



Meeting Minutes

Virtual – via Zoom

August 10, 2023

Call to Order: Cochair Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD) called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM, followed by introductions.

Minutes: Sid Williams (Silverdale Water District) made a motion to approve the minutes from July's meeting. Jason seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The current account balance is \$9,405.48. Current credits include a \$250 deposit reimbursement for the Home & Garden Expo booth and a dues payment from an associate member. Current withdrawals include a payment to New Resource Group of \$644. 84 for 1,000 toilet dye tabs (with information cards) and a \$99 payment to ACT Insurance for WaterPAK's booth at the upcoming Fair. Reach out to Diana if your utility or agency would like a stack of toilet dye tabs for customer distribution. Sid made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jason seconded. Following no discussion, the motion carried.

Old Business

- Kitsap laboratory –Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) discussed continued problems with bottle stocks at the Port Orchard courier location. She will continue researching accessible collection locations for utilities and sharing resources to get samples to alternate labs. Peter Tonder (North Perry) mentioned a drop-off location at NW Water's office in Port Orchard. Additionally, North Perry's office may serve as a future courier location. Water Management's bottle reuse practices were discussed.

Regulatory Agency Reports

- WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH – ODW)
 - **Staffing updates:** New SWRO planner – Meredith Jones; new SWRO second planner –Benjamin Majors; open Environmental Engineer position: [Environmental Engineer \(EE2/EE3\) DOH7397](#).
 - **Funding update:** Consolidation Feasibility Study Grant applications are due by August 31; Construction Loan Cycle – October 1 to November 30; Lead Service Line Loan cycle – October 2 to November 30; more information: [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Webpage](#).
 - **Ecology:** Joint Ecology and DOH Drought funding virtual Workshop – August 24. More information: [ODW Drought 2023 webpage](#) and [Ecology Drought 2023 webpage](#).
 - **Events:** Hybrid 2-day PFAS forum September 19 and 20; Location TBD. See the [PFAS Forum flyer](#) for a proposed agenda; more information at the [PFAS in Drinking Water webpage](#). Drinking Water Advisory Group (DWAG) meeting – September 11. Watch [DWAG webpage](#) for Microsoft Teams link and agenda. [WPUDA Works \(Sequim\) – September 27-29](#) – DOH will be participating in panels on lead service line requirements, cybersecurity, emerging drinking water issues, etc.
 - [IACC – October 24-26](#) – DOH State Revolving Fund team will be present.
- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
 - No report
- Department of Ecology
 - No report

Task Force Reports

- Public Outreach/Conservation (*primary contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)
 - Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) stated that the Fair booth schedule is complete.
- Legislation (*primary contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)

- No report.
- Cross-Connection Control (*primary contact: Courtney Little, c.little@northperrywd.org*)
 - No report.
- Mapping/GIS (*primary contact: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com*)
 - No report.
- Shared Resources (*primary contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperry.org*)
 - No report.
- Emergency Management (*primary contact: Sid Williams, swilliams@swd16.org*)
 - No report.
- FOG (*primary contact: Jacki Brown, jbrown@cityofportorchard.us*)
 - No report.
- Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County (*primary contact: Shawn O'Dell, sodell@wawater.com*)
 - No report.

General Discussion

- Joel Purdy (Kitsap PUD) gave a resource report on countywide water levels. The water levels in the Sea Level Aquifer are approximately two feet lower than this time last year. Stream levels, however, appear to be in the normal range. Conversation ensued. The Navy is conducting additional PFAS sampling near Bangor. Discussion ensued. Comment period extended to October 13 for the Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Plan Review report.
- Jason reported on regional infrastructure, connecting multiple Kitsap systems. Soon, Kitsap PUD will have the ability to pump water from its Newberry Hill wells through Silverdale Water District and into water systems in Poulsbo, Hansville, Kingston, and Indianola.
- Cami gave an update on Bremerton's collaboration with Astound Broadband to run dark fiber to all their outlying utility sites. Water ISAC, Federal information sharing and training, provided information on various topics, including responding to natural disasters. Consider joining if your agency is not a member. At a recent event, Rainbow Municipal Water District (Southern California) presented on the installation of "heli hydrants", in response to climate change. They are temporary open reservoirs that allow helicopters access to water to fight fires without disturbing sensitive watersheds. Bremerton is in the process of removing two cement dams that had been in place for over a hundred years on Anderson Creek in Gorst. The removal of the dams is part of a mitigation project and was funded by the Public Works Board Construction Grant.
- Jacki gave an update for City of Port Orchard – They have executed contracts to rebuild Marina Sewer Pump Station and to replace three shallow wells with Well 11 in the McCormick Woods Water System. They were also notified of a successful loan/grant application for \$1M by the Public Works Board to replace the Bay Street Lift Station. Discussion ensued about funding and disadvantaged communities within Kitsap. WaterPAK fieldtrips were discussed – topic will be revisited next year.
- Sid asked about budget billing and if any utilities have offered that option for customers to pay the same amount per billing throughout the year to pay for the average billing. Randy Screws (West Sound Utility District) stated that they had tried budget billing and found that the effort that it took to manage the program for a limited number of users was very inefficient. They recently terminated the program after a two-year trial.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Sid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacki seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Nutsford
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