



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Silverdale Water District—Large Conference Room**  
**July 12, 2018**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and introductions were made.

**Minutes:** Diana Temple (SWD) moved to approve the minutes from June. Jason seconded, citing one correction: The six associate members are organizations, not utilities. The motion passed unanimously, pending correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diana reported that the current account balance is \$2,143.98. The WaterPAK booth for the Kitsap County Fair was recently reserved for \$1,026. Upcoming costs include the possible purchase of two 10' x 10' backdrop banners for WaterPAK events.

**Task Force Reports:**

**Legislative** – Jason mentioned, on behalf of Bob Hunter (KPUD), that the Kitsap PUD is looking at five pilot projects as a result of the Hirst decision.

**Public Outreach** – Diana gave an overview of the most recent taskforce meeting, which was largely focused on the upcoming Fair (August 22 – 26). Diana showed the group an idea of what the new booth backdrops will possibly look like. The group agreed that it was very important to have “Water Purveyors Association of Kitsap” spelled out across the top for visitors to see clearly.

**Conservation** – No Report.

**Cross-Connection** – No Report.

**Mapping/GIS** – No Report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- John Kiess (KPHD) gave a presentation on *Water Availability Letter Background and Discussion Points*
- Tom Baker (City of Bremerton) gave a presentation on *Protected Critical Infrastructure Information*

**Discussion Items:**

**WA DOH ODW Report**

- Jason read an email that Jocelyne Gray (WA DOH ODW) sent in her absence:
  - *Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)*  
*All DWSRF loans and grants have been transferred to DOH from Commerce. Those with active loans should have been contacted.*  
*Water System Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program (WSARP) grants will be available during the October 1 – November 30 DWSRF loan cycle. WSARP funding is currently available as part of the DWSRF Emergency Loan program.*



*Remember, webinar training sessions for the 2018 Construction Loan and WSARP Grant cycle will be August 8 and August 15. The two sessions will be identical. The afternoon portion will review the new online application process, WALT (Washington Loan Tracker). Sign up at the DWSRF webpage:*

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/WaterSystemAssistance/DrinkingWaterStateRevolvingFundDWSRF>

### Group B Systems

- John Kiess mentioned the recent concerns from Group B system owners. He asked the group if there is any specific language that the Public Health Department could say (or not say) to these concerned citizens.
- Jason asked if any of the Group A utility members present would accept a neighboring Group B into their system.
- Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bainbridge) says that Bainbridge just acquired a neighboring Group B, but is keeping it separate from their group A system for the time-being.
- Darin Hall (Mason County PUD 1) says that they get a lot of requests from Group B's to join their system. They meet with them and look at it on a case-by-case basis. The tricky part is that there are usually more than one owner/manager and it's hard to get them all to sign.
- Kevin O'Neil (WA Water) says that they are no longer accepting Group B's into their system.
- Brent Winters (WSUD) pointed out that they're usually in such bad shape, it doesn't make sense to take them over.
- Jim Hershberger (WA Water) mentioned that WA Water is trying to get water systems up in the San Juan Islands – they would like to use their water tanks.
- Jason answered John's question and asked that the Public Health Department notify some of the Group B owners that their systems are more of a liability than they are valuable. It was suggested that Public Health steer these systems into creating an HOA to regain control.
- Morgan Johnson (SWD) warned that if you acquire another small water system, you're also acquiring the liability. Jason and Morgan agreed that it is more feasible to acquire the actual customers and abandon the small systems that are falling apart.

### Employee Cell Phones

- Jason asked if utilities provide their employees with cell phones. John pointed out that any text messages are part of records retention. Jason says that KPUD looked into "Celltrust," a program that divides one phone into two numbers.

### Asset Management

- Brent mentioned a program called "Optimatics," which will provide asset management and work with other programs such as SCADA and ESRI. The group is interested in having a future presentation on this program.
- Also mentioned was "Invesco," a company that will evaluate the total cost of projects i.e. streetlights, replace aging infrastructure, etc.

### Hirst Decision

- Joel Purdy (KPUD) mentioned a recent meeting between KPUD and Kitsap County to discuss the Hirst decision and the area tribes who will be involved. There will be \$20 M for watershed restorations.



### General Discussion

- Tom asked if we have ever had a presentation on manganese. Jason mentioned that our most recent manganese presentation is on the WaterPAK website. He added that the regulatory agencies are considering changing Mn from a secondary contaminant to a primary.
- John mentioned that the DOH is reaching out to certain water systems, asking if they would like to be involved in a voluntary monitoring program for PFAs (*per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances*), which are a growing concern. The two main sources in the area for the contaminant are the Bremerton Airport and the Navy bases.
- Jim Hay (Robinson Noble) talked about Department of Ecology's recent update to their stormwater manuals. The comment period is open through July 25<sup>th</sup>. Cami added that she's glad that the State is thinking about this issue.
- Jason mentioned that he would like to set up a meeting with all managers of WaterPAK members for late September to talk about the taskforces and funding.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple  
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer