



The WAWARN Committee is still struggling. The network works fine but committee structure could be better.

WAWARN has 96 member utilities, several new members this fall and winter. Several of our members have not entered information about their Mutual Aid Agreement, attempts have been made to get them to correct this, mostly unsuccessful. The web site is operational. Many notices relating to security or emergency planning were sent this quarter including some on cybersecurity. The members were asked to update their contact list.

We will attempt to have an ID – WA – OR joint Committee Meeting in Tri-Cities.

The WAWARN is mostly a web site with a process to track the Mutual Aid Agreements and where members can request assistance. There appears to be little or no interest in having meetings. I remain open to ideas about how WAWARN can be more than it currently is.

I will not be attending PNWS winter meeting this year. However I attended the national WARN Chairs meeting in Phoenix and a meeting to discuss Pacific Northwest Interstate Mutual Aid with Region 10 EPA. There is a national move to try to make helping across state lines easy. The meeting with ID and OR was November 9 & 10 in Pasco.

We also had an EPA sponsored TXX tabletop exercise on November 8 in Pasco. The Central Washington Sub-Section did the registration and advertisement for the event. The exercise was two fold, helping to recruit new members and the exercise was an ice storm event.

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