WSWRA 2023 Annual Conference

Davenport Hotel, Spokane Nov. 29 – Dec. 1

Wednesday, November 29th

9 am -11:15 pm Legislative Committee – John Reed Board Room

-Mike Schwisow, WSWRA Government Relations-Dale Nellor, NWRA Executive Vice President

-Dillon Kuehn, Water Strategies-Mark Limbaugh, The Ferguson Group

-John Stuhlmiller, WSWRA Executive Director

12:00 pm Registration - Hall of the Doges Foyer

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Briefing - Grand Pennington Ballroom

-Scott Revell, Manager, Roza Irrigation District

-Urban Eberhart, Manager, Kittitas Reclamation District

-Wendy Christensen, YRBWEP Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Yakima

-Walter Larrick, Consultant for Yakima Basin Joint Board

-Tom Tebb, Director, Office of Columbia River, Department of Ecology

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm **Break**

2:15 pm – 4:15 pm Irrigation Workshop - Grand Pennington Ballroom

-Dan Haller

Water banking as a tool for irrigation districts

-Kellie Gillingham, Dept of Ecology

"Case study" of work in the Skagit related to telemetry, etc. for remote areas or smaller districts.

-Justin Bush, Aquatic Invasive Species Policy Coordinator, WDFW

 -Jesse Schultz, Aquatic Invasive Species Unit Prevention Lead, WDFW Washington's Quagga and Zebra Mussel Prevention and Response Readiness

-Anna Franz, KenisonFranz

Is sales tax due on all irrigation district purchasing?

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Welcome Reception - Hall of the Doges Foyer

Thursday, November 30th

7:45 am - 9 am Headliner Breakfast - Marie Antoinette Ballroom

- Jennifer Carrington, Regional Director Bureau of Reclamation

Opening General Session

9 am -Mike LaPlant, WSWRA President

Welcome / Opening Remarks

9:05 am - 10 am Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control Permit/Aquatic Life Toxics Criteria

-Danielle Edelman, Ecology -Bryson Finch, Ecology

10 am - 10:15 am **Break**

10:15 am -11:15 am Ag economic impact discussion

-Jaclyn Hancock, WSDA-Madison Roy, WSDA

11:15 am - 12 pm **Ecology Update**

-Laura Watson, Director, Department of Ecology

12:15 pm WSWRA Awards Luncheon - Marie Antoinette Ballroom

-WSWRA Water Resources Leadership Award

-WSWRA Distinguished Service Award -WSWRA Water Statesman Award

-WSWRA Legacy Award

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Keynote - Grand Pennington Ballroom

-Derek Sandison, Director, WSDA

2:45 pm Break

3:15 pm WSWRA General Membership Meeting - Grand Pennington Ballroom
3:50 pm WSWRA Board of Directors Meeting - Grand Pennington Ballroom

Friday, December 1nd

8 am – 9 am Headliner Breakfast - Marie Antoinette Ballroom

-Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance

9:30 am – 10:30 am Riparian Roundtable Update

-Peter Dykstra, Plauche & Carr

10:30 am - 10:40 am Break

10:40 am - 11:50 am

Legal Review

-Matt Jantz, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

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