



American Water Works Association
Pacific Northwest Section

2019 PNWS-AWWA Conference Vancouver Local Arrangement Committee Report

The City of Vancouver and members of the Local Arrangement Committee (LAC) are excited to host the 2019 Section conference. Several LAC meetings have taken place to-date and several decisions have been made. Members of the LAC include co-chairs Tyler Clary and Tyler Wubben as well as Erika Murphy, Michelle Henry, Brian Wilson, John Roth and Bob Ward.

The Columbia River plays a vital role to this community and the entire northwest and is the reason that Vancouver is located where it is. The river has been and will continue to be the lifeblood of the area. The Vancouver 2019 Local Arrangements Committee has chosen the conference tagline “A River Runs Through It” to represent that this is not only a Vancouver conference, but in reality a Vancouver/Portland metro area conference. A theme centered around the largest and most important river in the northwest, which happens to be within close walking distance of the convention center is appropriate.

The following tagline and logo are submitted for the boards review and approval:



The Hilton Hotel and Convention Center is reserved for the conference in 2019. Within walking distance of the convention center lies a \$1.5 billion project to redevelop over 32 acres of former industrial property at the Vancouver Waterfront. Hotels that were planned to be complete as part of this development prior to the conference are unfortunately behind schedule and are no longer planned to be open until mid-2019. To compensate for the lack of hotels within close proximity of the convention center, shuttles will be arranged from additional hotels. These hotels are within approximately 1.5 miles of the convention center.

The committee is currently working on our booth for the Tacoma conference. Facility walk-throughs will be scheduled for May, with budget preparation commencing in early summer. Discussions around fun night options, golf and other conference activities have begun. The LAC will continue these discussions and looks forward to working with the event planner in the coming months.