



American Water Works Association  
**Pacific Northwest** Section



PNWS AWWA  
ORWARN Committee Report  
2018 Fall Trustees Meeting  
April 24, 2018  
Coeur d'Alene Resort  
Coeur d'Alene, ID

### **2018-2019 Board Members**

Current Board members are:

Chris Wanner, Portland Water Bureau, Chair  
Jeremiah Hunt, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Vice-Chair  
Gina Johnson, City of Klamath Falls, Secretary  
Stephanie Penselin, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Treasurer  
Michelle Owen, City of Baker City, At-Large  
Dwayne Barnes, City of Salem, At-Large  
Ronnie Mompellier, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, At-Large  
Ken Vaughan, City of Bend, At-Large

### **2018 Goals**

The Board set 6 goals for 2018. They are:

- Outreach to increase wastewater memberships
- Training and exercises
- State OEM participation
- Non-utility mutual aid (Counties, et al)
- Website Improvements
- Stranded Work Agreement finalization and distribution to members

### **2018 ORWARN Conference**

ORWARN's 2018 conference just concluded on September 19th. The conference was held at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. This location was chosen in order to attract attendees from Washington as well as Oregon. The conference theme was: "In the Wake of a Disaster" Continuity Planning and Recovery for All Hazards. Attendees had 19 different presentations to choose from over the two days. 51 people attended.

### **Water Operational Plan Training and Field Training Exercise 2018**

After the success of the wastewater operational plan training and field exercise earlier in 2017, ORWARN Board decided to coordinate a similar training for the water sector. The location and dates are still being worked on.

### **Membership and Outreach**

ORWARN currently has 133 member utilities and 14 associate members. In order to help facilitate response during emergency times, the Board is working on a plan to bring more associate members into the group, such as local county emergency managers.

### **Website**

The ORWARN Board has been exploring ways to improve the ORWARN website. The website is 10 years old and in need of a major overhaul. Board Members have been communicating with other WARNs gathering ideas for improvements that allow resource requests to be sent out by a member to the entire membership, resource request tracking, notifications to Emergency Management Agencies (County and State), and other improvements that will make the website much more user friendly and a better tool that members can use during an activation. The Board has obtained two cost proposals, one from the original website developer and one from a vendor that has a more "cookie cutter" style site. The Board is currently vetting out pros and cons to both sites/vendors and also exploring avenues with which to finance the upgrade.

### **Stranded Worker Agreement**

In coordination with the Regional Waters Provider Consortium, ORWARN will be finalizing an agreement that will be presented to ORWARN members for inter-utility stranded worker sharing post significant disaster. Many questions were raised at the recently concluded conference which need to be addressed.