

FINAL Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
February 7, 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 Mami Hara Wylie Harper – Alt Matt Everett Diane Pottinger Lynne Danielson - Chair Ron Little	Shane Young	Abdoul Gafour Mike Martin Al Nelson Byron Murgatroyd Patrick Sorenson	Regina Carpenter Kathy Curry Bill Heubach David Muto Martha Neuman	Charlotte Haines Patricia Hale Pamela Maloney Patrick Martin Noel Miller (SPU CRP) Darcey Peterson Ron Ricker Ron Straka John Thompson Jerry Thornton

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Alex Chen, SPU Water Planning and Program Management Division Director, kicked off the meeting by announcing that Kathy Curry was the successful candidate selected to become the Wholesale Contracts Manager.

2. Minutes/Agenda

- The **December 6, 2018** minutes were **approved 6-0**.
- The **February 7, 2018** agenda was **approved 6-0**.

3. New Business

a. Operating Board Business

Kathy Curry, Wholesale Contract Manager, described a proposed amendment to Article XI, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board to correct described compensation for the 7th independent Operating Board member. Kathy went over a provided hand-out that reflected the language adopted by the Operating Board on January 4, 2018 and the new language proposed to better align the 7th member's compensation with the rate as provided for Commissioners of Water and Sewer Districts under RCW 57.12.010.

- Diane Pottinger, North City Water District General Manager and the Medium Utility Category Board Member, offered a motion that the Operating Board adopt the proposed amendment.
- The motion was seconded by Matt Everett, Highline Water District General Manager and Large Utility Category Board Member.
- The proposed amendment to Article XI, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board was **approved 6-0**.

b. Seismic Study - Recommendations

Bill Heubach, PE, provided a review of his previous November 1, 2018 presentation to the Operating Board on SPU's Water System Seismic Study. Bill then presented information on five categories of Seismic Study recommended mitigation actions, which in the near term (approx. 20-year time frame) are generally focused on mitigating damage and in the longer term (approx. 50- to 100-year time frame) are focused on preventing damage. Bill pointed out how proposed seismic project information is identified in terms of whether it is regional (strategy and cost to be discussed with Operating Board), SPU distribution only (no cost sharing by wholesale customers, but strategies and ideas shared for others' potential benefit), or a mix of these two. Bill went on to describe some of the seismic project considerations. The group discussed some of SPU's seismic mitigation work completed to date, lessons learned, and the possible applicability of some of this work for incorporation by other utilities. Bill emphasized how SPU can be a resource to the other utilities as they develop their own distribution system seismic strategies.

Alex Chen, SPU Water Planning and Program Management Division Director, led a discussion on potential joint emergency response planning efforts and future topics of interest to the Operating Board. Alex encouraged Operating Board members to contact Kathy Curry with questions about provided past and proposed seismic project information and also suggested that members let Kathy know if they would like SPU staff to meet with them individually or in groups to discuss the findings from SPU's Water System Seismic Study, proposed seismic mitigation projects, and/or SPU's experience with seismic mitigation strategies that may be useful to others.

- *Diane Pottinger, North City Water District General Manager and Medium Utility Category Board Member, suggested that the Operating Board consider engaging in a joint training, table-top event, and encouraged the Board to start work on discussing joint emergency planning topics.*
- *Byron Murgatroyd, Water District 90 Representative, suggested narrowing the scope of any proposed joint discussion to ensure that there is time to adequately address topics discussed.*
- *Al Nelson, Northshore Utility District General Manager and Representative, commented that it would be useful to develop a map of where supplies are located.*
- *Alex Chen requested that members contact Kathy Curry with suggestions for future joint emergency planning topics.*

c. Water Supply Forum – Resiliency Project Phases 1 & 2

Alex Chen, SPU Water Planning and Program Management Division Director, provided a presentation on the Water Supply Forum's Resiliency Project. Alex described the Water Supply Forum's background and described the Resiliency Project scope, phases and findings. Alex let the Operating Board know that they are welcome to attend Water Supply Forum meetings, which occur quarterly in the Bellevue area and emphasized SPU's interest in encouraging Operating Board participation in regional planning efforts.

d. Eastside Reservoir Update

Dave Muto, SPU Systems Operation Manager, provided a presentation on SPU's recent investigation into a leak in the Eastside Reservoir. Dave provided background and context for the reservoir and described the timing and scope of the recently discovered leak. Dave concluded by relaying information about next steps, which include finishing the investigation, developing a repair plan and then implementing it.

- *Diane Pottinger, North City Water District General Manager and Medium Utility Category Board Member, requested that the Operating Board be provided a future update on the outcome of this work.*

4. **Executive Summaries and Other Business**

- Kathy Curry called attention to the following materials that were provided at the meeting:
 - Water Consumption vs. Rate Study – *monthly handout*
 - Water Supply Update, Report as of December 3, 2018 – *monthly handout*
 - *Alex Chen commented on the provided Water Supply Update, mentioning that snowpack was at about 50% of normal, but that recent and projected snow was expected to increase this.*
- Reclaimed Water Update: Alex Chen provided a brief update on work with King County on the Reclaimed Water issue describing the County's agreement with the Cascade Water Alliance on a 2-year halt on the County approaching Cascade's members' retail customers with offers of discounted reclaimed water, and how SPU is pursuing a similar agreement that could also be signed by the Operating Board.
- Kathy Curry reminded members to complete the Annual Survey by the end of February.
 - *Al Nelson asked if the survey could be completed earlier in the future.*
 - *Kathy Curry said that she would pass on that request.*
- Kathy Curry called attention to the link that was provided on the agenda (available on the emailed version) to Seattle's Customer Review Panel (CRP) web page so that interested Operating Board members can follow the CRP's work and attend meetings as members of the public. Kathy mentioned that CRP information can also be found through a search of the Seattle Public Utilities website and pointed out that Noel Miller, CRP Chair, was in attendance at the Operating Board meeting.

5. **Future Meetings**

- Kathy Curry reminded the group that the next Operating Board meeting will be on March 7, 2019.

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

- Ron Little, Independent Board Member, shared historical information from *Drinking Water: A History* by James Salzman about Chase Bank's history as a drinking water provider.

7. **Public Comment Period**

- None

8. **Material presented at Meeting**

- Copies of presentations described on the agenda were either provided in advance or at the meeting.
- Other handouts supplied are as described above under *Executive Summaries and Other Business*

9. **Board meeting was adjourned @ 3:50 PM**

Approved by:



Vice Chair, Alex Chen
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

3/7/19

Date