



American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

Report from Water Resources Committee 2017 PNWS-AWWA Spring Board of Trustees Meeting

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PNWS-AWWA Water Resources Committee

Who we are - Members of the Water Resource Committee (WRC) include engineers, consultants, planning professionals, water resource managers, utility managers and academics.

What we do - We develop forums to share experiences and expertise and discover innovative solutions together to meet the challenges of increasing water demand, complex regulatory constraints, source water protection needs, and forecast issues of changing water availability due to climate change. Our goal is to aid the drinking water supply community to meet these challenges more successfully through collaboration.

Succession Planning

WRC leadership welcomes Jeremy Hudson as committee Secretary and will move into the Vice Chair position in May. We will be seeking a Secretary for the coming service year.

When Jill steps down as chair in May, she expects to serve as past-Chair for WRC and co-chair for Public Information Committee simultaneously.

WRC Activities & Events 2017

- Monthly planning meetings 3rd Thursday of the month 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. We welcome fresh ideas for webinar and conference presentation topics!
- No-host socials
- We are in the planning stage for a summer field trip. Portland Water Bureau has offered to host a tour of its Washington Park Reservoir Project.
- Fall and winter Lunch-n-Learn webinar dates and topics to be decided.
- PNWS Annual conference technical session(s) and social near the venue.
- We are considering planning a topical session for the AWWA national conference to be held in Portland in November, to promote WRC participation to a new audience.
- We are exploring ideas and member interest in working with the Training Coordination Committee to develop a module for The Basics Training Series.

February Lunch-n-Learn

WRC hosted 17 registered attendees for our February Lunch-n-Learn webinar, presented by Toni Smith of Landau Associates. In spite of weird technical difficulties with the audio portion of the webcast, the content was well received. The topic, Assessing Water Availability in Washington State, was of great interest to our membership and beyond.

We have recently learned of other avenues to promote Water Resource Committee webinars, and we hope to increase our level of outreach for the Fall Lunch-n-Learn.

Tri-Cities 2017 Technical Sessions

WRC has been involved with putting together two technical sessions for 2017:

- Conservation as a source of supply (co-sponsored with the Water Conservation Committee)
- Water resource planning in response to climate change

For more information on WRC activities or to provide input please contact DeEtta Fosbury DFosbury@gsiws.com 971-200-8532.