



## Report as of 4/24/2025

### Utility Operations Division

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### Committees

- Subsection Advisory Committee
- Distribution Systems Committee
- Engineering Committee

❓ General Observations

#### ❓ Subsection Advisory Committee-

(Chair) Amerika Stodola – [amerika.stodola@covingtonwater.com](mailto:amerika.stodola@covingtonwater.com)

(Vice Chair) Bill Reynolds – [billr@paceengrs.com](mailto:billr@paceengrs.com)

(Secretary) Vacant – **Looking for volunteers.**

(Western Washington Coordinator) Tom Keown [Thomas.keown@covingtonwater.com](mailto:Thomas.keown@covingtonwater.com)

(Tapping Coordinator) Ray Foster – [rfoster@spokanecity.org](mailto:rfoster@spokanecity.org)

(Meter Challenge Coordinator) Chris Hicks – [chicks@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:chicks@cityoftacoma.org)

(Hydrant Hysteria Coordinator) Pat Everham – [teverham@ci.richland.wa.us](mailto:teverham@ci.richland.wa.us)

(Top Ops Coordinator) Bill Reynolds – [breyolds@ci.tacoma.wa.us](mailto:breyolds@ci.tacoma.wa.us)

(Gimmicks & Gadget Coordinator) – Ryan Murphy –

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- SAC Committee needs to fill the Secretary position.
  - Recruit Secretary at the Subsection level and the PNWS Conference.
  - State Coordinators – Still need to assess the need for these positions.
  - Gimmicks & Gadgets new coordinator, Ryan Murphy
  - Tapping new coordinator, Ray Foster
- Subsection Board Roles and Responsibilities Template
  - SAC delayed creating Roles & Responsibilities as this will be a bigger project, now estimated draft in Fall.
  - Will pull focus group of like positions to ensure needs are identified and met.
  - Plan to have SAC Coordinator Roles & Responsibilities identified also.
- Subsection Coordination Trainings
  - MEDC continues to showcase the Subsection member support feature for current and expiring memberships, providing valuable tools for communication, and backfilling open positions.



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- Competition Confirmed Participants
  - Tapping (Men's & Women's)
  - Hydrant Hysteria (Men's & Women's)
  - Meter Madness
  - Top Ops
  - Gimmicks & Gadgets
- Subsection Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting (updates) 12/19/2024
  - All Subsection board members invited, typically 1-2 board members attend.
  - MEDC presented membership database.
  - Scholarship committee spoke about process.
  - Utility Management Committee shared "Workforce Development" training opportunity.
- Subsection participation
  - Creating ways to engage low participation (two Subsections). Offers to assist haven't been successful.
  - May enlist assistance of neighboring Subsections to nudge neighbors and rally interest.
- Integrating Subsection Chairs into the SAC committee
  - SAC continues to encourage each Subsection's attendance (minimum of one member) of each Subsection Board during quarterly meetings.
  - SAC board members have attended several Subsection meetings and events as time permits.
- SAC Website
  - Annual reports submitted with links to examples.
  - Competition forms and contact information link provided.
  - Goal is for Roles to be posted late 2026.
  - Anticipate creating future "Open Positions" where Subsections can post the need for Volunteers in any open roles to solicit interest.

**? Distribution Systems**

(Chair) - James Southern – [jsouther@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:jsouther@cityoftacoma.org)

(Vice-Chair) –

(Secretary) – Aurelie Nabonnand – [Anabonnand@carollo.com](mailto:Anabonnand@carollo.com)

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They have monthly meetings scheduled and will be working on filling vacant positions.

Tonya has contacted the committee and will be stepping aside for now but may reach out in the future.



The Committee continues to work on building membership, providing section trainings, safety, and developing the 2025 Conference technical session program.

- o Planning & development of the 2025 Conference technical sessions- Boise
- o James Southern-City of Tacoma continues to lead the resurrection of the safety component to the committee. We are identifying safety training topics for the section. We will be reaching out to subsections to see if we can recruit a Safety liaison from each subsection to attend meetings so that we can increase involvement across the Section.
- o The committee communicated with the LCS to start discussions on a training together.
- o Reached out to Eugene Water & Electric and will be discussing the attendance of Lance Hughes to the safety program within the water distribution committee. They have been awarded the Wendell LaDue Utility Safety Award several times in the past so we are excited to have Lance attend the meetings.

## **Engineering**

(Chair) Greg Loscher [gloscher@bowencollins.com](mailto:gloscher@bowencollins.com)

(Vice Chair) Dan Shafar – [dan.shafar@jacobs.com](mailto:dan.shafar@jacobs.com)

(Secretary) Evelyn Choudhary – [ChoudharyE@bv.com](mailto:ChoudharyE@bv.com)

- o The committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month via Teams. They typically have 8 to 12 committee members attend the meetings.
- o Committee members are actively attempting to recruit new members.
- o The committee is looking forward to the Annual Section Conference in Boise in May. They have a full technical track of presentations.
- o Training & Tours:
  - The committee has scheduled a pump training and plant tour for June 4. This will be a ½-day training.
  - The committee hosted a Willamette Water Supply WTP tour on March 28. They had 17 attendees.
  - The committee is working on a construction inspection workshop/training for engineers and operators, likely for fall 2025.
- o Submittals for Excellence in Engineering Awards were received in March. Winners were as follows:
  - Project: Water Station 5 Reservoirs and Pump Station Replacement  
Owner: City of Vancouver, Washington  
Engineer: Jacobs  
Contractor: Rotschy  
Category: Large Project
  - Project: Pikes Peak Reservoir  
Owner: City of Bellevue, Washington  
Engineer: Consor



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Contractor: Harbor Pacific Contractors  
Category: Small Project

- Members of the committee were also active in participation in Engineers week in local schools this spring. This included Andreas Olshausen in Kirkland, Washington who built a working water distribution system model and hosted demonstrations and education at the Marysville Pilchuck High School STEM Like Me day, as well as Jesse Fields, who led a contingent participating in the Mid Willamette Valley Future Engineers Day in Salem, Oregon.