

Draft Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
November 5, 2009
2:30– 4:30 p.m.

Mercer Island Council Chambers
9611 SE 36th Street
Mercer Island, WA 98040

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Alternates</u>	<u>Wholesale Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Walt Canter John Bjork Roger Eberhart Matt Everett Dave Hilmoe Ray Hoffman	Terry Smith John Thompson	Ron Sheadel Dick Swaab Mark Parsons Steve Moye Margaret Wiggins Fanny Yee Ken Howe Ron Ricker Charlotte Haines Gary Coy	Dan Swenson Terri Gregg Tom Fox	Larry Schick Bob James Andy Dunn

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes/Agenda

The August 6, 2009 minutes were approved by consent of the Operating Board.

3. New Business

▪ Atmospheric Rivers

Larry Schick, Meteorologist, Water Management, Army Corps of Engineers-Seattle gave a presentation on the Impacts of Atmospheric Rivers on Flooding in the Northwest. The conclusions from Larry's presentation are:

- All major floods in Western Washington are caused by atmospheric rivers.
- Major flooding can be caused by an atmospheric river without typical pre-existing flood conditions. Atmospheric rivers are a necessary and sufficient condition for flooding.
- Understanding the nature of atmospheric rivers will assist forecasters evaluating flood potential.

- Basin orientation, narrowness and specific location of atmospheric rivers core precipitation should be noted and respected.

(Visit Operating Board website for a copy of the presentation)
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- **Water Supply Conditions Update**

Tom Fox, Water Resources Manager, Seattle Public Utilities, gave an update on water supply and storage conditions. Tom reported that overall water supply situation and outlook is good. Also, reservoir inflows are good.

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- **State Agency Updates – Departments of Ecology and Health**

Andy Dunn, Water Resources Section Manager, Ecology Northwest Regional Office, provided an update on the impact of State budget cuts, water rights processing, the cost reimbursement program and the recently issued Rooftop Collection Rainwater Policy. (Note: After the date of the meeting, it was announced that Andy is leaving Ecology and is joining a consulting firm, effective January 1, 2010.)

Bob James, Northwest Regional Office Manager, Office of Drinking Water, gave an update on their Green River flood response work, compliance status, implementation of the Groundwater Rule, Group B water systems, budget status, and other Northwest Regional Office issues.

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4. **Executive Summaries and Other Business**

- **ICS300/400 Training**

January 20-22, 2010 hosted by Woodinville Water District

- **State Performance Audit of Seattle Public Utilities**

Available at (<http://www.sao.wa.gov/auditreports/auditreportfiles/ar1002121.pdf>)

- **Green River Flooding and Cedar River Pipelines**

Minimal impact anticipated from potential flooding; may not be able to read some wholesale meters.

- **Tolt Pipeline I and II Repair Work**
Repair work has been successfully completed on both pipelines, several construction photos were shown to the members.

Future Meetings

- December 3rd
- January 7th

5. For the Good of the Order

- Board members to provide brief updates on issues that relate to Board business.

6. Public Comment Period

None provided.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Approved by:

Chair, Walt Canter

Date

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