCP activities.

It was mentioned that Matt Everett, Highline Water District's General Manager and Operating Board (OB) member, is the Operating Board's representative member on the HCP Oversight Committee.

- *The group discussed HCP mitigation performance measures and how fish counts are not considered as part of whether mitigation efforts are successful in an effort to make SPU's commitment costs clear, as fish survival is dependent on many factors that are outside of SPU's control and subject to more than what can be undertaken by the HCP.*
- *An OB member asked if mitigation performance criteria can be discussed at a future OB meeting and suggested that it might be useful to have WRIA 8 representatives come to that meeting to share information from their perspective.*
- *The group discussed an asphalt plant that is proposed near the Cedar River.*
- *Alex Chen, SPU Board member, explained that SPU is not responsible for all Cedar River fish habitat protections or fish survival and that to expand SPU's responsibility beyond HCP commitments would have impacts on rate payers. Other agencies are involved in, and responsible for, protecting Cedar River fish*

*habitat and associated fisheries. Some examples include co-managers Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. Other examples include the Army Corps of Engineers, King County, and the various local jurisdictions that the Cedar River flows through.*

- *Lynne Danielson, OB Chair, noted that the OB, may elect to write a comment letter to address issues where there are shared interests.*
- *An OB member asked if climate change is adding cost to HCP implementation.*
  - *Alex Chen said no.*
- *A Utility Representative asked if SPU's climate experts could come back to a future OB meeting to discuss the status of previous predictions.*
  - *Mami Hara said yes.*

Michele also shared information about the Cedar River Hatchery and its relationship to the Landsburg Mitigation Agreement and Muckleshoot Settlement Agreement. The Broodstock Collection Facility project and Hatchery Process Water Supply project (previously called Hatchery Spring Water Redundancy) were also described.

- *Alex Chen relayed that HCP projects described on the 2020-2025 Capital Facilities Plan recently reviewed by the OB will be brought back to the OB to discuss in greater detail when these projects are ready.*

**b. Eastside Reservoir Update**

Dave Muto, SPU Systems Operations Manager, provided an update on the recently completed leak repair work on the Eastside Reservoir.

**c. Water Contract Review Process Update**

Mami Hara, SPU's General Manager, thanked the OB participants for sharing thoughts and preferences about the contract review process, including the need to see draft language and being efficient with time. In response, SPU will work in the background on analyzing areas for possible improvement. SPU will return with more developed content, including concepts and options where needed, and draft contract language for review and discussion in February 2020 at the soonest.

**4. Executive Summaries and Other Business**

- Kathy Curry, with SPU, reminded the group about the supplied Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies (Att. 4a).
- Alex Chen addressed the supplied Water Supply Update handout (Att. 4b), mentioning that while Ecology declared a drought for much of the State, Seattle is still feeling confident that required instream flows and customer demands will be met this coming summer. SPU will continue to watch conditions and keep the group apprised.
- Alex Chen relayed that Reclaimed Water updates will continue to be provided as available.
- Wylie Harper, with SPU, went over the Lake Youngs Algae Update (Att. 4c), mentioning that by-pass would be discontinued for Landsburg Forebay cleaning on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Future Meetings**

Kathy Curry reminded the group of upcoming OB meetings:

- July 11, 2019 – occurring one week later than normal and to be held at the Mercer Island City Council Chambers rather than the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.
- No August meeting - unless needed for drought coordination.
- September 5, 2019 – 9 am to 2:30 pm field trip to Lake Youngs & Treatment Plant.

**6. For the Good of the Order**

- *An OB member mentioned that in both 2018, and now again in 2019, the OB meeting notes do not reflect that the OB agreed to supply a letter to either support or disapprove of SPU's Capital Facility Plan (CFP). The OB member asked what SPU's transmittal letter, that will be supplied to the Seattle City Council along with CFP, will say about whether the OB supports the CFP.*
  - *Alex Chen said the transmittal will be silent on the OB and reminded the group that the OB voted at the May 9, 2019 meeting to not supply a CFP comment letter to the Seattle City Council.*

**7. Public Comment Period**


- None

**8. Material presented at Meeting**

- Copies of information described on the agenda were either provided in advance or at the meeting.

**9. Board meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm**

Approved by:

  
Chair, Lynne Danielson  
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

  
Date