

**SALLAL WATER ASSOCIATION**  
**EMERGENCY INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

President Eric O'Brien called to order an emergency meeting of the membership on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:07 pm at the Snoqualmie Casino Ballroom located 37500 SE North Bend Way, Snoqualmie, WA. This meeting was called on an emergency basis to present information to the members regarding the recent water quality incident and water chlorination.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, Trustees Daylin Baker, Gerry Prior, Sheldon Lynn, Harold Ellebracht and Anne Reed were present. Also present were Bob James from Washington State Dept. of Health; Sallal employees Ted Stonebridge, Denny Scott, Tree Bergman and Jessica Besso; Richard Jonson, counsel; and many members.

**INTRODUCTIONS.** The Trustees and Mr. James introduced themselves. Mr. O'Brien thanked the Snoqualmie Tribe for use of the ballroom and for providing many pallets of bottled water, all without charge.

**SITUATION OVERVIEW AND UPDATES.** Mr. O'Brien presented a map of the system on a projection slide showing approximate well and water sampling locations. He reviewed the Association's regular sampling procedures and the extra procedures undertaken when positive samples for coliform bacteria and ecoli were discovered. He reviewed the member notification process and urged members to provide their contact information to the Association and to sign up for King County Emergency Management notifications. He stated that arrangements have been made with the local Safeway and QFC for members to pick up bottled water at no charge. He stated that the system was being chlorinated manually and equipment for automatic injection has been ordered. He noted that one original sample at the Well No. 2 was positive but subsequent samples were negative. Nevertheless, DOH is requiring chlorine injection at the well head if Well No. 2 is to resume production. He stated that no security breaches of the system have been discovered and the source of bacteria has not been located. He stated DOH will require some form of disinfection for the system and that the Board will explore disinfection options.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS AND RESPONSES.** Mr. O'Brien presented a summation of written questions from the members concerning the extent and duration of chlorination, steps to be taken to avoid similar events in the future, sickness events, boiling of water, handwashing, bathing and cooking procedures, and notification procedures. Mr. James responded to many of the questions and reiterated that DOH considers the water safe for handwashing, bathing, washing of fruits and vegetables and tableware as long as everything is dried. He said that the water should not be ingested unless it is first boiled. He stated that DOH has not received any notifications of any sickness.

**OPEN-MIKE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS.** Questions continued from the members regarding details about the bacteria strains and sources, damage claims, bathing of children and nursing mothers, chlorination, testing laboratories, use of reserve funds, backflow prevention, sources of well water and future plans for disinfection. Messrs. James, O'Brien, Stonebridge and Bergman responded. Regarding the prospect of long-term disinfection, Mr. O'Brien stated that as the Board studies the situation, information will be provided to the members and member input will be invited.

**RECAP.** Mr. O'Brien stated that the immediate goal was to remove the boil water notice and the Association hopes to be able to do that by the mid part of next week after the system is fully chlorinated and, as required by DOH, two sets of system wide sampling is conducted at least 24 hours apart.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Jonson, counsel