

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

Water banking as a tool for irrigation districts

- Dan Haller, PE, CWRE, Aspect Consulting, LLC

“Case study” of work in the Skagit related to telemetry, ect. For remote areas or smaller districts.

- Kellie Gillingham, Department of Ecology

Quagga & Zebra Mussel prevention and response readiness.

- Justin Bush, Aquatic Invasive Species Policy Coordinator, Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Jesse Schultz, Aquatic Invasive Species Unit Prevention Lead, Department of Fish & Wildlife

Is sales tax due on all irrigation district purchasing?

- Anna Franz, KenisonFranz

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Welcome Reception - Hall of the Doges Foyer

Thursday, November 30th

7:45 am – 8:50 am

Headliner Breakfast - Marie Antoinette Ballroom

- Jennifer Carrington, Regional Director Bureau of Reclamation

- 9 am **Opening General Session**
-Mike LaPlant, WSWRA President
Welcome / Opening Remarks
- 9:05 am - 10 am **Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control Permit/Aquatic Life Toxics Criteria**
-Danielle Edelman, Department of Ecology
-Bryson Finch, Department of Ecology
- 10 am - 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:15 am -11:15 am **Riparian Roundtable Updated**
-Peter Dykstra, Plauche & Carr
- 11:15 am - 12 pm **Headliner- Ecology Happenings**
-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, Department of Agriculture
- 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 **News From DC**
-Dale Nellor, NWRA Executive Vice President
-Dillon Kuehn, Water Strategies
-Mark Limbaugh, The Ferguson Group
- 10:30 am - 10:40 am **Break**
- 10:40 am – 11:50 am **Key Legal Activity in Washington**
-Matt Janz, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

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