



American Water Works Association  
**Pacific Northwest** Section



### **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

### **2019 Goals**

The Board set 5 goals for 2019. They are:

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

### **2019 Conference Participation**

ORWARN has developed a ½ day tabletop exercise to present at the PNCWA conference in September, 2019. Abstract has been submitted.

### **2019 Outreach**

The Board President, Chris Wanner, is presenting ORWARN at the Oregon Tribal Preparedness meeting in the middle of February in North Bend, Oregon. He is also presenting as keynote speaker at the Eastern Oregon Operators Conference on emergency preparedness and how ORWARN fits into these plans.

### **Water Operational Plan Training and Field Training Exercise 2019**

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 out.

### **Membership and Outreach**

ORWARN currently has 136 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. Chris is meeting with the OEMA conference planning group to see what role water/wastewater has and any intersect with ORWARN that would benefit members of OEMA. Outreach to this group will include attempting to sign up all county EM's as associate ORWARN members.

Other outreach efforts include having ORWARN information included in electronic information sharing efforts and pamphlets produced by OEMA and OWUC. Reached out to OAWU to have ORWARN information included in their communications with their members as well.

### **Website**

The ORWARN Board continues to work on the website improvement goal. We are currently working on the funding piece. A grant has been submitted and we await an answer. The Board is continuing to gather ideas for features on the website.