



Oregon Water Resources Congress

2017 District Managers' Workshop

The Inn at Spanish Head, Lincoln City, Oregon

DRAFT Agenda

Thursday, March 23rd

- 10:00** Welcome & Introductions
- 10:10** Legislative & Rulemaking Update
April Snell & Lauren Smith, OWRC
- 10:50** Tips for Improved Safety & Reduced Liability: District Security & Safety Issues, Employee Management, Technology & Privacy Concerns
Scott Neufeld, Special Districts Association of Oregon
- 12:00** Buffet Lunch
- 1:05** Roundtable Discussions
- 3:05** Break
- 3:35** Flow Measurement Devices & Techniques
Jim Newton, Newton Consultants
- 3:55** Tips for Managing Easements, Rights-of-Way, Urbanization & Encroachment Issues
Kirk Maag, Stoel Rives
- 4:35** Hydro Caucus Meeting – Open to all districts interested in hydropower
- 5:00** Adjourn
- 5:30** Social hour (with no host-bar)
- 6:00** Buffet Dinner with OWRC Board of Directors
- 8:00-11:00** OWRC Hospitality Suite
Join fellow attendees for informal networking with complimentary beverages, snacks, and a TV to watch NCAA regional basketball game(s)

Potential Roundtable Discussion Topics

Additional topics can be suggested at workshop & priority topics will be selected by attendees

- GIS & Water Right Mapping
- SCADA & Telemetry
- Updated technology for office and field staff (using tablets, cloud-based computing)
- Working with Other Government Entities (ODOT, ODFW, Counties, Cities, etc.)
- Working with Developers: Policies and Practices
- Water Quality Challenges & Best Management Practices
- ORS 190 Organizations (pros, cons)
- Water Use Reporting
- Solar Projects
- District Communication Efforts
- Canal Lining/Repair & Piping Projects (discussion of products used, etc.)
- Managing Crop Conflicts (GMO crop contamination, organic crop issues)
- Healthcare and Other Personnel Management Issues
- ESA Listings/Critical Habitat Designations
- Transitioning District Managers (tips for new managers, challenges of preparing to retire, etc.)

All Managers are encouraged to attend the OWRC Board Meeting on Friday, March 24th starting at 9:00 AM. A plated breakfast will be served at starting 7:00 (additional \$19/per person).