



IACC

INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE
COORDINATING COUNCIL

2024 CONFERENCE

October 22-24, 2024

Wenatchee Convention Center



General Information

What is IACC?

The Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Washington communities identify and obtain resources they need to develop, improve, and maintain infrastructure. It consists of staff from state and federal agencies, tribal organizations, local government associations, and nonprofit technical assistance organizations.

IACC is a unique organization that has enhanced the relationships between government agencies and communities in Washington for over 30 years. Communities and IACC, working together, are better able to provide the infrastructure necessary to enhance, preserve, and protect Washington's environment and quality of life. IACC is governed by four Board Officers and six Board Members.

What does IACC do?

IACC's purpose is to improve the delivery of infrastructure assistance, both financial and technical, to local governments in Washington State. It does this by keeping its members informed of changes in infrastructure programs or services and in providing opportunities to network and gain information:

- IACC sponsors this annual statewide conference where state and federal programs assisting local governments with infrastructure needs convene to share information about their programs with these potential users.
- IACC provides technical assistance to communities by bringing together the appropriate funding and technical assistance representatives with community members to collaborate on specific projects.

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Keynote Speaker



Denny Heck is humbled to serve as Washington's 17th Lieutenant Governor. First elected in 2020, Lieutenant Governor Heck brings to the office a lifetime of experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

As Lieutenant Governor, he is the President of the Washington State Senate and Chair of the Senate Rules Committee. He also serves as Acting Governor whenever Governor Inslee is out of the state. In addition to these constitutional duties, the Lieutenant Governor is designated other duties in state law. Lieutenant Governor Heck currently serves on the Advisory Committee of the Export Import Bank of the United States and is a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors.

Lieutenant Governor Heck previously served as the first United States Representative from Washington's 10th Congressional District. While in Congress, he served on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the House Financial Services Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee.

Prior to his service in Congress, Lieutenant Governor Heck successfully grew several small businesses in Washington State. One of those small businesses, which specializes in workplace education, started in Olympia with only two employees and grew to more than 300 people throughout the United States. Lieutenant Governor Heck was also an original investor in Real Networks, the digital entertainment company that pioneered streaming media on the Internet.

A strong advocate of open government, in 1993 Lieutenant Governor Heck cofounded TVW to provide the people of Washington State greater accessibility to their state government. TVW has grown into the nation's preeminent statewide public affairs network. While at TVW, the Lieutenant Governor hosted the renowned public affairs program Inside Olympia and won an Emmy for a documentary he wrote, produced, and directed.

Early in his career, Lieutenant Governor Heck served his community in the State House of Representatives. Elected to five terms, he was chosen by his colleagues to serve as House Majority Leader before retiring in 1986. While in the State House, Lieutenant Governor Heck was one of the prime authors of the state's historic Basic Education Act. After his time in the Legislature, he served as Chief of Staff to Governor Booth Gardner during his second term.

Lieutenant Governor Heck was born in Vancouver, Washington and graduated from The Evergreen State College in 1973. He has been married since 1976 to Paula Fruci Heck, an educator who began her career as a teacher and retired as principal at Jefferson Middle School in Olympia. He and Paula have lived in Olympia since 1985. They have two sons, Bob and Trey, and are grandparents to Maleah and Kal, and Cameron Grace.

Conference Events

Sessions

Session schedule is provided on pages 5-8.

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Speaker Bios are provided on pages 22-37.

Continuing Education Unit (CEU) provided on pages 38-39.

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Exhibitors

Exhibitors will be set up Tuesday afternoon to Thursday morning in the Orchard Exhibit Hall.

Exhibitors are listed on page 42.

Sponsors

Sponsors are listed on page 43 .

Annual IACC Awards

When: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 12:20 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Grand Apple Ballroom

EPA Regional and National Awards

When: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Where: Grand Apple Ballroom

Tribal Reception

When: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Golden Delicious room

Join us for an opportunity to network and foster connections among Tribes.

Keynote Speaker

Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck

When: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Time: 12:20 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Grand Apple Ballroom

Exhibitor Reception

When: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Where: Orchard Exhibit Hall

Come join our exhibitors to learn more about their programs, products, and services. Enjoy light refreshments and a no-host bar.

Social Event

When: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Pybus Public Market

You are invited to join us for light refreshments and a no host bar.

Pre-Registered Tech Teams

- City of Bingen
- Town of Winthrop
- City of Palouse
- City of College Place
- City of Benton City
- City of Union Gap
- City of Okanogan
- City of Omak
- City of Rock Island
- Oroville Tonasket Irrigation District
- Town of St. John

Check with the Registration/Help Desk for room assignments.

**Tuesday
October 22, 2024**

11:45	Lunch - Welcome Remarks Awards Grand Apple Ballroom				
	Golden Delicious	Gala 1-2	Gala 3-4	Fuji 1-2	Fuji 3-4
1:30 - 2:30	S1 Tribal Funding Panel W/WW	S2 Northwest Rural Investment Strategy - Catalyzing Collective Change W/WW	S3 Water Quality Improvement Through an Environmental Justice Perspective W/WW	S4 Winery and Brewery Wastewater Production and Management WW	S5 Integrating Special Purpose Districts into Washington's Planning Framework W/WW
2:45 - 3:45	S6 Tribal Technical Assistance W/WW	S7 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) at the Midway Point: Funding Opportunities Still Available from EPA W/WW	S8 Planning to Construction - Getting Your Wastewater Project Funded and Through Ecology Review WW	S9 SAM.gov Simplified: A Key to Unlocking Federal Infrastructure Funds W/WW	S10 Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Construction Funding Opportunity WW
4:00 - 5:00	S11 Tribal Reception	S12 How can you benefit from Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships (CBP3)?	S13 Ecology Funding for Small Community Wastewater Projects WW	S14 Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) 101 & Updates WW	S15 Local Government and Saving Costs with Energy Efficient Buildings
5:00 - 6:30	Exhibitor's Reception Orchard Exhibit Hall				
6:00 - 9:00	S16 Short Course on Local Planning Golden Delicious .3 W/WW				

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Wednesday - Morning
October 23, 2024

7:00	Breakfast Grand Apple Ballroom				
	Golden Delicious	Gala 1-2	Gala 3-4	Fuji 1-2	Fuji 3-4
8:15 - 9:15	S17 Advancing Infrastructure Through Community Collaboration WW	S18 How to Write Good Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Why They are Important W/WW	S19 DWSRF Funding and Rulemaking Update W	S20 Connecting Climate Resilience, Equity, and Infrastructure W/WW	S21 Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP\$ and Dip) WW
9:30 - 10:30	S22 Indian Health Service Support for Sanitation Facilities W/WW	S23 Public Transportation Grants and You!	S24 Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation Resources/ WaterSMART Grant Program W/WW	S25 Cybersecurity and Emergency Response Planning for the Water Sector W/WW	S26 USDA Community Facilities Funding WW
	FT1 City of Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour Meet at the Registration Table at 8:15 .2 WW				
10:45 - 11:45	S27 Planning for Climate Resilience WW	S28 How to Optimize Projects for Road Safety Funding Opportunities	S29 Protecting Your Drinking Water & How We Can Help W	S30 Cybersecurity for Washington Water Systems/ Critical Infrastructure: Funding for Resiliency & More W/WW	S31 Creating Affordable Housing on Formerly Contaminated Properties

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Wednesday - Afternoon
October 23, 2024

12:00	Lunch and Keynote Speaker: Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck Grand Apple Ballroom				
	Golden Delicious	Gala 1-2	Gala 3-4	Fuji 1-2	Fuji 3-4
1:30 - 2:30	S32 Planning for Cultural Resource Reviews and Tribal Consultation - Best Practices <i>W/WW</i>	S33 Drinking Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance Round-up: How to Get Help and Where to Get It From <i>W/WW</i>	S34 How City of Pasco Utilized Drinking Water State Revolving Fund <i>W</i>	S35 Emergency Planning for Small Utilities <i>W/WW</i>	S36 Utility Rate Study Development Fundamentals: A Spotlight on Future Capital Funding Strategies <i>W/WW</i>
2:45 - 3:45	S37 The Clean Buildings Performance Standards - What Communities Need to Know	S38 Free Technical Assistance through DWSRF <i>W</i>	S39 USDA Water and Wastewater Funding Opportunities <i>W/WW</i>	S40 Community Resilience through Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants <i>WW</i>	S41 Financing Infrastructure with Bonds and Bank Loans <i>W/WW</i>
4:00 - 5:00		S43 Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Services and Resources <i>W/WW</i>	S44 PFAS: New Regulations and Project Funding for Small Systems in Washington <i>W</i>	S45 Public Records and Infrastructure Projects <i>W/WW</i>	S46 Budget - The Foundation of Utility Rates <i>W/WW</i>
	S42 Transportation Funding Panel Grand Apple Ballroom				
5:00 - 7:00	Social Event Pybus Market				

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**Thursday
October 24, 2024**

7:00	Breakfast Grand Apple Ballroom				
	Golden Delicious	Gala 1-2	Gala 3-4	Fuji 1-2	Fuji 3-4
8:15 - 9:15	S19 DWSRF Funding and Rulemaking Update (Repeated) W	S47 Cultural Resources and Your Project ~ Tips to Keeping on Schedule WW	S48 Rosalia's Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) Reduction Program WW	S49 Geographic Information Systems for Asset Management W/WW	S50 Funding Your Future: A Community's Guide to Navigating the Full Grant Lifecycle W/WW
9:30 - 10:30	S51 FUN in Funding 2.0 - Where to Find Funding W/WW	S52 Back to Basics: Consulting with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	S53 Brownfields 101: Practical Ways to Navigate Through Cleanup and Redevelopment	S54 Water Quality Combined Funding Program (WQC) Overview and Funding Availability	S55 WSDOT Local Programs Funding Overview
	FT1 City of Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour (Repeated) Meet at the Registration Table at 8:15 .2 WW				
10:45 - 11:45	S56 Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition: A Voice for Municipal Water Purveyors in the Mid-Columbia Basin WW	S57 Cultural Resources Review for Infrastructure Projects Under SEPA WW	S58 Stormwater, the Endangered Species Act, and Your Transportation Federal Aid Project	S59 WSDOT Active Transportation Funding Programs	S60 Chasing I/I to Save Capacity in the City of Toppenish WW

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Session Descriptions

TUESDAY 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

S1	<p>Tribal Funding Panel Meredith Lightbody, Brownfields Project Manager Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Janea Stark, Executive Director & Tribal Liaison Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) Koni Reynolds, Community Programs Director USDA Rural Development (RD) Alex Dailey, Director, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction Portland Area Indian Health Service Danielle Russell, Assistant Field Manager Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Melissa Conger, Stormwater Project Specialist Department of Ecology (DOE) (moderator)</p>	<p>A panel of state and federal agencies with funding programs that can assist Tribes with infrastructure projects. From sanitation to water resources and all things in between, Tribal planners will leave with ideas for new funding resources and partnerships.</p>
S2	<p>Northwest Rural Investment Strategy - Catalyzing Collective Change Helen Price Johnson, Washington State Agency Director Tim O'Connell, Deputy State Director Washington USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Across the Pacific Northwest there is a need to create a pipeline to provide sustainable rural technical assistance capacity to our underserved communities. For too many communities, necessary funds seem out of reach. The NWRIS is bringing together federal and state funders, philanthropy, and nonprofit agencies across Oregon and Washington to better support local community partners. Our shared goal is to improve economic opportunities through expanded access to vital services.</p>
S3	<p>Water Quality Improvement Through an Environmental Justice Perspective Faith Wimberley, Water Quality Program Environmental Justice Planner Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Environmental justice is a growing focus for federal, state, and local leaders. Grant applications increasingly include questions about environmental justice and community involvement. What is expected of local governments and utility operators on this topic? And most importantly, why does it matter? This session offers a primer on environmental justice in the US and a description of the legal framework supporting environmental justice, including the Healthy Environment for All Act (HEAL Act, 2021) and its relevance to infrastructure projects in Washington. You'll finish the session with a deeper understanding of the significance of this work and practical tips to meet regulatory requirements and build resilience in the communities where you work.</p>
S4	<p>Winery and Brewery Wastewater Production and Management Brett Converse, Civil Engineer J-U-B Engineering</p>	<p>Attendees will learn the basics of making wine/beer and which steps generate high strength industrial wastewater; the approximate volume & strength of wastewater produced; potential impacts to municipal wastewater treatment systems; the physical, chemical & biological properties of brewery/winery wastewater; pretreatment options & management strategies for municipalities receiving high strength wastewater based on case studies; and implemented solutions ranging from simple pH adjustment systems to co-digestion/co-generation, to MBR pretreatment systems.</p>

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S5	<p>Integrating Special Purpose Districts into Washington’s Planning Framework Dave Andersen, Senior Managing Director Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Since the passage of the Growth Management Act over 30 years ago, state law has been silent on how to integrate special district planning with Washington’s land use planning laws. This year, the legislature commissioned a task force to make recommendations on how to integrate these activities. Hear from the facilitator and members of the task force on how the conversations are going and provide your perspective on what connections the task force should explore.</p>
<p>TUESDAY 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm</p>		
S6	<p>Tribal Technical Assistance Chelsea Cannard, Technical Assistance Coordinator Department of Health (DOH) Dessa Wells, Assistant Field Manager Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Tracey Hunter, Executive Director Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW) Stephanie Allen, Environmental Engineer Program Specialist Department of Ecology (DOE) Scott Kugel, Cultural and Environmental Program Specialist Department of Health (DOH) (moderator)</p>	<p>This session provides the technical assistance available to tribes for infrastructure projects available to them through Washington Department of Health, Washington Department of Ecology, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, and Evergreen Rural Water of Washington. How to get the technical assistance will be included.</p>
S7	<p>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) at the Midway Point: Funding Opportunities Still Available from EPA Richard Green, Senior Policy Advisor Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>Learn about what funding is available from EPA for water infrastructure including the State Revolving Fund (SRF), the 5 years of SRF Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding, Community Grants (aka earmarks, aka Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding), Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) grants, Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse (OSG) grants, and Emerging Contaminants in Small or Underserved Communities (EC-SDC) grants.</p>
S8	<p>Planning to Construction - Getting Your Wastewater Project Funded and Through Ecology Review Gregory Dobb, Environmental Engineer Eleanor Ott, Senior Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Wastewater improvement projects can be costly, complex, and take years to see from planning to fruition. This presentation will cover the Department of Ecology involvement through all project phases, and provide guidance on how to get plans and designs through Ecology review and approval efficiently. The presentation will also cover how to fund a project through Ecology funding opportunities and provide tips to writing a competitive funding application.</p>

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S9	<p>SAM.gov Simplified: A Key to Unlocking Federal Infrastructure Funds Sabrina Straus, Small Utility Consultant I Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>This session aims to dissect SAM.gov’s labyrinth, examining its significance, common hurdles, and effective navigation strategies. Real-world insights will be shared to aid individuals navigating or supporting others through this process. SAM.gov serves as a crucial gateway for utilities seeking federal funding for infrastructure improvements. Entities needing federal financial assistance must possess an active Unique Entity ID (UEI) generated through SAM.gov, the official platform used to document and assess eligibility for federal funds. This identifier was formerly called the DUNS number, but that was phased out in April 2022. Now, a UEI registration is mandatory for entities aiming to bid on federal contracts or access federal funds, encompassing for-profit businesses, nonprofits, government contractors, subcontractors, as well as state and local governments. However, the registration process is far from simple and can consume a lot of time. Many entities quickly encounter frustration and find it challenging to locate helpful resources. SAM.gov’s interface, laden with government terminology, often leads users astray, contributing to their sense of overwhelm. Compounding this, SAM.gov necessitates annual renewal of the UEI, a task that can pose significant challenges for entities due to the convoluted nature of the process.</p>
S10	<p>Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Construction Funding Opportunity Connie Rivera, SBO-Infrastructure and Finance Manager Jason Freeze, SBO-Broadband Infrastructure Programs Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>The BEAD construction program’s goal is to provide access to broadband infrastructure to every home and eligible non-residential location in the state to broadband speeds of 100/20 Mbps or better. The \$1.2 billion dollar allocation to Washington represents a generational investment in broadband construction and will impact every county in the state. This presentation provides an overview of the application process, program requirements and timeline. A Q&A period will allow attendees to ask questions specific to their community and situation.</p>
TUESDAY 4:00 pm 5:00 pm		
S11	<p>Tribal Reception</p>	<p>You are warmly invited to join us for a special Tribal Reception to gather, communicate, and network around Tribal infrastructure. This event will take place on Tuesday afternoon from 4-5 pm, following the Tribal Technical Assistance panel in the Golden Delicious room. Don’t miss this opportunity to network and foster connections among Tribes. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be provided.</p>
S12	<p>How can you benefit from Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships (CBP3)? Sarah Ponte, Stormwater Public-Private Partnership Planner Department of Ecology (DOE) Gabriel Kiritz, Senior Associate Environmental Incentives</p>	<p>Join the Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3) Technical Assistance team for presentations and discussion on Ecology’s new funding stream for local governments. You’ll learn about the fundamentals of CBP3s and performance contracts for stormwater projects, funding available to help you plan and develop stormwater projects using alternative procurement, and the technical assistance available to you from our team’s experts. The session will include representatives from the Department of Ecology and the technical assistance team.</p>

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S13	Ecology Funding for Small Community Wastewater Projects Kim Prisock, Environmental Engineer Stephanie Allen, Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE)	Ecology has supported and funded wastewater infrastructure projects across the state for many decades. Come learn about the new processes that Ecology is implementing to reduce the barriers for small communities to access funding, including the Small Community Project Priority List (SCPPL), also known as Table 12. The session will also cover how Ecology determines which projects qualify for subsidized funding including grants, forgivable principal loans, and/or reduced interest rates.
S14	Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) 101 & Updates Janea Stark Executive Director & Tribal Liaison Community Economic Revitalization Board	CERB's mission is to fund public infrastructure to support private job creation/retention, as well as broadband connectivity. This session will include an overview of CERB's administered infrastructure funding programs. Plus, updates on funding limits, site readiness planning, and the newly codified rural broadband program.
S15	Local Government and Saving Costs with Energy Efficient Buildings Kristen Kalbrener, Program Manager, Energy Efficiency Retrofits Department of Commerce (COM)	Energy Efficiency Retrofits for Public Buildings grants are open to local governments, public higher education institutions, school districts, and federally recognized Tribal governments. These grants fund retrofitting existing facilities to achieve energy and operational cost savings. Cities and towns with fewer than 5,000 have a carve-out for these grants. First-time applicants and those with buildings required to meet the WA Clean Building Performance Standard are prioritized. This session will highlight successful past projects and walk through the steps to apply.
TUESDAY 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm		
S16	Short Course on Local Planning Simon Vickery, Associate Davis Arneil Law Firm Christina Wollman, AICP, CFM, Senior Planner Perteet Dave Anderson, AICP, Managing Director Department of Commerce	The Short Course provides an overview of the complex mix of land use planning laws that work together to support land-use decision-making in Washington state, including an introduction to comprehensive planning and plan implementation under the Growth Management Act. The course is always taught by planning professionals and a land use attorney who also provides mandatory training on the Open Public Meetings Act for local government officials.
WEDNESDAY 8:15 am - 9:15 am		
S17	Advancing Infrastructure Through Community Collaboration Mike Mason, Economic Development/Planning Manager Nisqually Indian Tribe James Best, Acting Planning & Economic Development Director Spokane Tribe of Indians	This session will delve into the dynamic landscape of Tribal-led community partnerships, focusing on the innovative strategies employed by Tribes to foster collaboration and advance infrastructure benefiting both Tribal and neighboring communities. Projects highlighted in this session include water infrastructure, broadband, and overall economic development.
S18	How to Write Good Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Why They are Important Erika Schwender, Executive Director / Trainer Professional Training Association	We will describe what information to include in SOPs, the various purposes of SOPs, the best format for YOUR SOP, how to best express the information, and "Do's and Dont's" of writing SOPs.
S19	DWSRF Funding and Rulemaking Update Chris Pettit, DWSRF - Program Manager Department of Health (DOH)	This presentation will provide important updates about DWSRF funding availability for planning, project construction, and consolidation, as well as updates to program guidelines and administration.

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S20	<p>Connecting Climate Resilience, Equity, and Infrastructure Max Wedding, Programs Manager Maria Jawad, Executive Director Public Works Board (PWB) Jennifer Hennessey, Special Assistant to Director Department of Ecology (DOE) Carlie Stow, Climate Resilience Specialist University of Washington</p>	<p>Infrastructure is a basic building block of our communities, and there is an ever-changing conversation around how climate resilience and equity are affected by - and affect - infrastructure. But what do we mean when we say “climate resilience” and “equity”? And are they really that connected to replacing a leaky pipe or patching a pothole? The Public Works Board will host an interactive discussion exploring these topics with other Washington State agencies and interested parties.</p>
S21	<p>Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP\$ and Dip) Mischa Venables, CHIP Program Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>The CHIP presentation provides an overview of the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program. CHIP offers grants to cities, counties, and public utility districts that sponsor new affordable housing projects. It covers costs for water, sewer, and stormwater utility improvements and reimburses waived system development charges for these housing projects. The presentation outlines the program’s guidelines, eligibility, application process, equitable infrastructure charges, and highlights several projects funded by CHIP.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 9:30 am - 10:30 am</p>		
S22	<p>Indian Health Service Support for Sanitation Facilities Alex Dailey, Director, PAIHS DSFC Indian Health Service (IHS)</p>	<p>An overview of the technical and financial assistance available to federally-recognized Tribes by the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction (DSFC). The session will include qualification criteria for funding, impacts of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and recommendations for project success.</p>
S23	<p>Public Transportation Grants and You! Jillian Nordstrom, Grants and Community Partnerships Manager Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>You may think that Public Transportation grant funding is only available for transit authorities, but if your organization is a city, county, non-profit or tribe you also might also be eligible. Join representatives from WSDOT’s Public Transportation Division to learn more about what funding opportunities are available! We will be talking specifically about Regional Mobility Grants, Tribal Transit Mobility Grants, Consolidated Grants, and the Zero Emissions Access Program.</p>
S24	<p>Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation Resources/WaterSMART Grant Program Gina Hoff, Water Quality Specialist, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator and Acting Water Conservation Resources/WaterSMART Coordinator U.S. Bureau of Reclamation</p>	<p>This session will discuss the different types of grants available from the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Program. WaterSMART grants provide funding for projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently, implement renewable energy, investigate and develop water marketing strategies, and accomplish other benefits that contribute to the sustainability of the Western United States. WaterSMART grants are available to Tribes; State, regional, and local authorities; irrigation and water districts, organizations with water and power delivery authority, conservation districts, and others.</p>
S25	<p>Cybersecurity and Emergency Response Planning for the Water Sector Kimberly Moore, Policy Advisor and Emergency Response Planner Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Updates regarding latest policy discussions nationally and in Washington state pertaining to cybersecurity regulation. Presentation topics of cybersecurity and emergency response planning will provide water system managers, certified Water Works and Wastewater Operators, and the decision makers for these utilities with resources for emergency response planning and vulnerability assessments, risk mitigation measures, and tips for compliance with current and future drinking water regulations.</p>

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S26	USDA Community Facilities Funding Cathleen Walker, Loan Specialist Jason Reyna, Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)	Come and get information on how a community, a nonprofit, or a Tribe can fund projects such as City Halls, Fire Stations, Medical Facilities, and Essential Equipment under USDA Community Facilities Program. Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Grants will be discussed as well.
WEDNESDAY 10:45 am - 11:45 am		
S27	Planning for Climate Resilience Jamie Judkins, Senior Project Manager Resource Synergy Steve Hinton, Conservation Scientist Tulalip Tribes Bud Denney, Community Planning and Economic Development Manager Makah Tribe Bri Casilleja, Environmental Specialist Department of Ecology (DOE) (moderator)	As communities across Washington grapple with threats from natural disasters and a shifting climate, Tribes are leading the way. This panel will highlight a handful of Tribal communities that are planning and protecting infrastructure in light of these emerging threats to ensure Tribal communities remain resilient.
S28	How to Optimize Projects for Road Safety Funding Opportunities Briana Weisgerber, Active Transportation Programs Engineer Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Andrew Beagle, TIB NE Regional Engineer Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)	The Transportation Improvement Board and Washington State Department of Transportation have funding opportunities available for local agencies to plan and implement roadway safety projects in Washington state. This panel will discuss a general approach to roadway safety project design and how to submit applications for the funding programs that include competitive safety treatments.
S29	Protecting Your Drinking Water & How We Can Help Deborah Johnson, Wellhead Protection Program Coordinator Stan Hoffman, Watershed Protection Program Coordinator Department of Health (DOH)	Source water protection is but one of many water system planning requirements &, unless a city has its own system, is sometimes given little thought as part of local planning & zoning. We will talk about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming mutually beneficial working relationships between local governments & water purveyors • Correlating water system & GMA plans, including integration with GMA update schedule • Integration with watershed planning for surface water systems • Improving wellhead protection with modeling • An enduring part of your water system plan: biennial source water protection responsibilities • Source water protection funding available from DOH & what it can be used for
S30	Cybersecurity for Washington Water Systems/ Critical Infrastructure: Funding for Resiliency & More Steven Menges, General Manager AlphaGuardian Networks	Resiliency for sites with ICS (Industrial Control Systems), SCADA and other OT (Operational Technology) devices and systems is becoming more challenging as these sites and their systems are highly vulnerable and more frequent targets of Cyber-attack. This session covers current threat landscape and how even small & rural WA sites can fund and otherwise resource defending themselves today.

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S31	<p>Creating Affordable Housing on Formerly Contaminated Properties Sandra Matthews, LG, LHG Site Manager Elaine Heim, Brownfields Communications Planner Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>How can developers, government officials, and planners address environmental issues before an affordable housing project begins? What challenges might you encounter? What resources are available to meet those challenges? How can you manage public perception when planning an affordable housing development on contaminated properties? Join us for this session where we will answer these questions and more.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm</p>		
S32	<p>Planning for Cultural Resource Reviews and Tribal Consultation - Best Practices Melissa Ayvaz, History/Archaeology Program Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Brad Beach, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Nisqually Indian Tribe Kelly Bush, Principal Investigator Equinox Research and Consulting International (ERCI) David Harder, Principal Investigator Plateau CRM Stephanie Jolivette, Local Governments Archaeologist Maddie Levesque, Architectural Historian and Compliance Reviewer Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DHAP) Seth Elsen, Unit Supervisor Department of Ecology (DOE) (moderator)</p>	<p>Whether required by permitting or funding, or done proactively, it is important for local governments to consider impacts of infrastructure projects on historic and archaeological sites, which are non-renewable. This panel discussion will consist of Tribes, consultants, and DAHP providing insights and tips on best practices for completing cultural resource reviews and engaging in Tribal consultation.</p>
S33	<p>Drinking Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance Round-up: How to Get Help and Where to Get It From Max Wedding, Programs Manager Public Works Board (PWB) Stephanie Allen, Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE) Josh Klika, Procurement & Contracting Consultant Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC) Lori Blau, Regional Manager - Washington/Oregon Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Chelsea Cannard, Technical Assistance Coordinator Department of Health (DOH) Tracey Hunter, Executive Director, Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW) Ryan Gross, Technical Assistance Engineer, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Koni Reynolds, Community Programs Director USDA Rural Development (RD) Chris McCord, Boards Unit Manager, Department of Commerce (COM) (moderator)</p>	<p>There are so many places to turn for help with infrastructure projects, but knowing where to turn and when can be like trying to use Google Maps without cell service. Join a number of technical assistance providers for an interactive session to learn about what services are available, who is eligible for those services, and when to reach out during the project life-cycle.</p>

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S34	<p>How City of Pasco Utilized Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</p> <p>Jocelyne Gray, DWSRF Environmental Engineer Department of Health (DOH)</p> <p>Maria Serra, Public Works Director City of Pasco</p> <p>Scott Kugel, Cultural and Environmental Program Specialist Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Learn how the City of Pasco applied for and used several DWSRF loans - Planning & Engineering and Construction loans - for several phases of upgrades to their surface water treatment plants. City Public Works Division staff will be interviewed by DWSRF staff.</p>
S35	<p>Emergency Planning for Small Utilities</p> <p>Tricia Kent, Small Utilities Consultant Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>How will your water system respond in the face of an emergency? What are some potential risks that could affect it? Do you have a Plan B if something happens? If you don't know the answers to these questions, then this session is for you! We will provide a basic overview of Risk and Resiliency Assessments and Emergency Response Plans: two tools that can help your system develop its resiliency.</p>
S36	<p>Utility Rate Study Development Fundamentals: A Spotlight on Future Capital Funding Strategies</p> <p>Chase Bozett, Project Consultant FCS Group</p>	<p>This presentation will explore the components involved in a successful rate study. From evaluating the utility's unique challenges to developing a multi-year rate plan to achieve their objectives, we will walk through the step by step process. This session will focus on the industry's ever-growing need to fund aging infrastructure as well as positioning the utility in a to compete for low interest loan consideration.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 2:45 pm 3:45 pm</p>		
S37	<p>The Clean Buildings Performance Standards- What Communities Need to Know</p> <p>Jeff Rasmussen, Outreach & Education Program Manager</p> <p>Josette Gates, Incentive Program Lead</p> <p>Dillon Akerman, Progrma Manager Department of Commerce</p>	<p>The Washington State Clean Buildings Performance Standard was originally enacted into law in 2019 to require covered buildings and multifamily housing buildings over 20,000 sq ft. to meet certain energy efficiency goals and benchmarks. As compliance deadlines approach, now is the time to act. Learn how the standards will impact building owners in your community, what you can do to prepare and avoid penalties for not complying and the incentive funding opportunities that are available to help support compliance with the Clean Buildings Performance Standards. Our panel from the Commerce's Clean Buildings Team are is here to share the details and answer your questions.</p>
S38	<p>Free Technical Assistance through DWSRF</p> <p>Chelsea Cannard, Technical Assistance Coordinator Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>This presentation will provide an overview of the free technical assistance available to public water systems through Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Technical assistance can increase system capacity in several ways, including training, developing planning documents, scoping infrastructure projects, overcoming compliance issues, and accessing funding. DWSRF holds several contracts with third-party technical assistance providers for specific project needs, funded through EPA set asides.</p>
S39	<p>USDA Water and Wastewater Funding Opportunities</p> <p>Rick Rose, Loan Specialist</p> <p>Mike Lamey, Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>USDA can fund water, wastewater, solid waste facilities and equipment. Come find out about the details of the funding program and how you can apply for funding. Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Grants will be discussed as well.</p>

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S40	<p>Community Resilience through Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants Valeria Chagoya, Program Coordinator Jenny Holmes, Program Coordinator Washington Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants Program</p>	<p>This will encompass a high-level overview of the various FEMA-funded programs for infrastructure resilience. The programs of focus on this presentation include Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and HMGP-Post Fire. We will review applicant eligibility, eligible activities and the application process.</p>
S41	<p>Financing Infrastructure with Bonds and Bank Loans Marc Greenough, Lawyer Foster Garvey</p>	<p>A bond lawyer with 25 years of working with smaller municipalities and tribes, and with officials who have never financed a project, will walk you through the process of using bonds and bank loans to finance infrastructure projects. This is intended to be an introduction, so there will be plenty of time for explanation with a minimum of jargon and lots of time for questions.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p>		
S42	<p>Transportation Funding Panel Jay Drye, Director, Local Programs Division Charlotte Claybrooke, Active Transportation Programs Manager Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Brianna Morin, Legislative Policy Analyst Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Ashley Probart, Executive Director Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Axel Swanson, Managing Director Washington State Association of County Engineers</p>	<p>Learn about transportation programs and resources from city, county, and state partners. Panelists from AWC, CRAB, TIB, WSAC and WSDOT will provide an opportunity in this session to hear program information, differences between the funding programs, limits and use specifics, as well as collaboration efforts to support local agencies with their transportation projects. The session will include time for questions and answers.</p>
S43	<p>Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Services and Resources Ronald Watters, Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA), Region 10 Daniel Brown, Inland Northwest Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA), Region 10 Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency</p>	<p>Discussion of cyber risks that are present in the environment and the free services that are available from the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).</p>
S44	<p>PFAS: New Regulations and Project Funding for Small Systems in Washington Ryan Gross, Technical Assistance Engineer Kayla Wilson, Technical Assistance Engineer Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>EPA Engineers will talk about how new PFAS drinking water regulations can impact small water systems and what resources are available to help. The discussion will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What are emerging contaminants? -What are PFAS and how do they affect public health? -Resources for well testing -Treatment methods -Technical assistance -Funding options, including projects on Tribal land <p>EPA will also take questions on any number of hot topics, including Lead Service Lines and Cybersecurity.</p>

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S45	Public Records and Infrastructure Projects Morgan Damerow, Assistant Attorney General Office of the Attorney General	If you plan an infrastructure project, build it, or even simply talk about one, people will start asking questions and want information. The Public Records Act is an important tool in this. In this session we'll review PRA fundamental principles, provide suggestions to ease the contracting side of the equation, approaches to providing records to requesters, and update the PRA's legal requirements.
S46	Budget - The Foundation of Utility Rates Dessa Wells, Regional Field Manager Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)	A budget is a document used to track income and expenses in a detailed enough way to make operations decisions. Operating budgets are a system's most important work product. When a budget is developed properly a system is able to use information from the past to make decisions in the present to plan for the future. In this session, we will walk through the steps for creating a sound budget and the importance of forecasting out our projections to work toward sustainability. Determining a system's true cost of providing service is essential in calculating the revenue required to continue to deliver quality reliable services into the future.
Thursday 8:15 am - 9:15 am		
S19	DWSRF Funding and Rulemaking Update Chris Pettit, DWSRF - Program Manager Department of Health (DOH) REPEATED	This presentation will provide important updates about DWSRF funding availability for planning, project construction, and consolidation, as well as updates to program guidelines and administration.
S47	Cultural Resources and Your Project ~ Tips to Keeping on Schedule David Harder, Archaeologist Emily Whistler, Archaeologist Plateau CRM	This presentation will include two parts. David Harder will present a narrative of the cultural resource survey process. This is intended to help project proponents understand the need for the requirement, the process, the time necessary for completion, and will include tips on how to help the consultant complete the work in a timely manner. The second part of the presentation will be provide by Emily Whistler. Emily will discuss cultural monitoring during projects, the changing focus and requirements, and will provide tips for smooth project management.
S48	Rosalia's Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) Reduction Program Layne Merritt, Project Manager Sam Mineer, Assistant Project Manager J-U-B Engineers, Inc.	The Town of Rosalia has been working to remove extraneous infiltration and inflow (I&I) from their sewer collection system over the last several years. This presentation will discuss the Town's challenges and successes in locating the I&I sources and completing the replacement of aged clay tile pipe and leaking water mains. Grant and loan funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program, Washington Legislative Appropriation, Transportation Improvement Board, and American Rescue Plan Act funding made these system improvements possible. Through multiple projects, the Town has significantly reduced the extraneous flows in the system and nearly eliminated NPDES influent exceedances caused by the I&I. This session will present the process and timeline of project development, pursuit and coordination of funding, community outreach and education, project highlights and accomplishments, water quality improvements, rate structure impacts, and takeaways/insights.

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S49	<p>Geographic Information Systems for Asset Management Jack Rosenblit, Small Utility Consultant Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>This training will cover how to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to help with asset management and to create an asset management plan. This training will focus on GIS tools that small a water system can us to help with asset management. Asset management is a requirement for a Small Water System Management Program (SWSMP) that is needed for State Revolving Funds (SRF) applications. This training will show how the GIS Diamond Maps can be used as a solution to use GIS to help with asset management. It will show map and layer creation, how to use it for data collection, and how to export the data into a asset management system.</p>
S50	<p>Funding Your Future: A Community’s Guide to Navigating the Full Grant Lifecycle Kate Brunk, Funding Strategist Learn Design Apply, Inc</p>	<p>This session will share strategies that Tribal and local government staff can take to prepare for upcoming infrastructure grants from Federal and State programs; things to look out for in grant agreements and terms once you’ve been awarded; and what it takes to manage your grant reporting requirements as you implement your grant-funded project. This session will include real life examples and build in time for an interactive Q&A ensuring you will walk away with strategies to succeed in grants.</p>
S51	<p>FUN in Funding 2.0 - Where to Find Funding Annalisa Noble, Principal Funding Specialist Tower Consulting Amelia Alberts, Funding Specialist Compass Strategies Staci Nelson, Director of Grant Services Partners for Rural Washington (PRWA)</p>	<p>This session is an overview of where to find crucial funding for your most important projects. During our time together, you will have the opportunity to hear from, and interact with, experienced grant writers working right here in your state. We will share our hard-won, practical, and applicable tips and tricks for finding and winning grants. This session is designed to be beneficial to beginners and experienced leaders alike and will help you to put the FUN into funding!</p>
<p>Thursday 9:30 am - 10:30 am</p>		
S52	<p>Back to Basics: Consulting with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Maddie Levesque, Architectural Historian, Compliance Reviewer Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)</p>	<p>This session, led by DAHP compliance reviewer, Maddie Levesque, will provide background on the who, what, where, why, and how of consulting with DAHP on federal and state capital funded projects. We will walk through step-by-step guidance of the consultation process to leave grantees and grantors with a better understanding of DAHP expectations.</p>
S53	<p>Brownfields 101: Practical Ways to Navigate Through Cleanup and Redevelopment Elaine Heim, Brownfields Communications Planner Department of Ecology (DOE) Meredith Lightbody, Brownfields Project Manager Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Bridget Paris, Brownfields Program Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>The Washington State Brownfields Team will give an overview of Brownfields funding shared through case studies. This session will focus on how communities worked through the steps in the cleanup process to safely redevelop contaminated properties. The Team will highlight how technical assistance through Washington’s Brownfields Program helps set realistic expectations around a project’s success and timeline.</p>

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S8	<p>Planning to Construction - Getting Your Wastewater Project Funded and Through Ecology Review</p> <p>Gregory Dobb, Environmental Engineer Eleanor Ott, Senior Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE) REPEATED</p>	<p>Wastewater improvement projects can be costly, complex, and take years to see from planning to fruition. This presentation will cover the Department of Ecology involvement through all project phases, and provide guidance on how to get plans and designs through Ecology review and approval efficiently. The presentation will also cover how to fund a project through Ecology funding opportunities and provide tips to writing a competitive funding application.</p>
S54	<p>Water Quality Combined Funding Program (WQC) Overview and Funding Availability</p> <p>Sarah Zehner, Stormwater Financial Assistance Program Fund Coordinator Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Come hear about available funding for projects that address water quality issues in your communities. Ecology has one application for multiple fund sources including: Centennial Grants, 319 Grants (nonpoint), Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loans (including Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding), and Stormwater grants, which now includes the Municipal Grants of Regional and Statewide Significance (GROSS) and Community Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3) grants . This session will discuss available funding, an overview of eligibility and requirements, how to apply, and how funding decisions are made.</p>
S55	<p>WSDOT Local Programs Funding Overview</p> <p>Jay Drye, Director, Local Programs Division Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>An overview of funding resources from the WSDOT Local Programs Division. WSDOT Local Programs assists cities, counties, tribes and other transportation partners with technical and financial support. General information will be provided on the structure of transportation funding programs in the state, with detail on federal programs and more.</p>
<p>THURSDAY 10:45 am - 11:45 am</p>		
S56	<p>Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition: A Voice for Municipal Water Purveyors in the Mid-Columbia Basin</p> <p>Claire Miller, Program Manager, Small Communities Initiative Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>The Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition (CBSWC) was formed by municipalities and other drinking water purveyors within the Mid-Columbia Basin to promote a sustainable source of potable drinking water for the municipalities and communities within Franklin, Lincoln, Adams, and Grant Counties. For municipalities and water purveyors within the project area – who collectively provide drinking water to more than 90,000 residents – deep groundwater in the basalt aquifers has been the primary supply of reliable and safe potable water. The water levels in those aquifers have now been declining for several decades, which threatens the long-term sustainability of groundwater as a supply. For these communities, doing nothing is not a long-term option. Attendees will learn about how the Coalition is bringing together stakeholders to develop sustainable solutions to declining aquifer levels.</p>
S57	<p>Cultural Resources Review for Infrastructure Projects Under SEPA</p> <p>Stephanie Jolivette, Local Governments Archaeologist David Witt, Assistant State Archaeologist Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)</p>	<p>Most infrastructure projects intersect with cultural resources, so requirements for cultural resources review, assessment, and mitigation need to be addressed early in the project planning process. The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires that potential impacts to cultural resources be considered, and that if resources cannot be avoided, that impacts be mitigated. Infrastructure projects reviewed through the SEPA can be large solar farms or small water district upgrades, but they all need to follow a consistent consultation and review process. Hear from State cultural resource professionals about the “why, what, where, and when” for addressing cultural resource issues early in your SEPA planning process, and how early and thorough planning and consultation can help minimize risk to your project.</p>

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S58	<p>Stormwater, the Endangered Species Act, and Your Transportation Federal Aid Project Melanie Vance, Environmental Manager, Local Programs Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Science regarding tire dust (6PPD-Q) prompted changes to Endangered Species Act (ESA) policies impacting transportation projects. Federal aid projects adding new pollution generating impervious surfaces discharging to surface water must now address 6PPD-Q. This requires road projects to provide extra stormwater treatment and undergo ESA review, presenting schedule and cost impacts to road projects. This session explains ways to prepare for effects this will have on local agency road projects.</p>
S59	<p>WSDOT Active Transportation Funding Programs Charlotte Claybrooke, Active Transportation Programs Manager Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Participants will receive information about WSDOT Active Transportation Programs available to public agencies. The session will include both an overview of information and interactive session</p>
S60	<p>Chasing I/I to Save Capacity in the City of Toppenish Shaun Burgess, Interim Public Works Director City of Toppenish Nancy Wetch, Project Engineer Gray & Osborne, Inc.</p>	<p>The City of Toppenish upgraded their WWTF in 2010 to comply with a new EPA issued permit that included nutrient removal. Shortly after the upgrade, flow to the WWTF began to double and triple in the summer resulting in flows that eclipsed 2-3 times the rated capacity of the WWTF. The treatment plant was meeting permit requirements, but was not operating efficiently and all treatment systems were at the maximum capacity. The source of the infiltration and inflow (I/I) was found to be largely irrigation with a minor contribution from storm events. The City embarked on a \$23 million upgrade of their sewer system through a four phased construction project that included 65% grant funding via Ecology SRF and USDA RD funding. Phase II-Phase IV were completed during the COVID and post COVID era which presented a number of challenges for the City to overcome. Upon completion of the project flows were cut by up to 70% and treatment capacity was restored to accommodate residential/commercial growth.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 8:15 am - 10:15 am AND THURSDAY 8:15 am - 10:15 am</p>		
FT1	<p>City of Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour</p>	<p>The City of Wenatchee operates a wastewater treatment facility with a 5.5 Million Gallon per day capacity. The facility features a 1.7 MG equalization basin, a unique clarifier design, UV disinfection, and anaerobic biosolids digestion. The treatment plant was upgraded in 2013 to improve odor control and provide architectural enhancements. Join us for a tour of this impressive facility. (There is an odor at the facility).</p>

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<p>Dillon Akerman Program Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Dillon Ackerman is a Program Manager in the Clean Buildings unit at the Washington State Department of Commerce. Before coming to Commerce, he supported utility energy efficiency and benchmarking programs aimed at conserving energy use in commercial and multifamily buildings. Dillon specialized in building energy use analysis, facility assessments, and energy benchmarking for certification/compliance. He joined the Clean Buildings team in 2024 and focuses his time on educating and guiding building owner compliance with the Clean Buildings Performance Standard.</p>
<p>Amelia Alberts Funding Specialist Compass Strategies</p>	<p>A talented funding specialist, Amelia has accumulated an impressive resume of funding experience; since 2022 she has helped clients procure over 10 million in grants and loans. Amelia has specific experience with Department of Commerce, Department of Environmental Quality, USBR, IWRB, USDA RD, ARPA, DOT, AND FAA funding in Washington, Idaho, and other states. She prides herself on providing exceptional customer service as an effective project manager who maintains an excellent rapport with clients and funding agencies throughout the grant process. Amelia is proficient in funding research, preparing funding matrices, writing and editing grant proposals, and helping manage the grant process from inception to award. Amelia has worked with nonprofits and municipalities to find the best funding fit for their respective needs and enjoys creating lasting relationships with clients. Amelia has worked with nonprofits and municipalities to find the best funding fit for their respective needs and enjoys creating lasting relationships with clients.</p>
<p>Stephanie Allen Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Stephanie Allen is an engineer in the Financial Management Section of the Department of Ecology's Water Quality program in Washington state. She provides funding assistance and technical assistance coordination for small communities in western Washington. Her focus is Ecology funded small community wastewater infrastructure projects. She is a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) in the state of Washington. She received a graduate degree in Civil & Water Resource Engineering from Portland State University. Her background includes serving as a NDPES permit manager in Washington State, a Solid Waste Engineer in the state of Massachusetts and a Geologist for the state of New Jersey.</p>
<p>Dave Andersen Senior Managing Director Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Dave Andersen is the Senior Managing Director of the State Growth Management Program. Dave has been with the program for 23 years. Dave has a master's in urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa. In 2023, Dave was awarded the Meyer Wolfe Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement for his work guiding the recommendations of the Collaborative Roadmap Task Force through the legislative process. Dave also taught as an adjunct lecturer in the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Eastern Washington University. Dave and his family live in Spokane.</p>
<p>Melissa Ayvaz History/Archaeology Program Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation</p>	<p>Melissa Anne Ayvaz, MA, RPA, is a Registered Professional Archaeologist with 20+ years of experience. She worked at the Florida Museum of Natural History from 2005-2014 conducting environmental archaeology research and curation (including archaeobotany and osteology). She earned a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Florida in 2014 and has resided in Washington State since. In 2021, she joined the History/ Archaeology Program of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCT) as an archaeologist senior, supporting the Colville Tribal Preservation Officer with myriad tasks. From the government center in Nespelem, she actively participates in the protection of cultural resources, tribal rights and sovereignty by working cooperatively with federal, state, tribal and local agencies to comply with laws and regulations through providing professional cultural resource management services to ensure the Tribes' history is not forgotten. From Fort Okanogan Interpretive Center, Melissa supports the perpetuation and preservation of the 12 Tribes' history, culture and traditions for future generations by training tribal youth, engaging and educating visitors from the local community and around the world while incorporating her background in historical ecology to discuss the changing landscape and enduring culture.</p>

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<p>Brad Beach Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Nisqually Indian Tribe</p>	<p>Brad has served as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Nisqually Tribe since 2020. In this capacity, he collaborates with various agencies, including the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), the Department of the Interior (DOI), and Pierce County Planning & Public Works, to protect and preserve the Tribe’s cultural resources. His expertise lies in regulatory compliance, where he routinely consults on projects advancing under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), and Washington State Governor’s Executive Order 21-02.</p>
<p>Andrew Beagle TIB NE Regional Engineer Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)</p>	<p>Andrew has spent over two decades in public sector transportation across research, technical policy, training, planning, programming and project development. Andrew focuses on low-cost operational safety and multimodal design enhancements, strategic asset management approaches, and how transportation design influences land use outcomes. Andrew currently supports local agencies as the NE Regional Engineer for the Transportation Improvement Board.</p>
<p>James Best Acting Planning & Economic Development Director Spokane Tribe of Indians</p>	<p>James Best is a highly skilled professional with a robust educational background and extensive experience in planning and economic development. Over the past five years, he has proven his expertise within the Spokane Tribe of Indians. James holds a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University, along with a Master of Public Administration from the University of Montana. He has also completed the Harvard Business School’s Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities Program.</p> <p>Throughout his career, James has taken on several pivotal roles, most recently serving as the Acting Planning & Economic Development Director. His responsibilities have included directing departmental operations, coordinating comprehensive planning, managing tribal budgets, and developing intergovernmental relationships. James is recognized for his excellent communication skills, ability to work both independently and collaboratively, friendly demeanor, and computer proficiency. A motivated self-starter with an open-minded approach, he has successfully led and participated in numerous</p>
<p>Chase Bozett Project Consultant FCS Group</p>	<p>Eight years of industry experience in assisting cities, counties, and utility districts in financial forecasting including policy evaluation, overall revenue needs analysis, cost of service equity between customer classes, rate design options, and capital funding scenarios.</p>
<p>Daniel Brown Inland Northwest Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA), Region 10 Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency</p>	<p>Daniel is a cybersecurity professional that has experience working for city, county, and state organizations. He has also worked extensively in Higher Education. His work in the public sector has allowed him to understand that services need to be provided, even when budgets are challenging. His current position at CISA allows him to focus these experiences to provide no-cost services to support the 16 sectors of critical infrastructure.</p>

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<p>Kate Brunk Funding Strategist Learn Design Apply, Inc</p>	<p>At LDA, Kate Brunk provides comprehensive support to local governments through the grant application and management process, working with clients to explore the ripple impacts that infrastructure projects can have across their communities. Utilizing her skills in writing and running grant-funded programs, marketing, and community outreach, Kate has supported clients in applying for infrastructure grants and cybersecurity grants through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Energy, FEMA, USDA, and state agencies in Washington, California, and Colorado. Before joining LDA, Kate spent more than a decade in nonprofit work, approaching community development from various strategies, including education, workforce development, and human services. During that time, she completed two years of the AmeriCorps VISTA program, building relationships between K-12 schools and higher education to meet the experiential learning needs of college students while providing crucial mentoring and tutoring to elementary and middle school students. In 2019, she completed her M.A. in Community and Economic Development as a Stevenson Center Fellow at Illinois State University and then launched a social enterprise with YWCA McLean County to provide long-term employment to women who have experienced incarceration. Her experiences have continually demonstrated the critical importance of relationship building and how forming broad coalitions of support for a project lead to long-term sustainability and transformation.</p>
<p>Shaun Burgess Interim Public Works Director City of Toppenish</p>	<p>Shaun Burgess has worked over 27 years in public works with 17 of those years at the City of Toppenish. Shaun has certifications in Wastewater Treatment, Water Operations and is also certified as a Cross Connection Control Specialist. Shaun was involved in the 2010 WWTF upgrade as an operator and the four phased sewer collection system upgrade assisting with issues in the field and providing valuable input into the future operations of the City's sewer utility.</p>
<p>Kelly Bush Principal Investigator Eqinox Research and Consulting International (ERCI)</p>	<p>Kelly Bush started her archaeological career in British Columbia, Canada in the mid-eighties receiving her BA from SFU and subsequently her MA from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington in 1997. She opened the Equinox Research and Consulting International Inc. (ERCI) office in Skagit County Washington in 2002 and has found that much of her work is in complex or challenging projects with a range of stakeholder interests. Kelly is known for her ability to sequence work for both planning and construction, and for writing cultural resource contingency plans that allow projects to keep moving forward. As President and Principal Investigator at ERCI, Kelly has worked on nearly every type of cultural resources project, including hundreds of archaeological and historic research projects, Traditional Cultural Properties studies, Management Plans, and other plans and agreement documents and provided cultural resources training to local and state governments, tribes, contractors, and project designers. Since 2002, when Kelly began working in Washington State, she has led the cultural resources components on utility projects in King, Snohomish, and Skagit Counties, among others. She has successfully worked with Seattle Public Utilities, Snohomish County Public Utilities Department, and Skagit Public Utility District, providing cultural resources services. She has done wastewater treatment plan projects for the cities of Granite Falls, Mount Vernon, Sultan, Blaine, Snohomish, Concrete, and Oak Harbor. Additionally, she has works on transportation, habitat restoration, recreation, residential construction.</p>
<p>Chelsea Cannard Technical Assistance Coordinator Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Chelsea Cannard is a Technical Assistance Coordinator with Washington State Department of Health Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program. Before coming to DOH, Chelsea worked as an Environmental Health Specialist for over 8 years with Whitman County Public Health, providing services to Asotin and Garfield County as well. She specialized in land use approvals where she helped local communities and landowners establish safe sources of drinking water and meet on-site wastewater standards.</p>

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<p>Bri Castilleja Environmental Specialist 3 Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Bri Castilleja is the Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Project & Financial Manager for the Department of Ecology’s Water Quality Program. She is from Anacortes, WA, and an enrolled member of the Samish Indian Nation. She has a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Science from The Evergreen State College and has spent the last four years on the City of Seattle’s Environmental Justice Committee.</p>
<p>Valeria Chagoya Program Coordinator Washington Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants Program</p>	<p>Valeria Chagoya, MPA, works for the WA State Military Department under the Emergency Management Program Coordinator for Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance. Valeria regularly presents HMA program overviews for varying state agencies and local jurisdictions. She works closely with smaller jurisdictions making large impacts to reinforce current infrastructures and alleviate the effects of natural hazards. Her also portfolio consists of “novel” infrastructure grants, such as vertical evacuation structures and familiar projects like seismic retrofits. She guides subrecipients during the grant process using plain speak, to reduce the confusion of federal requirements and terms.</p>
<p>Charlotte Claybrooke Active Transportation Programs Manager Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Charlotte Claybrooke is the Active Transportation Programs Manager for the Washington State Department of Transportation. She also serves as the State Safe Routes to School Coordinator. She has been with the WSDOT since 2004. Prior to that time she worked for 10 years with the Washington State Department of Health as the agency’s Physical Activity Specialist with an emphasis on non-motorized transportation. Charlotte has a Masters of Science Degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder.</p>
<p>Melissa Conger, Stormwater Project Specialist Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Melissa Conger is a Stormwater Project Specialist for the Washington State Department of Ecology - Water Quality Program. The Water Quality Program offers grants and loans on a competitive basis for high priority water quality projects. Melissa has been with Ecology for three years, serving as a Financial Manager and Cultural Resources Contact for state-funded stormwater projects.</p>
<p>Dr. Brett Converse Civil Engineer J-U-B Engineering</p>	<p>Dr. Converse has 35 years of experience working in wastewater collection, treatment, design, optimization, and operation fields. Particular expertise in permitting, designing and troubleshooting wastewater treatment facilities and managing high strength waste produced from the food and beverage industry. Brett has a B.S. degree from the University of Idaho, M.S. & Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis.</p>
<p>Alex Dailey Director, PAIHS DSFC Indian Health Service (IHS)</p>	<p>CAPT Dailey attended Oregon State University, earning a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1998. After graduating, he worked in private consulting in the San Francisco area and for the State of California’s bridge construction division before joining the Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction (DSFC) in 2003. He worked in a variety of positions and locations for the IHS DSFC and earned a M.S. in Project Management from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 2016. In 2020 he returned to the Portland Area to serve as Director of the Area’s DSFC Program.</p>
<p>Morgan Damerow Assistant Attorney General Office of the Attorney General</p>	<p>Morgan Damerow is the lead Consultant for the Office of the Attorney General’s (AGO) LGCP. The LGCP is the Local Government Consultation Program, providing guidance to local governments on responding to public records requests, helping to develop resources, and identify technology options related to public records. Morgan frequently provides training to local governments and speaks to conference participants. In 2022 he was appointed to serve as the AGO’s Open Government Ombuds. From 2003 to 2018 Morgan represented state agencies and provided legal advice in labor and personnel matters. He joined the AGO in 2003 and is 1997 graduate from the University of Montana, School of Law.</p>
<p>Bud Denney Community Planning and Economic Development Manager Makah Tribe</p>	<p>Bud works as the Community Planning and Economic Development Manager for the Makah Tribe, a role he has held since 2012. Before that, he served the Tribe in other roles. He’s an enrolled member of the Makah Tribe and graduated from the University of Puget Sound.</p>

