

Meeting Minutes

Virtual, via Zoom

March 12, 2026

Call to order

Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM, followed by introductions.

Approval of minutes

Sid Williams (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) motioned to approve the minutes from February's meeting. Tony Lang (Manchester Water District) seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report

Secretary/Treasurer Diana Craigen (SWD) reported: The current statement balance is \$7,082.16. Dues payments have been received from sixteen members; nine are outstanding. Reminder emails were sent this week. Sid motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Cami seconded. Following no discussion, the motion passed.

Old business

- ◆ Bylaws—Diana sent a request to the group, asking for feedback on updating WaterPAK's outdated bylaws. The deadline for feedback is March 27.
- ◆ Science Fair Judges—Four WaterPAK judges have been scheduled to attend the two-day event later this month.

Regulatory agency reports and legislative updates

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

- ◆ Candida Granillo-Dodds (WA DOH ODW) reported: Kay Rottell (WA DOH ODW) presented last week on federal funding impacts. The state revolving fund budget has been reduced. Discussion ensued about funding.

Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)

- ◆ No report.

Department of Ecology (Ecology)

- ◆ Diana reported on behalf of Doug Wood (Ecology): Ecology finalized its review of the Coordinated Mitigation between Kitsap PUD, Silverdale Water, and City of Bremerton. Four small-scale projects are in the works, including domestic surface water applications for Bainbridge and Vashon Islands, a small agricultural project near Manchester, and a change from a spring to a well for the Lofall Water System.

Legislative Updates

- ◆ Cami mentioned several recent house and senate bills related to drinking water. More information was emailed following the meeting.

New business

- ◆ Jan Glarum, Kitsap Department of Emergency Management (KCDEM), discussed KCDEM's response to water system issues during an emergency. The group talked about proactive measures to prepare for earthquakes and other disasters that can impact water supply. Cami asked the Emergency Management Taskforce to coordinate with Brian Nielson (KCDEM) to discuss actions moving forward. Discussion followed.

Taskforce reports

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

- Diana reported: The taskforce met earlier this month to discuss the upcoming Science Fair (March 27-28) and the Home & Remodel Expo (May 1-3). Trophies for the science fair have been ordered to accompany the two \$100-dollar checks, and giveaways have been ordered for the Home Expo.

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

- John Tapia (West Sound Utility District (WSUD)) reported on behalf of Jacob Holcombe (WSUD): This morning's taskforce meeting included a discussion about ASRs and an upcoming training in Tacoma at the end of March.

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

- Diana reported for Jim Hershberger (WA Water) in his absence: Washington Water Service gave presentations on two programs: Utility Network for Water, launched November 25, and Maximo, launched February 26. West Sound Utility District received a one-on-one training session on Maximo following the presentation. Katrina Harris-Lewis is no longer employed by Kitsap PUD but has remained as a consultant.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

General discussion

- USGS will present at April's meeting on updating the groundwater model.
- BSK Associates—a laboratory in Vancouver, WA—will present at May's meeting and voice their interest in becoming an associate member.
- Cami discussed EPA's new proposed rule changes to PFAS regulations.
- Cami cautioned everyone to be vigilant and cautious with cyber security and infrastructure.
- Sid mentioned AWWA's upcoming Best Tasting Water competition on March 18. Silverdale Water is a drop-off location for water samples.
- AWWA's May section conference is in Tacoma this year.
- Sid mentioned DOH ODW's chlorine residual colorimeter training courses. He suggested WaterPAK host a class this summer. CEUs are available.
- Rob Robinson (North Perry Water District) gave an overview of his recent meeting with Kitsap County about updating the Coordinated Water System Plan. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Cami adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Craigen
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer