



PNWS – AWWA Water Conservation Committee Fall Update September 19, 2018

PNWS – AWWA Conference in Vancouver, WA

The PNWS Water Conservation Committee is excited to announce that our technical track “Water Conservation, Water Loss & Reuse”. It is our goal to provide conservation information relevant to a diverse audience including, water resource managers, water conservation and efficiency experts, data scientists, engineers, and more. We are looking forward to presentations on alternative water supplies and hearing about successful conservation programs from local leaders.

Summer Committee Meeting

On August 9th the Water Conservation Committee held our Annual Summer Meeting in Portland, Oregon. Nineteen members from Oregon and Washington attended the meeting.

The meeting started with a special guest speaker from Denver Water. Phill Segura gave an overview of the Denver’s Water Conservation Program. Denver’s population has done up while their demand has stayed level due largely to conservation efforts. Denver ran a large scale *Use Only What You Need* campaign that was highly successful. Their Direct Install program, offering free devices (including ultra-high efficient toilets) saved one customer 30.8 million gallons annually.



This was followed by an informative briefing on the status of Oregon Executive Order 17-20 Improving State Standards for Appliances.

Portland Water gave a brief overview of their Commercial Water Efficiency Program and Widmer Brothers Brewing. After Sarah’s presentation we walked to the Widmer Brothers Brewing facility in North Portland and participated in a tour provided by Julia Person, Sustainability Manager.

Next Committee Meeting

Julie Smitherman will be representing the Conservation Committee at the Trustee meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in October.

Leadership

We are actively seeking a new Vice Chair. Members new and old are encouraged to reach out about this position. Officer roles are a great way to gain skills, share knowledge, and broaden your network. Reach out to ssearle@beavertonoregon.gov for more information.

Stay Connected and Informed!

Want to join the Conservation Committee or receive emails about upcoming meetings and events? Please contact Committee Officers, Sarah Santner at sarah.santner@portlandoregon.gov or Shelley Searle at ssearle@beavertonoregon.gov for more information.