



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District – Large Conference Room
February 13, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: Jason Nutsford (Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD)) called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and introductions were made.

Minutes: Shawn O’Dell (WA Water) made a motion to approve the minutes from January. Jason seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Diana Temple (Silverdale Water District) reported that the account balance as of January 31, 2020 was \$1,523.08. Twenty-two dues statements generated last month – nine have been returned with payment. Statements to Kitsap County Public Works and Kitsap Public Health District have not yet been emailed – appropriate recipients for these two invoices are being verified. Recent purchases for giveaways: garden trowels, keychains, and seed packets. Diana renewed the WaterPAK.org domain in January for one year for \$33.07.

Task Force Reports

- **Public Outreach:** Diana reported on the Home & Garden Expo, March 14-15th – booth set-up will take place Friday, March 13th. Giveaways include trowels, rain gauges, and seeds. The WA State Science Fair, March 27-28th – volunteer judges needed.
- **Legislative:** Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) reported that the WUCC provides weekly reports on legislative issues. She will send more information about these reports to Diana to distribute to the WaterPAK group. Mark Morgan (KPUD) reported on the current legislative Bill that applies to Boards in special purpose districts. Discussion ensued.
- **Conservation:** None
- **Cross-Connection:** Possible taskforce meeting next month. Diana will send out an email to group.
- **Mapping/GIS:** None.

Old Business: None.

New Business

PFAS (Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances)

- Jason and Mark reported on KPUD’s recent discussions with the Navy regarding PFAS testing. Andy Anderson (WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH ODW)) updated the group on DOH’s proactive approach to the PFAS groundwater issue. High levels of PFAS have been found in groundwater around certain air force bases in WA State as well as other military bases around the country. Washington is aiming to set new State Action Levels, which will be lower than the EPA’s lifetime Health Advisory Level of 70 ppt. Treatment procedures for removing PFAS include activated carbon and reverse osmosis. Some Brita filters are adequate. Milt Larsen (Kennedy Jenks) said that the Lakewood Water District is using bituminous-based granular activated carbon (GAC) for PFAS removal at their Ponders well site. Anion exchange can also be used as a removal procedure. Chuck Smiley (Kitsap County Public Works) mentioned that firefighting foam is still allowed for fires, but not for training. PFAS sampling has only been done on Bangor as part of the UCMR3s – currently only water sources outside Bangor are being tested. Andy added that PFAS compounds have been used since World War II. Eric Evans (Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)) mentioned helpful links on KPHD’s website. Joel Purdy (KPUD) added that the EPA’s FAQs page is also a great resource. Shawn said that WA Water will be acquiring a system in Lakewood that has been affected by PFAS.



Emergency Management Funding

- Jason asked if the group would be interested in having a representative present on available emergency management funding for natural disasters like mudslides, etc. Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) talked about the Pierce County Co-op forms that are sent out to all agencies, identifying who they can go to for equipment, supplies, etc. Jacki asked if WaterPAK would like to set up an emergency management committee.

Water Rights

- Cami gave an overview of the changes to the water rights guidelines and application process. Jim Hay (Robinson Noble) added that they are changing the cost reimbursement process.

General Discussion:

- Jacki mentioned the current issues with the CDX website regarding UCMR4 results. Results from recent samples are not being displayed. CDX is working on this issue.
- Jason is continuing to work on securing a tribal representative for a future discussion.
- Jason mentioned his receipt of the DRS Public Information Act.
- Fern Schultz (WA DOH ODW) announced that the Department of Health's funding cycle is over. Jocelyne Gray (WA DOH ODW) talked about an upcoming loan, available in August, for distribution water main replacements. Systems must have an updated and approved Water System Plan. Small systems, like HOAs, qualify if they are non-profit.
- Andy gave an overview of a meeting he had at KPUD last week. He added that the DOH would like feedback from utilities. Jacki pointed out that the DOH has become more of a partner with water systems over the years. Shawn agreed that the DOH is a great partner for WA Water. Shawn stressed that any partnership needs to have solid communication for the benefit of all parties.
- Fern mentioned the draft DOH Planning Handbook – it can be found on the DOH's website.
- Diana gave an overview of the upcoming AWWA Best Tasting Water/Meter Madness competitions, March 27th in Tacoma – Jacki added that samples must be taken off ice by noon and please do not use a sticky for the label – use wire or something that can be easily removed.
- Diana talked about the ESRI GIS User's group – possibly hosted in Kitsap County in April.
- Jacki mentioned upcoming classes & training sessions, including the Customer Service Class, March 3 – 5th.
- Shawn mentioned the upcoming ERWOW conference in Yakima. He gave an overview of his recent trip to WA DC where he advocated for Washington systems. He added that there are 22 apprentices active in ERWoW's Apprenticeship Program (five from Washington).
- WA Water is seeking a project engineer.
- Jocelyne is now the Cross-Connection Control Lead for the Department of Health.
- Eric announced that he is now the Assistant Director. KPHD currently has a few open positions.
- Andy added that WA DOH will have an open engineering position.

Adjournment: With no future business to discuss, Shawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacki seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer