



Small Systems Committee Report, January 2018 *For Winter Trustees Meeting*

We've updated our website, and have three separate pages of resources for all three states, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. We're still waiting for an Oregon contact, but on the Idaho and Washington pages, we've reached out to DOH, and DEQ, and have links for information on Consumer Confidence Reporting, Training Calendars, and Grants and Loans information.

Each state has slightly different requirements. Washington has a Water Use Efficiency Report, and an Annual Summary Report due each year from DOH. We've provided links to access these.

We're trying to provide a site that provides quick and easy pertinent information on one page that a busy small utility can go to, and get quick information. We're trying to respect their limitations in time and resources.

We've also tried to make ourselves accessible. It was our first thought to send postcards to small utilities, gather up all the information of where these utilities were. During that project, we found that so many water operators were working multiple districts. Some of the mailing addresses filed with the state wouldn't even reach the water operator, and we feared a "gatekeeper" would most likely toss the info in the trash. So we came up with the idea of providing a valuable service or tool, in having these resource pages available, and hoping to spread it word of mouth, and build it up that way. We've actually received a small response in recent months, and hope to keep growing it. We have a small mailing list we've compiled of people that have reached out to us, and intend to start using that to email info of free training, upcoming webinars, and possible reminders that we're here to help with any questions they have on forms. We've found amongst the water people that when you have a good reliable service, people will share it with others. State regulators have expressed a great interest in our project, because it's one more way to get their information out there.

We're hoping too, somehow we can tie this into the PNWS Community Engineering Corps, where if we find or hear of a small utility that needs aid, or is out of compliance, we can assist them.

Our Co-Chairs are Bob Cunningham and Lance Peterson, who are both experienced with small utilities. Our Vice President is Michelle Johnson, an Engineer from JUB, who is working on a small system training track for the 2019 Conference, and our secretary and web update is Maura Kegley.

Committee webpage: <https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/small-systems-committee/>

Respectfully submitted,
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