



## Water Science Division Report

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As the Trustee Liaison for the Water Science Division, consisting of Research Committee, Water Resource Committee, Water Quality Committee, and Treatment Committee, I respectfully submit this brief Division report which includes highlights of current work from each Committee. In addition to the Water Sciences Division, I will be reporting on the Program Committee activities.

This quarter's highlight for the Water Science Division is a significant portion of the technical program for the 2022 annual conference in Tacoma. The division will have a total of 9 sessions, to be delivered on Thursday and Friday. The Water Quality committee is also coordinating the Best-Tasting Water Contest, which will be held on Wednesday evening.

All of the Water Science committees are focused on preparing for the conference in April. The Water Treatment committee is also busy working on:

- An in-person site tour of the Bullitt Foundation WTP in Seattle in February
- A spring virtual workshop related to "Back to Basics" for WTPs, with topics to intertwine resiliency with source water quality, coagulation optimization, filtration, and disinfection.
- Developing a draft guideline document to memorialize how the Water Treatment committee approaches the conference, annual workshop, and quarterly meetings, etc. They hope to have something by end of April.

Program Committee – With the completion of the 2021 webinars, Jill and DeEtta have been able to revert back to the normal conference planning timeline. The 2022 program has been finalized, and CEUs have been approved by Oregon. Approval by Washington and Idaho is pending. There are assorted tasks remaining in the run-up to the conference, including providing data for the mobile conference app and the CEU scanners, and working with moderators to stay on top of any changes in speakers. They will also begin work on the 2023 conference in April.

My thanks to everyone who's volunteering their time and efforts in leading their committees.

### **Research Committee**

Chair - Anna Vosa, Portland Water Bureau  
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Secretary - Andrew Nishihara, Stantec

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**Water Quality Committee**

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Chair - Jacob Krall, Geosyntec

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**Conference Program Committee**

Chair - DeEtta Fosbury, GSI Water Solutions

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