



American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

Distribution System Committee Report - Winter 2019

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Training

On October 4th, the Engineering Committee and the Distribution Committee hosted a joint training workshop titled “Distribution System Resiliency: Prioritization, Assessment, and Replacement or Rehabilitation” at The City of Vancouver Water Resource Education Center. The workshop consisted of multiple presenters from several speakers focusing on Prioritization of capital funds used for utility asset replacement or rehabilitation. The training was a full day course with lunch provided that offered attendees 0.6 CEU’s in Washington and Oregon. The cost was \$90 for AWWA Members and \$100 for non-members. The target audience were Asset Management Staff, Engineers, Operators, and System Managers.

The training was originally scheduled for August, however very few registrations were received. Based on the low number of potential attendees, the decision was made to reschedule the event to October rather than just cancelling. The location of the event remained in Vancouver, WA to provide CEU training for both Oregon and Washington and make the workshop appealing to a larger number of attendees. The result was a very successful event that received more than 57 early registrations with additional unregistered participants who also attended. We believe the success was due to the topic covered, the time of year, and location of the event. The Distribution and Engineering Committees are continuing to discuss how to offer this workshop in other areas as well as provide other joint committee training options and topics.

2019 Conference

The DSC has assembled a full tract of classes for the Conference in Tacoma, including a pre-conference seminar. The focus themes are Water Planning / Modeling, Water Loss, Seismic Resiliency, Asset Rehabilitation, and Metering.

Meetings

At our annual membership conference meeting, we will be conducting the election of officers for the upcoming year and are looking forward to having new individuals involved in our committee and fill in the current vacancies on our team. We will be reviewing our training goals for 2019 and advancing the planning future programs currently in development. We will continue to work towards a regular bi-monthly virtual meeting utilizing the Section’s GoToMeeting account and conference call services.