



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District—Large Conference Room
February 9, 2017

Meeting Called to Order Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

Minutes: Shawn O’Dell (WA Water) made a motion to approve the minutes from January. Kyle Galpin (Manchester Water) seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: The current account balance is \$1,766.85. There is an outstanding check for \$173.90 to the City of Bremerton. The annual dues invoices were emailed to purveyors on January 30th.

General Discussion:

- Jason notified the group that Bob Hunter (KPUD) will be the Emergency Management WaterPAK representative; Diana Temple (SWD) is the back-up.
 - Jason talked about a test that KPUD is doing on Bainbridge to test the flow model between their deep aquifer and shallow aquifer over a few months-period. The desired outcome is to see if there is any benefit to only using shallow aquifers in the winter and deeper aquifers in the summer.
 - Kathleen Cahall (City of Bremerton) asked if any systems use mixing systems in their reservoirs. Diana mentioned that Silverdale Water currently has mechanical mixing systems in their two new tanks as well as two other electric ones, which haven’t been installed yet.
 - Diana provided WaterPAK brochures and toilet dye tabs for purveyors to take back to their offices. It was mentioned that Silverdale Water employees give them to customers while meter reading if they discover a leak.
 - Jocelyne Gray (WA DOH DW) mentioned DOH’s pre-construction/consolidation grants, which are being accepted until February 28th.
 - Shawn talked about ERWoW’ one-day classes that are free to utilities who pay an annual fee. The DOH also provides free webinars that cover a range of topics, including sampling techniques.
- Discussion about lead and brass fitting-removal in schools
- Shawn mentioned the current state bill that requires all educational facilities, which were built before 2014, to check for and remove all lead and brass fittings in their service lines. This bill would also make it mandatory for all schools to test individually for lead and copper. There may not be adequate funding in the state budget, however. This rule puts tremendous financial pressure on smaller systems.
 - WA Water and COB are being proactive and voluntarily testing their schools. Kathleen says that Bremerton has been doing corrosion control for several years and have not found any problems—many times, it’s only fixture-specific and once you replace the fixture, the problem is resolved.
- Discussion about Purveyor-specific radio frequency
- Jason talked about having a WaterPAK frequency that can be used to communicate amongst other utilities during an emergency.
 - Shawn says that the Pierce County co-op installed radios at all of their facilities that work together with an emergency frequency—they’re tested once a month.
 - Jason says that Verizon has a plan where, during an emergency, they have priority over other calls.



- Discussion about the recent snow storm and power outages
 - WA Water is in the process of putting auxiliary propane generators at each sites. There were 24 portable generators running on Monday. They've had issues with generators being stolen, but chaining them to plumbing fixtures seems to help. As a precaution, investigative bacteria samples are collected at each site that lost power before carrying out routine sampling.
 - Kathleen talked about the recent issues she had with PSE and the power outage—PSE has not been responding quickly to power outages effecting wells and reservoirs. The group proposed the idea of having a WaterPAK representative meet with PSE to discuss the importance of making water a priority. Sid Williams (Silverdale Water) noted that Silverdale Water has the same issues.
 - The group agreed that it would be helpful to have a direct technical contact at PSE who understands the potential consequences of not having water. The idea of inviting a PSE employee to a WaterPAK meeting was discussed.

- Discussion about after-hours emergency locates
 - Sid mentioned Silverdale Water's policy where employees send an email to Locating, Inc. every time there is a change to the person(s) on call. Other after-hours calls go through CenCom, who then notifies the person on-call.
 - Jason and Shawn both talked about the answering services their utilities use, which distribute the calls accordingly.
 - Kyle explained Manchester Water's procedure where a customer leaves a message, which then pages the person who is on-call, prompting them to listen to the voicemail.
 - Briana Kinash (Spectra Labs) asked how Cencom knows what utility to contact when they get a call.

- Discussion about public notification after a TC/EC-positive sample
 - Shawn talked about their Horizons West Water System in Port Orchard that had an E.coli scare last month. One routine sample tested positive for TC, followed by an investigative sample from the source, which tested positive for EC. The reservoir in question was immediately taken offline and a voluntary boil-water notice was issued. The tank has since been cleaned and is back in service.

- Discussion about KPHD's new rules for Group B and Private well owners
 - Melina Knoop (KPHD) talked about the upcoming revision to the 1999 Drinking Water Ordinance
 - Eric Evans (KPHD) mentioned the upcoming public listening session on March 16th at the Norm Dicks building.
 - Part of the revision states that Group B systems will now pay \$120 (annually) for their operating permits. Other changes to Group B management include required sanitary surveys every five years at the cost of \$327.
 - Private well owners will also be required to pay \$327 for every property sale, which covers the Water Status Report.
 - More information can be found at KPHD's website:
http://www.kitsapcountyhealth.com/environment/drinking_water_regs.php

Adjournment: Shawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple—WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer