



American Water Works Association
Pacific Northwest Section



PNWS AWWA
ORWARN Committee Report
2017 Winter Trustee Meeting
Vancouver, WA
February 1-3, 2017

2016-2017 Board Members

Current Board members are:

Mary Ellen Collentine, Portland Water Bureau, Chair
Chris Wanner, Portland Water Bureau, Vice-Chair
Gina Johnson, City of Klamath Falls, Secretary
Michelle Owen, City of Baker City, At-Large
Jeremiah Hunt, Eugene Water and Electric Board, At-Large
Ronnie Mompellier, Portland Environmental Services, At-Large
Chris Miccolis, City of Redmond, At-Large
Stephanie Penselin, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Treasurer

2017 Goals

The Board set 4 goals for 2017. They are:

- Concentrate on outreach activities, especially to wastewater utility members
- Sponsor training and exercises during the year
- Coordinate and communicate with OEM, EM and Regulators
- Secure funding and update the website to be more responsive to members

ORWARN Improvement Planning

ORWARN has continued to work with the EPA through the Horsley Witten Group to improve ORWARN. The goals in this plan are: promote membership benefits and increase the number of utilities in the state that are ORWARN members, explore further coordination opportunities with state agencies including Oregon Drinking Water Services and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, continue to increase coordination between ORWARN, water sector utilities and all levels of emergency management

agencies and discuss and exercise ORWARN as part of water sector training throughout the state. The Board continues to work on these improvement goals and have one more improvement planning meeting scheduled to discuss milestones and action items to continue movement on these goals.

Operational Plan Training and Field Training Exercise

Several of ORWARN's Board members are working on coordinating a field training exercise to take place in Redmond to demonstrate slip-lining for wastewater pipes. This was originally slated for the Fall of 2016 but due to coordination difficulties has been moved to early Spring, 2017. The target dates are March 21 and 22, 2017.

2017 Conference/Track Planning

The ORWARN Board is currently committed to providing presentations at the following conferences:

- EPA, Water, Wastewater and Emergency Services Workshop, February 15, 2017
- Presentations at the OAWU conference, March 10, 2017
- Cascade To Coast Short School table top exercise, March 15, 2017
- Full day track at the Oregon Operators' Conference, April, 4, 2017
- Half day track at PNWS-AWWA, May 5, 2017 and an early bird session May 4

Membership and Outreach

ORWARN currently has 123 member utilities and 14 associate members.

In an effort to include more membership agencies in the monthly Board meetings, October, 2016's meeting was held in Salem. The Board will continue to take meetings on the road throughout 2017.

Board members continue to participate in various outreach activities.

Website

Several ORWARN Board members also attended a webinar coordinated by Horsley Witten and the EPA that gave us a look at other WARN websites. ORWARN is brainstorming how to incorporate some of the ideas we saw from others into our own website.

ORWARN Activations/Help Requests

During the storms of early winter 2017, ORWARN members have reached out to other members requesting aid/help for the City of Idanha. The City of Salem and EWEB both responded to this request. Salem sent a 5 person crew and equipment to do snow removal. EWEB sent a 4 person crew to help with leak detection. The State OEM also reached out to ORWARN seeking potential assistance to the City of Nyssa. The city of Klamath Falls reached out to ORWARN membership for help with a wastewater pump and received 4 responses and assistance.