



## Meeting Minutes

Virtual, via Zoom

April 9, 2026

### Call to order

Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD) called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, followed by introductions.

### Approval of minutes

Sid Williams (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) motioned to approve the minutes from March's meeting. Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) seconded. Minutes approved.

### Treasurer's report

Secretary/Treasurer Diana Craigen (SWD) reported: The current account statement balance is \$6,992.16. Dues payments have been received from twenty-three members; two are outstanding totaling \$100.00. Second reminders have been sent to these members. Sid motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Cami seconded. Following no discussion, the motion passed.

### Old business

WaterPAK bylaws update

- ◆ Feedback has been received. Diana will draft a revised copy that will be disseminated to the membership before the May 14 meeting where a vote to adopt the revised copy will be held.

### Regulatory agency reports and legislative updates

WA Department of Health—Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH ODW)

- ◆ Candida Granillo-Dodds (WA DOH ODW) reported: New Consumer Confidence Report rule has been adopted; effective July 2027. Systems serving a population >10,000 will be required to submit two CCRs a year.
- ◆ Jeff Johnson (WA DOH ODW) reported: Statewide drought declaration announced. Funding is available to help systems—both small and large—impacted by the drought through both Ecology and WA DOH ODW.

Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)

- ◆ No report.

Department of Ecology (Ecology)

- ◆ No report.

## New business

Presentation: USGS Kitsap Groundwater Model update—Wendy Welch & Andy Long

- ◆ Highlights included:
  - Currently in pre-proposal stage; welcoming feedback.
  - New data sets available, including those from new, deeper wells.
  - MODFLOW-NWT will be converted to the more efficient MODFLOW 6.
  - No new data sets gathered by USGS; update will include new data from Kitsap utilities .
  - Update will include new data about population, landcover, and groundwater use.
  - USGS will work with WaterPAK to create new scenarios, i.e. drought.
  - Several data releases will be published with the updated model.
  - Small Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is needed—no more than 10 members—that meets every two months to review progress, technical decisions, and scenario design. Joel offered to spearhead the TAG.
  - Possible start date is October 1, 2026, with a completion date of January 2030; however, this timeframe is flexible.
  - Update: ~\$1 million for 3.5 years. This includes a ~20 percent match from USGS. Approximately \$200,000 to \$240,000 a year from interested parties.

## Taskforce reports

Public Outreach & Conservation (*contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)

- ◆ Diana reported: The Science Fair last month went well. WaterPAK awarded two projects: a fourth-grade project where the student created a water filter using various materials, and a tenth-grade project that focused on a new subprogram to detect PFAS in drinking water and environmental samples as present or absent. Updates will be made to WaterPAK's judging structure next year. The Home & Remodel Expo is May 1-3. Reach out to Lisa for available shifts. The taskforce is looking for more involvement—notify Lisa or Diana if interested.

Cross-Connection Control (*Jacob Holcombe, jholcombe@wsud.us*)

- ◆ Jacob Holcombe (West Sound Utility District) reported: ASRs were discussed at the recent taskforce meeting, along with the need to create a GIS layer (AHJ-type map) to track backflow assembly test reports from all Kitsap utilities. Discussion around Office of Drinking Water's Table 13: DOH-CCC Program Plan Implementation Schedule, concerning enforcement of backflow protection for unapproved auxiliary wells. Jacob invited all interested members to join the CCC taskforce.

GIS & Asset Mgmt (*contact: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com*)

- ◆ Greg Berghoff (Kitsap PUD) reported: Working with ESRI to correct program errors in GIS map.

Shared Resources (*contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperrywd.org*)

- ◆ No report.

Emergency Management (*contact: Sid Williams, swilliams@swd16.org*)

- ◆ No report.

## General discussion

- ◆ BSK Laboratory will present in May and share their interest in becoming an associate member.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Craigen  
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer