



Virtual Meeting Minutes

Zoom

February 13, 2025

Call to order

Cochair Shawn O'Dell (WA Water) called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM, followed by introductions.

Approval of minutes

Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD) made a motion to approve the minutes from January's meeting. Rob Robinson (North Perry) seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report

Secretary/Treasurer Diana Craigen (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) reported that the current account balance is \$5,334.89. Recent expenses include website renewal fees, booth and insurance fees for the upcoming Home & Remodel Expo in May, and two award trophies for the upcoming Science & Engineering Fair. Diana continued her report by reviewing WaterPAK's 2024 income & expenses and presenting the 2025 projected budget. The group discussed dues collection for 2025. Randy Screws (West Sound Utility District) made a motion to collect dues this year. Mike Pleasants (SWD) seconded. Following further discussion, the motion carried. Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jason seconded. The motion passed.

Old business

None

Regulatory agency reports

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

- Candida Granillo-Dodds (WA DOH ODW) reported: Fall [2024 Priority Project List](#) published February 1—approximately \$150 billion available. Contracts to be released July 1, 2025. Funding applications are accepted year-round. Technical assistance available for systems <10,000 people. Direct SRF questions to DWSRF@doh.wa.gov, or call Jocelyne Gray. The reporting window for Annual Summary Reports is open; reports are due May 2.

Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)

- Kimberly Jones (KPHD) reported: Sanitary Surveys—31 this year; online payment system; sewage regs next month.

Department of Ecology (Ecology)

- Doug Wood (Ecology) reported: Chloride and sodium enhancement well at north end of Kitsap Peninsula; possible saltwater intrusion. Currently working on application for well on the Peninsula; process is slow. Most analytes are below MCLs, except for conductivity.

Taskforce reports

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

- Diana reported: The WA State Science & Engineering Fair is March 28 & 29 at the Bremerton High School. Shawn O'Dell, Jim Hershberger, and Diana will judge. One more judge is needed. Cami talked about conducting an education outreach customer survey. Diana mentioned a recent email sent to WaterPAK—n employee at Bremerton Walmart is asking for Earth Day presenters.

Legislation (*contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)

- Mike Pleasants (SWD) reported: New governor and federal staff. Budget shortfalls, Public Works Trust Funds, EPA regulations also discussed. There's a push for more housing/growth, but also a corresponding concern for water rights. The WUCC is preparing for a fly-in. The governor's office is asking for technical information, no opinions.
- Shawn discussed his recent trip to Washington, DC for the Rural Water Association. Meeting topics included information gaps, water/wastewater support, advocacy for WA State water companies. House Bills 1906, 1336, and 5627 were discussed.
- Cami discussed a recent AWWA email about PFAS—will be distributed to group.

Cross-Connection Control (*Jim Monaghan, jmonaghan@calwater.com*)

- WAC 246-290-490 discussed; backflow assemblies must be tested at least once per year.
- Upcoming free Annual Summary Report training session on February 27 in Tacoma.

GIS & Asset Mgmt (*contacts: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com; Katrina Harris-Lewis, kharris@kpud.org*)

- Jim Hershberger (WA Water) reported: Asset management workshop at WA Water; Coordinated Water System Plan project for Kitsap, includes boundaries from purveyors. Updated purveyor contact list needed. Audit for retail service vs. water system boundaries discussed. SA agreement to Health District is designated for the approved boundary adjustment. Submittal options include 1). Current GIS members, or 2). Emailing listed contact. Contact information on DOH's Sentry. Ben Majors (WA DOH ODW) may be able to export a list of contact data. Candida's SWP map needs an update. Katrina Harris-Lewis (Kitsap PUD) is now POC, Greg Berghoff (Kitsap PUD) is handling the CWSP data coordination. SMA have merged; EAM at West Sound.

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

- Shawn discussed his recent coordination with utilities for project work to alleviate cost burdens.

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

- No report.

Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) (*contact: Brandon Sather, bsather@portorchardwa.gov*)

- No report.

Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County (*contact: Shawn O'Dell, sodell@wawater.com*)

- Jeff Johnson has retired from Spanaway; consulting on WUCC.

Meeting topics

Water rights mitigation—dechlorinated/raw water requirements

Using treated water to fulfil mitigation requirements will be on a case-by-case basis. Dechlorinated level impacted is 0 added; degradation policy is a water quality issue. Kitsap PUD, City of Bremerton, and Silverdale Water District have permits in the cue to mitigate Anderson Creek and Gorst Creek. East Bremerton creeks are mitigating in this area. Ecology has projects they are reviewing for mitigation.

General discussion

- Morgan Johnson announced his retirement at the end of February after 40 years with Silverdale Water. Jacki and Morgan discussed WaterPAK's creation and how it has evolved over thirty years.
- Two new wells are being drilled on Gorst site with a 600 to 700 ft target. They are currently around 400 feet. A 20" to 16" well seal is being added to protect the lower aquifer. The project should be done by June 2025. The new well is near the original well.
- New well at Central Valley Rd and Bridal Ridge in Bremerton. Original well was taken out of service in 2010 due to sediment. Snyder Water Services is drilling the well (lowest bid—\$1 M+).
- Manganese treatment facility project tentatively approved on the north side.

- EPA status resilience inspection: open to additional meetings; emergency response plan updates. Make sure to address all guidance documents to perform all the checks and balances.
- Silverdale Water District's Water System Plan was approved.
- ADUs are in question for WAL.
- Discharge flushing for chlorinated water.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hershberger
WA Water Service