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<p>Gregory Dobb Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Greg Dobb is an environmental engineer, permit writer, and funding project manager working in the Water Quality Program at the Department of Ecology’s Eastern Regional Office. He graduated from WSU in 2012 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and holds his PE with a Chemical endorsement. Prior to joining Ecology, he accumulated 10 years of experience in aerospace manufacturing in varying engineering roles including process safety, capital projects, and instrumentation. Growing up fishing the Puget Sound instilled a lifelong want to help protect the waters of the state for future generations. Since joining Ecology, he has found a passion in assisting small, eastern Washington communities face their unique challenges and meet their water quality goals.</p>
<p>Jay Drye Director, Local Programs Division Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Jay Drye is the Director of Local Programs for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). In his role he is responsible for the federal-aid oversight program for local agencies in Washington, technical and educational support programs, along with multiple grant and funding programs. Local Programs has more than 1200 active projects currently in the state being led by over 400 agencies. Jay has been with the WSDOT for over 31 years in various positions in Eastern Washington, Olympia, Northwest Washington, and Headquarters. Jay Drye is a University of Washington graduate and has a background in heavy civil engineering, project management and construction. He is a licensed Professional Engineer and has a certification in advanced project management.</p>
<p>Jason Freeze Broadband Infrastructure Programs Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Jason Freeze is the State Broadband Office, Broadband Infrastructure Programs Manager, since September 2022. Previously he worked with the Public Works Board and assisted in developing the Public Works Board’s Rural Broadband Loan Fund Program.</p>
<p>Josette Gates Incentive Program Lead Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Josette Gates (she/her) is the clean buildings incentives team lead at Commerce supporting the incentives that support making buildings more efficient. She brings with her over 15 years of experience in factory engineering and capital project management to this position. Ms. Gates holds a Master’s Degree in Environmental Policy & Management from the University of Denver and a Master’s degree in Engineering. Josette resides in Spokane, WA and enjoys frequent road trips across the Pacific Northwest.</p>
<p>Jocelyne Gray DWSRF Environmental Engineer Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Jocelyne Gray, P.E., WDM4, CCS, (she/her pronouns) is the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) environmental engineer in the Office of Drinking at the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). She has worked for DOH for over seven years, mostly in the Southwest Regional Operations as a regional engineer then as the assistant regional manager. She transitioned to the DWSRF Program in 2023. Previous experience includes managing 42 small public water systems and consulting. Infrastructure funding has been a part of Ms. Gray’s entire career. She is a professional engineer licensed and a certified water operator. She graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. While at Mason PUD 1, her water department won the Grace Under Pressure award in 2011 from DOH for handling two major water emergencies simultaneously. Ms. Gray is a 2015 recipient of the Society of Women Engineers Emerging Leader award.</p>
<p>Richard Green Senior Policy Advisor Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>Since 1997 Richard Green has been implementing the State Revolving Fund programs in Region 10.</p>
<p>Marc Greenough Lawyer Foster Garvey</p>	<p>Marc Greenough is a lawyer in the Seattle law firm of Foster Garvey. He serves as bond counsel, tax counsel, underwriters’ counsel, and disclosure counsel on general obligation, revenue, and special obligation financings by state, local, and tribal governments. Marc also has extensive experience in structuring municipal and public/private ventures and in providing representation in administrative proceedings and litigation.</p>

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<p>Ryan Gross Technical Assistance Engineer Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>Ryan Gross is the Coordinator for Infrastructure Technical Assistance in the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Pacific Northwest Region. In this position, he works with state agency SRF programs and EPA-funded technical assistance providers to help communities access infrastructure project funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program’s objective is to advance EPA’s mission of improved human health through quality and needed water/wastewater infrastructure projects. Ryan has worked on water issues for 20 years with the federal government. He is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Washington.</p>
<p>David Harder Archaeologist Plateau CRM</p>	<p>David grew in eastern Washington with an early exposure to archaeology and agriculture. His familiarity with land use issues instilled in him a curiosity regarding indigenous subsistence and early historic settlement. This interest led to his undergraduate studies of archaeology and the pursuit and completion of a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology; specializing in archaeology. His studies emphasized Columbia Plateau archaeology and prehistory with a focus on the Lower Snake River. He has received formal classroom and field training in many aspects of archaeological method, theory, and research including the Section 106 process, NEPA and historic properties, lithic analysis, faunal identification, and geo-archaeological method and theory.</p>
<p>Elaine Heim Brownfields Communications Planner Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Elaine Heim is the Brownfields Communications Planner with the Toxics Cleanup Program at the Washington State Department of Ecology. She has a master’s in strategic communication from Washington State University and more than 20 years’ experience protecting public health and the environment. Elaine and her team work to empower the true brownfield heroes: those who seek to turn blighted properties into sparkling community assets.</p>
<p>Jennifer Hennessey Special Assistant to Director Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Jennifer Hennessey is special assistant to the director at Department of Ecology – focused on climate resilience. She previously served as a senior policy advisor on environment, water and ocean health to Governor Inslee. Jen worked for over a decade as an ocean planner at the Washington State Department of Ecology. She holds a M.S. in marine resource management from Oregon State University and a B.A. in biology-environmental studies from Whitman College.</p>
<p>Steve Hinton Conservation Scientist Tulalip Tribes</p>	<p>Steve R Hinton is a conservation scientist working with the Tulalip Tribes Treaty Rights and Government Affairs Office. Steve has been with The Tulalip Tribes since 2021 and works to develop, promote, and implement climate adaptation strategies for the Tribes. Steve Graduated with an M.S. in Science and Technology Policy from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1990 and holds a B.S. in Biology from Washington State University. Prior to this position, Steve was the Director of Habitat Restoration for the Swinomish and Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Communities from 2000 to 2020. During his career with the Tribes, Steve and his team implemented scores of construction projects from concept to implementation. At all stages and sizes of project development, Steve has successfully brought projects to reality, including many light and heavy civil public works.</p>
<p>Gina Hoff Water Quality Specialist, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator and Acting Water Conservation Resources/WaterSMART Coordinator Bureau of Reclamation</p>	<p>Gina Hoff has been involved with the Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation Resources/WaterSMART Grant Program, since 2015. She began as a Grants Officer Technical Representative (GOTR), handling Small Water Efficiency Project grants and worked her way in to GOTR work for more complex grants, while providing the National Environmental Policy Act documents needed to implement the projects. In June 2023, Gina was asked to serve as the acting coordinator of the Water Conservation Resources/WaterSMART Program, until one can be hired. Gina has been serving as the coordinator ever since. Another service area that Gina participates in for the Water Conservation Resources/WaterSMART Program is the Application Review Committee (ARC). An ARC is a working group that reads grant applications and scores them on how well their proposal meet the requirements of the designated Notice of Funding Opportunity. She has participated in several of the ARCs over the many years.</p>

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<p>Stan Hoffman Watershed Protection Program Coordinator Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Also working in the Source Water Protection Program, Stan Hoffman provides technical assistance to surface water systems and others as they and their partners work to protect watersheds. He has an undergraduate degree in chemistry and a graduate degree in public health from the University of Utah, where his graduate practicum evaluated access to drinking water on the Navajo Nation in southeastern Utah and northern Arizona. He has worked in public health since 2007.</p>
<p>Jenny Holmes Program Coordinator Washington Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants Program</p>	<p>Jenny Holmes currently works with Washington State’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants program. She’s been with Washington’s emergency management division for almost 2 years. One of those years she worked with grants that assisted with the recovery from major disasters and fire declarations. Now she gets to work on the mitigation side of reducing the damages that happen during these events. After seeing all the effort and money that goes into trying to recover from major disasters, Jenny strives towards making more resilient communities and a better prepared future.</p>
<p>Tracey Hunter Executive Director Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW)</p>	<p>Tracey Hunter is the Executive Director of Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWoW), a nonprofit that specializes in on-site technical assistance and training for drinking water & wastewater operators. Tracey began her career in the water & wastewater industry in 2002 when she started as the membership specialist at ERWoW, she has been the Executive Director since 2012. Tracey held the position of IACC Board Secretary from 2012-2015. Tracey has a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication from Washington State University. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. A family favorite is attending WSU football games and supporting her oldest daughter who plays in the WSU marching band.</p>
<p>Deborah Johnson Wellhead Protection Program Coordinator Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Deborah Johnson provides technical assistance to local communities statewide under the Source Water Protection Program, for both the wellhead protection component of water system plans & critical aquifer recharge areas regulations under GMA. She also worked as a regional planner for the SW Region. Deborah has over 30 years’ experience in current & long-range planning at the city, county, & regional level. She also served as an Olympia planning commissioner for 10 years after relocating to attend The Evergreen State College’s MPA program. She is a Washington State native who grew up in the Wenatchee Valley.</p>
<p>Stephanie Jolivette Local Governments Archaeologist Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)</p>	<p>Stephanie has worked as the Local Governments Archaeologist at the DAHP for 5 years. She routinely conducts project reviews for infrastructure projects going through the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review process. At the DAHP she specializes in working with local and state planners, landowners, contractors, and Tribes to find cultural resources solutions that protect archaeological sites while moving projects forward.</p>
<p>Jamie Judkins Program Manager Resource Synergy</p>	<p>Jamie brings to Resource Synergy 18 years of experience working within tribal government and tribal-owned businesses. She started her career with the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino, then served 8 years as Treasurer for the Board of Directors of Willapa Bay Enterprises, a tribal-owned section 17 corporation overseeing a diverse portfolio of businesses owned by the Shoalwater Bay Tribe in Western Washington. She also served within the Shoalwater Tribal Government, managing grants and helping create and implement the Tribe’s plans, which included climate resilience planning, economic development planning, emergency management planning, program development, and planning to move the entire tribal community uphill, away from rising sea levels and the tsunami inundation zone. As an enrolled Shoalwater Bay tribal member herself, she brings a deep connection to the environment of the northwest and a dedication to its stewardship. Jamie is a mother to two wonderful daughters and loves to spend her off time exploring in her Jeep.</p>

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<p>Kristen Kalbrener Program Manager, Energy Efficiency Retrofits Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Kristen has managed a variety of energy efficiency grant programs at Commerce over the past 3.5 years, with both state and federal funding. Before that, she worked in higher education administration and corporate event planning. Kristen is excited about the opportunities that clean energy brings for the environment and for good new jobs. She is committed to making funding available to people across the state, and especially to reaching communities with limited resources.</p>
<p>Tricia Kent Small Utilities Consultant Rural Community Assistance Corp (RCAC)</p>	<p>Tricia has been a Small Utilities Consultant with RCAC for a year and a half. She works with water and wastewater systems across rural Oregon and Washington to support their technical, managerial and financial capacities. Before joining RCAC, Tricia served as an Environmental Education volunteer with Peace Corps, where she specialized in soil and water conservation measures for rural communities in southern Mexico. Prior to that, she worked as a metallurgical and material engineer.</p>
<p>Gabriel Kiritz Senior Associate Environmental Incentives</p>	<p>Gabe is a Senior Associate with Environmental Incentives (EI), a purpose-driven consultancy that works with public sector clients to improve the performance of their conservation and development programs. With a background in international environmental policy, he has spent over ten years working throughout the Americas in biodiversity conservation, education, and facilitation. Gabe's current role is Project Manager for the Stormwater CBP3 Technical Assistance Project with the Department of Ecology. In this position, he leads the consulting team, comprised of EI, Herrera, CIS, The Vida Agency, and Storm and Stream Solutions, in providing technical support to make stormwater CBP3s more accessible to local governments across Washington State. Gabe is excited to apply his expertise in communities of practice to build the Stormwater CBP3 Learning Network with practitioners around Washington.</p>
<p>Josh Klika Procurement and Contracting Consultant Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC)</p>	<p>Josh joined MRSC in October 2021 as a Procurement and Contracting Consultant. Josh has a broad public procurement background with over 20 years in state and local governments. In addition to holding several professional certifications, Josh has served as a recurring panelist, facilitator, and presenter locally and nationally on topics related to procurement.</p>
<p>Scott Kugel Cultural and Environmental Program Specialist Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Scott Kugel is the Cultural and Environmental Program Specialist for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the Washington State Department of Health. He has been in that position since 2019 and was previously a Land Use Planner for Chelan County. He earned an M.S. in Cultural and Environmental Resource Management from Central Washington University and a B.A. in Geology from the College of Wooster. In his free time he enjoys hiking and biking.</p>
<p>Mike Lamey Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Mike started with USDA's Rural Development in 2022. With 20+ years of banking experience, Mike brings knowledge in residential, consumer and commercial lending. As a North Central Washington native and Wenatchee resident, he is familiar with the communities he serves and enjoys working with rural residents that need financial assistance for projects in the area. As a Community Programs Specialist, Mike provides funding through the Water & Environmental and Community Facilities program. Mike is a WSU grad and has 2 children in their 20's and enjoys all the outdoor activities North Central Washington has to offer.</p>
<p>Maddie Levesque Architectural Historian, Compliance Reviewer Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)</p>	<p>Maddie Levesque (they/them) is the DAHP compliance reviewer for all non-transportation related, federal and state capital funded, and locally permitted projects that involve the built environment in WA. They started their career focusing on cultural landscapes at the Pacific West Region of National Park Service, before moving to DAHP. They have a deep passion of innovative preservation solutions for LGBTQ place-based history and helping others connect with their material culture.</p>

