



**SAMMAMISH PLATEAU WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**  
**1510 228<sup>TH</sup> Ave. S.E., Sammamish, Washington 98075**

**Minutes**  
**September 14, 2009**

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Commissioner Mary Shustov, President of the Board of Commissioners, called the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District Board of Commissioners study session meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. A quorum represented by Commissioner Mary Shustov, Lloyd Warren, Robert Brady and Robert Abbott was present. Tom Harman was not present. Also present were District staff Ron Little, Jay Regenstreif, Scott Jonas, Angel Barton, Ed Erickson and Asea Sandine. Scott Coffey, CDM Hydrologist, was present. John Milne, District legal counsel, was also present.

**ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- Little requested adding the City of Issaquah ILA Attachment A to the agenda since Scott Coffey, CDM Hydrologist, was present. Commissioner Shustov so moved. Commissioner Warren seconded which carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- There were none.

**A. AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY (ASR)**

Little reported that the District had been injecting into the aquifer since 1993. Little thought it would be a good time to update the Board on where the project is where the project is going and evaluate the cost effectiveness. Little advised Scott Coffey, CDM Hydrologist would give the Board an overview.

Coffey gave the Board an overview of the program history. The District ran permitted operational tests from 1993-2005. In 2005 the District was the first purveyor in the State of Washington to receive a long-term ASR program permit under the new state regulations (10 years for Cascade View, CVAS aquifer system and 10 years for the Plateau Aquifer system, PAS). From 2005 to recent the ASR program has had an annual operation under the new state regulations and 4.5 operational tests have been completed.

The Benefits of ASR is that the program provides: Aquifer sustainability for Well 1R and Well 12R, seasonal storage to meet peak demands, reduces summer withdrawal impacts from aquifers in greater hydraulic connection to salmon bearing streams, potentially opens closed basins for new water rights, groundwater quality improvement, lowers the cost of regional source water and maintained independence from 100% regional water. Coffey advised there is still work to be done regarding the ASR permitting. Department of Ecology approved the aquifer storage but not the recovery. Other permitting issues are: water mounding, water quality changes/compatibility, impact and timing of ASR induced base flow to streams where target aquifers outcrop. Coffey advised that the next steps are to meet with Department of Ecology before the end of the year and submit updated analysis. Coffey had been told by Ecology that they are excited to see a successful program and could be willing to provide credit for ASR.

**B. CITY OF ISSAQUAH – ILA - ATTACHMENT A**

Little reported that at the September 11, 2009 meeting with the City of Issaquah, Issaquah indicated the City would be satisfied if they met drinking water quality. The District would like the water quality to be better than drinking water quality due to the possibility of arsenic and certain other contaminants. However, Issaquah did not agree. Issaquah feels they can meet compliance at the down gradient well. Little expected the City's specific comments on the draft agreement during the week of September 21.

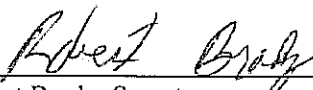
**C. BUDGET**

Little advised that Barton and Erickson were prepared to present the Board with a budget update. Erickson reported the weather was favorable and that the third quarter water revenue had offset the low sewer revenue. Erickson reported the low sewer revenue could be due to the fact customers are conserving or there are more vacancies in the area. Investment income this year is more in line with current market rates.

The Board raised the following concerns in preparation of the upcoming budget: the need for a separate line item for the repair and replacement program, a plan and adjustments for supply and demand, and the need to implement policies before the Board get into next year's budget details. Barton advised the budget process should begin in October.

***ADJOURN***

As there were no further persons to be heard, or business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

  
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Robert Brady, Secretary