



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Silverdale Water District—Large Conference Room**  
**April 14, 2016**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

**Minutes:** Approved for March.

**Treasurer's Report:** The account has a balance of \$5,233.50 with one outstanding check to the City of Bremerton for \$1,005.43.

**New Business:**

- Steve Fries (EPA) gave a presentation on EPA's Climate Ready Water Utilities: Tools and resources for water utilities adapting to the impacts of climate change. Highlights included:
  - The Climate Ready Water Utilities Initiative—offers practical tools for water utilities to plan for climate change. Includes four parts: Learn, Access, Plan, and Collaborate
  - EPA provides a scenario-based climate change map (online now), which covers wettest, hottest, and stormiest years
  - EPA-developed tool called “Workshop Planner for Climate Change and Extreme Events” (Released in spring 2016)—shows users how to organize a workshop; opens line of communication between utilities and other entities
  - CREAT 3.0 (Released in late spring 2016)—provides tools and maps for utilities to do multiple risk assessments of possible climate change impacts. Tools available at [www.epa.gov/crwu](http://www.epa.gov/crwu)

**General Discussion:**

- Sid Williams (Silverdale Water) gave an update on our recent WaterPAK events
  - Home & Garden Show: There was a good turnout and people seemed to really enjoy our giveaways.
  - AWWA Workshop 101 (hosted by Silverdale Water): There was also a good turnout with many people from various utilities—WaterPAK provided breakfast.
  - Water Festival: Mark Morgan (KPUD) manned our WaterPAK booth, educating the different classes on the water cycle using our LaCab display board. Over 1,000 kids were in attendance.
- Jason asked the group to bring any topic ideas to the group for future meeting discussions, including presentation ideas.
- Discussion about L&I's new Retrospective Rating Program
  - If your entity does not have any injuries or violations during the year, L&I will give you a refund at the end of the year.
  - Shawn O'Dell (WA Water) says that they have been using this program for years and find it very beneficial. You pay slightly more through the year, but the return is worth it.
  - Shawn also mentioned an L&I Consultation program that will send an inspector out for a pre-inspection before the actual L&I visit. This program is no-cost and confidential ([Click here for link](#)).



- Discussion about issues with Sensus iPERL meters
  - Skip Beahm (Silverdale Water) talked about the issues Silverdale Water is having with some iPERL meters reading backwards. He contacted a Sensus representative who says that 2.5% of iPERL's fail due to moisture getting into the electronic components. This problem is primarily with meters manufactured prior to July 2014.
  - Other iPERL issues include problems with the leads that go from the meter to the touch-read.
  - Rob Robinson (North Perry Water) said that he has experienced more problems with the iPERLs containing white caps; the black capped ones seem to have less issues. North Perry is transitioning away from iPERLs and moving towards SR II meters, which have been upgraded with a lead-compliant brass.
  - Shawn and Kathleen Cahall (City of Bremerton) mentioned that both of their utilities have changed meter manufactures; this procedure would be a good future meeting topic.
- Discussion about emergency preparedness
  - Jason discussed increasing the level of emergency planning within each utility
  - Kathleen brought up the 2016 Great Washington ShakeOut, which will occur at 10:20 AM on October 20, 2016. Statewide preparation for this event will begin in June. More information can be found at [shakeout.org/washington/](http://shakeout.org/washington/)

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Jason at 11:25 am.