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<p>Meredith Lightbody Brownsfield Project Manager Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>Meredith Lightbody is a Brownfields Project Manager with Region 10 EPA based in Seattle, WA. Meredith works as the MARC Grant Competition Co-lead, Job Training Co-lead, Climate Change Co-Coordinator, and prepares the monthly outreach newsletters. She works with both Tribes and local governments in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington.</p>
<p>Mike Mason Economic Development/ Planning Manager Nisqually Indian Tribe</p>	<p>Michael Mason is the Economic Development/Planning Manager for the Nisqually Indian Tribe, a position he has held since 2009. Prior to that he served as the Tribal Sales Manager for the Squaxin Tribe's Skookum Creek Tobacco enterprise. He has also held positions with the Chehalis Tribe, Liggett Group, Inc., and Skippers, Inc. He acts as a Liaison between the Nisqually Tribe and Joint Base Lewis-McChord. He conducts outreach with other tribes and interested parties to discuss the need for high speed internet in their communities. He supports the Culture, Arts, Parks, National Parks, and Law Enforcement committees for the Tribe. He was named First Vice Chair of CERB in 2022.</p>
<p>Sandra Matthews LG, LHG Site Manager Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Sandra Matthews is a Site Manager with the Washington State Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program. Sandra is the team lead for the new Affordable Housing Grant Program in the Northwest Regional Office of Ecology, and the Project Manager for the Everett Smelter Cleanup. She works to clean up contaminated sites from past business practices that have contaminated land and water in Washington. Project experience include contamination from smelters, dry cleaners, manufacturing and leaking underground storage tanks.</p>
<p>Susan McCaffrey Planner David Evans and Associates</p>	<p>Susan McCaffrey is a planner for David Evans and Associates and has written and managed numerous state, federal, and private grants for agencies across Washington State for more than 20 years. In 2022 and 2023, Susan coordinated the DEA grant writing team assisting multiple local tribes with culvert removal projects. In 2022, DEA assisted four tribes in applying for successful USDOT Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) grants for a total of \$16 million. In 2023 the team assisted one local tribe in successful NOAA Restoring Fish Passage through Barrier Removal grants for a total of \$21 million. Susan also assisted the City of Blaine in the obligation process for a \$9.5 million USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in late 2023/early 2024 and led teams to create a RAISE grant application for the City of Sedro-Woolley and a MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Port of Skagit. Most recently, Susan prepared two RCO Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) applications for the City of Mount Vernon's culvert removal/replacement projects on Logan Creek and coordinated with the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group on information for an FBRB application on Carpenter Creek within the City of Mount Vernon.</p>
<p>Chris McCord Managing Director Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Chris is the Managing Director of the Boards Unit which includes the Public Works Board, the Small Communities Initiative, the Community Economic Revitalization Board, The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), CDBG Disaster Recovery, Brownfields, Emergency Rapid Response, and Drinking Water Emergency funding programs. Chris brings thirty plus years of interest and passion for the water sector workforce issues, small community capacity building, infrastructure funding, and technical assistance. When not found looking for innovative strategies to address infrastructure, provide technical assistance, and improve affordability needs of the many communities, Chris can be found hiking the beaches and mountains of Washington with his buddy Hazel.</p>

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<p>Steven Menges General Manager AlphaGuardian Networks</p>	<p>Steven Menges, General Manager of Alpha Guardian Networks, is a B2B innovator and products executive with 25 years of progressive experience. Steven is an industry author and speaker on enterprise computing, OT (Operational Technology) Cybersecurity and IT Security, data analytics, managed service providers (MSPs), regulatory compliance, and buyer’s journey-based engagement. Steven is also an Adjunct Instructor and Capstone/ Thesis advisor at the NYU MS in Management and Systems (STEM) and other NYU Division of Programs in Business programs. Mr. Menges is an AFCEA (Armed Forces Communication & Electronics Association) member, is part of the ASIS International Utilities Security Community, and is an active member of the public water system (PWS) community, including the NRWA (National Rural Water Association), ERWoW (Evergreen Rural Water of Washington), and several other national and state-level organizations.</p>
<p>Layne Merritt Project Manager J-U-B Engineers, Inc.</p>	<p>Layne is a registered professional engineer in Washington, Idaho and Wyoming. He has been assisting communities for 33 years in addressing their infrastructure planning, funding, engineering design and construction needs. He has been with J-U-B Engineers for 14 years and continues in his efforts to help make communities better.</p>
<p>Claire Miller Program Manager, Small Communities Initiative Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Claire Miller is the Program Manager for Small Communities Initiative and provides facilitation and support to the Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition. Claire has a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning and has over six years of experience providing technical assistance to small drinking water and wastewater systems.</p>
<p>Sam Mineer Assistant Project Manager J-U-B Engineers, Inc.</p>	<p>Sam is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Washington and has been with J-U-B Engineers for 8 years. His experience includes water, wastewater stormwater, roadway and general site design. Sam has been involved in all phases of project development with a range of clients, from private companies to public entities. Sam takes pride in fostering the connection between funding and regulatory agencies and his clients so that projects best serve the client’s needs while also meeting funding and regulatory requirements.</p>
<p>Kimberly Moore Policy Advisor and Emergency Response Planner Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Kim Moore is the Legislative Policy Coordinator and Emergency Response Planner for the Office of Drinking Water at the Washington State Department of Health. She leads formulation and development of statewide emergency response plans in collaboration with federal, state, and local partners to advocate for the needs of the water sector and promote the resiliency of public water systems. During an incident serves as a liaison to agency and State Emergency Operations Centers. Serves as the representative of the water sector on the State Cybersecurity Advisory Committee. Previously she has worked in drinking water and on-site sewage programs at local health departments.</p>
<p>Brianne Morin Legislative Policy Analyst Associaion of Washington Cities (AWC)</p>	<p>Staci Nelson serves as the Director of Grant Services at Partners for Rural Washington (PRWA). As the state’s Rural Development Council, PRWA helps small towns and rural counties access resources needed to create a prosperous and sustainable future. In her role, Staci works directly with community leaders to understand the culture, critical challenges and changes they’d like to see in their towns and then seeks to connect those with appropriate public/private funding sources. A seasoned grant writer and collaborative leader with over 25 years of experience, Staci has successfully helped public entities, medical facilities, economic development agencies, colleges and industry associations improve the quality of life for the communities they serve.</p>
<p>Staci Nelson Director of Grant Services Partners for Rural Washington (PRWA)</p>	<p>Staci Nelson serves as the Director of Grant Services at Partners for Rural Washington (PRWA). As the state’s Rural Development Council, PRWA helps small towns and rural counties access resources needed to create a prosperous and sustainable future. In her role, Staci works directly with community leaders to understand the culture, critical challenges and changes they’d like to see in their towns and then seeks to connect those with appropriate public/private funding sources. A seasoned grant writer and collaborative leader with over 25 years of experience, Staci has successfully helped public entities, medical facilities, economic development agencies, colleges and industry associations improve the quality of life for the communities they serve.</p>

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<p>Annalisa Noble Principal Funding Specialist Tower Consulting</p>	<p>Annalisa Noble is the Principal Funding Specialist and OMBWE-certified owner of Tower, a grant writing consultancy based in Spokane, WA. She has nearly a decade of experience as a dedicated grant writer, working with nonprofits, municipalities, ports, airports, utility districts, and other public agencies to procure grants and low-interest loan funds for their priority projects. Annalisa specializes in funding research, matrices, strategies, procurement, and grant reporting post-award for state, federal, and private funding agencies. Since 2016, Annalisa has helped procure over \$100M in funding for a variety of clients, the majority of which are in Washington state.</p>
<p>Jillian Nordstrom Grants and Community Partnerships Manager Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Jill is the Grants and Community Partnerships Manager for WSDOT’s Public Transportation Division. She has worked in the grants field for over twenty years with WSDOT, Commerce, and the Emergency Management Division in all phases of the grants cycle. Her areas of special interest include green transit fleet conversion, rural and special needs transportation funding.</p>
<p>Tim O’Connell Deputy State Director - Washington USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Tim became the Deputy State Director for USDA Rural Development (RD)/Washington State in November 2022. His current role is to help rural communities in Washington State access USDA Rural Development and other funding and technical assistance programs in order for them to thrive. Prior to that he was the West Region Coordinator for the Innovation Center at RD from 2016-2022, working from Portland, OR. He helped coordinate and collaborate with other Federal, State and local agencies and stakeholders involved in rural economic development across thirteen Western States. Prior to his move to Portland, he spent 26 years in Hilo, Hawaii with RD as the Assistant to the State Director--managing the Hawaii/Western Pacific Office for the Agency.</p>
<p>Eleanor Ott Senior Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Eleanor (Ellie) Ott is a seasoned environmental engineer and permit writer, working in the Water Quality Program at the Department of Ecology’s Southwest Regional Office. With her experience, Eleanor helps municipalities navigate the intricate landscape of wastewater infrastructure planning and decision-making, providing guidance to communities of varying sizes. Her expertise encompasses nuanced areas such as AKART determinations, nutrient permitting and policy development. Eleanor is a long time resident of Washington State, received her masters from WSU (2013) and is passionate about protecting the water environment.</p>
<p>Bridget Paris Brownfields Program Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Bridget Paris serves as the Program Manager for the Washington State Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. She has over a decade of experience in working with local government, and over ten years’ of grant, contract and project management experience. She previously served as a project manager for the Washington State Public Works Board, and as a long range and environmental planner for several rural communities in Central Washington. She holds a Master’s degree in Diplomacy and Military Studies from Hawaii Pacific University. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, biking, paddle boarding, cooking and reading.</p>
<p>Chris Pettit DWSRF - Program Manager Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Chris Pettit is the Program Manager for the DWSRF. He has significant experience in watershed and utility management in several states and in the international realm, including as an attorney and program administrator. Chris received his law degree from the University of Florida, his Masters of Law from the University of Cape Town, and is a member of the Washington and Florida Bars.</p>

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<p>Sarah Ponte Stormwater Public-Private Partnership Planner Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Since 2023, Sarah Ponte has been the Stormwater Public-Private Partnership Planner at the Department of Ecology, guiding the development of the Community-Based Public-Private Partnership pilot program. Sarah is also a Financial Manager for stormwater grants funded through the Stormwater Financial Assistance Program. Prior to joining Ecology, Sarah conducted research on the influence of urban tree transpiration to stormwater management, as well as social-ecological links between environmental stewardship, green stormwater infrastructure, and tree canopy cover. Sarah received her master's degree in Environmental Science from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Technology from the University of Maryland.</p>
<p>Travis Porter Project Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Travis is a Project Manager for Small Communities Initiative at the Department of Commerce. He has spent the last 13 years working on NPDES programs and wastewater facilities. He has also worked in hazardous waste and worked on small drinking water systems. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Water Science from the University of Nebraska.</p>
<p>Helen Price Johnson Washington State Director USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>A third-generation Washingtonian and small business owner, Helen Price Johnson has worked statewide advocating for rural places, and people. Joining USDA in January 2022, she previously served three terms as an Island County Commissioner; is a past president of the Washington State Association of Counties and chaired the South Whidbey School Board. She and her husband live on Whidbey Island. They have four grown children, and five adorable grandchildren.</p>
<p>Kim Prisock Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Kim Prisock is an engineer in the Financial Management Section of the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Program. She assists small communities in eastern Washington with wastewater planning, design, and construction projects through Ecology's Water Quality Combined Funding Program. She enjoys collaborating with other technical assistance providers and partner agencies to help fund critical infrastructure needs all over the state. She's also passionate about promoting STEM education and recruiting the next generation of talented professionals into the clean water workforce. Kim is a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) in the state of Washington and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Gonzaga University.</p>
<p>Ashley Probart Executive Director Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)</p>	<p>Ashley Probart is the Executive Director of the Transportation Improvement Board. Ashley will discuss strategic ways to fund local infrastructure projects using available local tools in combination with state funding options. He has nearly thirty years of working with local jurisdictions to secure infrastructure funding. Ashley has served in executive positions in two state agencies, and was a lobbyist for the Association of Washington Cities for over a decade. While lobbying for AWC, he specialized in the areas of public works contracting, supporting the Public Works Board, CERB, numerous economic development initiatives, transportation funding and public utility issues. Ashley was also staff to the Senate and House Transportation Committees.</p>
<p>Jeff Rasmussen Outreach & Education Program Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Jeff Rasmussen is an Outreach and Education Program Manager within the Washington State Department of Commerce's Energy Division. From his previous professional work in non-profits and from serving as an elected City Councilmember, Jeff brings over 15 years of experience in community outreach and working with local and state governments.</p>
<p>Jason Reyna Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Jason Reyna was born in Anacortes, WA. After leaving the US Army in 2014, he obtained his bachelor's degree in business administration from Columbia College. He then worked for Social Security Administration and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration before being hired by USDA Rural Development as a Loan Specialist for Single Family Housing in 2021. In May of 2023, he was given a new opportunity to serve and give back to his community when he switched to being a Community Programs Loan Specialist working Community Facilities and Water and Environmental Programs. Jason currently resides and works in Mount Vernon, WA.</p>

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<p>Koni Reynolds Community Programs Director USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Koni has been a civil servant for almost 35 years and has been with USDA Rural Development for over 18 years. While with USDA RD, she has worked in Multi-Family Housing, Single Family Housing and Community Programs. She has been in Community Programs since 2017 and the Community Programs Director since 2021. She comes from a small rural community in Montana and has lived in many other rural areas throughout her career including her current residence in Toledo, WA. She has a passion for helping rural communities continue to prosper and grow.</p>
<p>Connie Rivera SBO-Infrastructure and Finance Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Connie Rivera is the State Broadband Office Infrastructure and Finance Manager, since June 2022. Previously she worked with the Public Works Board and assisted in developing the Public Works Board’s Rural Broadband Loan Fund Program.</p>
<p>Rick Rose Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Rick Rose was born and raised in Flagstaff AZ. He spent 2.5 years in Tokyo Japan serving various communities in the county. Rick graduated from CA State University Long Beach in Interpersonal Communication Studies after which he worked as a mortgage broker from 2001-2003. Rick has been RD and since 2004 and started in Single Family Housing after moving from UT to Wenatchee. After 2 years of housing, Rick was hired as a Community Programs Loan Specialist in 2006. Rick has two adult children living in Burien WA. Son is working hard at becoming a pilot and Daughter is working hard to figure out her direction. Rick is currently living in Spokane WA with his wonderful wife and life partner Melinda Ovnicek who has two adult boys working to get out on their own working in fields they love. Rick love to snow ski, wake surf, mountain bike, back pack, and overall be in the outdoors while staying out of the ER. Rick is especially fond to serve Rural America with development, economic and capacity needs.</p>
<p>Jack Rosenblit Small Utility Consultant Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>Jack has worked at Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for a year and a half as a Small Utility Consultant and GIS lead. Jack works with creating GIS field mapping projects for small water systems and work with asset management for rate studies and Small Water System Management Programs. Jack previously worked as a GIS manager at county government and worked as a separation technician for the county assessor. Jack has a Masters in Geographic Information Systems from The Pennsylvania State University.</p>
<p>Danielle Russell Assistant Field Manager Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>As a Tribal Utility Consultant specializing in Drinking Water, I am dedicated to ensuring the safety and quality of public drinking water supplies. With 28 years of experience in the drinking water industry and a background in environmental science and public health, I work to assess, monitor, and improve water systems. My expertise includes conducting inspections, analyzing water samples, and assisting tribal communities to stay in compliance with Federal Drinking Water Regulations. I currently serve as an Assistant Field Manager with RCAC working specifically with tribal utilities; prior to this position I worked at the Washington State Department of Health Office of Drinking Water as the Sanitary Survey Program Manager. I am passionate about protecting the health of indigenous communities by assuring safe and reliable drinking water.</p>
<p>Erika Schwender Executive Director / Trainer Professional Training Association</p>	<p>Erika Schwender is the current Executive Director for Professional Training Association, a non-profit organization providing training and technical assistance to water and wastewater utilities. Throughout the last 30+years Mrs. Schwender has been employed by local and state agencies as well as private industry to provide regulatory, laboratory, and process support to water and wastewater treatment operations. Throughout her career she held positions such as Lab Technician, Operations Support, Regulatory Compliance Officer, Surface Water Treatment Plant Manager, Division Director of the NM Environment Department, Utility Director, and Deputy Director of the WA Office of Drinking Water.</p>

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<p>Maria Serra Public Works Director City of Pasco</p>	<p>Maria is the Public Works Director for City of Pasco. She has worked for this agency for the past 10 years, in various engineering roles. Maria was born and raised in Argentina, where she graduated from Universidad de Buenos Aires with a Civil Engineering degree. Her professional experience includes private and public sector, in Latin America and the US.</p>
<p>Janea Stark Executive Director & Tribal Liaison Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)</p>	<p>Janea Stark is the Executive Director & Tribal Liaison for the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) and has staffed the Board since 2004. Developing strong relationships is the foundation of everything Janea does, professionally and personally. Janea works closely with the Board and the Legislature to develop State economic development and rural broadband policy. Janea provides resources and technical assistance to potential clients to develop projects to bring to the Board for approval. With this, she has first-hand knowledge of the challenges that many of our local jurisdictions are facing when trying to fund community and economic development in their area. In 2018, Janea authored the proviso language for CERB’s administered Rural Broadband Program. In 2022, Janea helped secure a historical funding appropriation from the Legislature for CERB. In 2023 and 2024, Janea authored the site readiness and rural broadband program legislative language that updated RCW 43.160. Janea is a Washington native. She is currently serving as the Chair of the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC). When she isn’t working, she enjoys going on adventures with friends and family, taking cardio kickboxing classes, and strength training.</p>
<p>Sabrina Straus Small Utility Consultant I Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>Ms. Straus is a Small Utility Consultant based in Portland, Oregon. She has been working with RCAC since September 2022, assisting with technical, managerial, and financial capacity needs for very small drinking water and wastewater utilities across Oregon and Washington. She has experience with conducting income surveys and rate analyses studies, applying for and handling state and federal funding, SAM.gov navigation, Emergency Response Plans, and is always learning more so she can help rural utilities with their needs. She has also organized several training sessions on topics including asset management and consumer confidence reports. She has an M.S. in Environmental Science from the University of West Florida and previously worked with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as a compliance specialist.</p>
<p>Carlie Stow Climate Resilience Specialist Climate Impacts Group University of Washington</p>	<p>Carlie Stowe is a climate resilience specialist with the Climate Impacts Group (CIG). Carlie works at the boundary of scientific research and application to deliver the latest research on climate science, resilience planning and effective implementation to CIG’s partners including state agencies and local governments.</p>
<p>Axel Swanson Managing Director Washington State Association of County Engineers</p>	<p>Axel Swanson is the Managing Director for the Washington State Association of County Engineers. He holds degrees from both Gonzaga University and Vermont Law School and has worked in county government for over 15 years. In his role as Managing Director, he covers policy issues and advocacy work related to transportation and infrastructure for the Washington State Association of Counties.</p>
<p>Melanie Vance Environmental Manager, Local Programs Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>As the WSDOT Local Programs Environmental Policy Manager, Melanie manages the program coordinating NEPA compliance for local governments receiving Federal Highway Administration funding. She also approves NEPA documents for local agencies in WSDOT’s Northwest Region. She started her career at Spokane County in 2001, and has worked for WSDOT since 2006.</p>
<p>Mischa Venables CHIP Program Manager Department of Commerce (COM)</p>	<p>Mischa Venables serves as the Program Manager for the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP). Her professional expertise spans real estate, residential development, and local government administration.</p>

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<p>Cathleen Walker Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Cathleen started with USDA Rural Development in 2021 but brought with her 30 years of lending experience in both the residential and commercial lending industry. As a Community Programs Loan Specialist, she has been able to apply her experience while working with various rural communities, Tribes, and non-profits to finance the needs of their community. She is building infrastructure through water, storm water and wastewater projects and helping communities through the Community Facilities program by financing items from a new ambulance to assisted Living homes. Although she is a fairly new face with the agency, she is passionate about the mission to grow the rural communities.</p>
<p>Ronald Watters Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA), Region 10 Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency</p>	<p>Ron serves as the Region 10 Private Sector Cybersecurity Advisor for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Based in Seattle, WA, he supports the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) mission of strengthening the security and resilience of the nation’s critical infrastructure. His program coordinates cyber preparedness, risk mitigation and incident response, and provides cyber security resources, including assessments, to the nation’s sixteen critical infrastructure sectors and state, local, tribal, and territorial government entities.</p>
<p>Max Wedding Programs Manager Public Works Board (PWB)</p>	<p>Max has been working at the Public Works Board for about two years helping communities around the state navigate the PWB’s funding process and managing funding contracts. He co-leads the PWB’s Communications, Engagement, and Technical Assistance Committee and helps field technical assistance requests to the IACC’s online portal throughout the year. He spent the last 8 years before joining the PWB working in higher education in Oregon, including roles in community engagement, project management, and program management. He has an MPA with a focus in Local Government from Portland State University.</p>
<p>Briana Weisgerber Active Transportation Programs Engineer Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Briana is a member of WSDOT’s Active Transportation Division where she provides engineering support to the Safe Routes to School and Pedestrian and Bike funding programs. She supports roadway designs, analysis related to active transportation, and speed management implementation. Prior to her role at WSDOT, Briana conducted transportation analysis and created roadway designs to improve comfort and safety for people walking, biking, and rolling in communities across the country.</p>
<p>Dessa Wells Regional Field Manager Rural Community Assistance Corp (RCAC)</p>	<p>Dessa has several years of small business financial management experience. She is QuickBooks certified and has been leading workshops on financial management with RCAC for the past three years. She provides technical assistance to small, rural, and Tribal utilities offering guidance in bookkeeping best practices, rate studies, financial statement development, budgeting, financial management, funding application assistance, income surveys, leadership development, and assistance with small water system management programs.</p>
<p>Nancy Wetch Project Engineer Gray & Osborne, Inc.</p>	<p>Nancy Wetch is a licensed professional engineering and has been in engineering for 27 years, with 22 of those years at Gray & Osborne’s Yakima office. Nancy was the design engineer for the City’s 2010 WWTF upgrade and the project manager for the four phased sewer collection system project.</p>
<p>Emily Whistler Archaeologist Plateau CRM</p>	<p>Emily started at Plateau CRM in January 2020. As the Director of Sustained Services at Plateau, she oversees all projects that involve construction monitoring, along with Preliminary Cultural Resource Reviews, monitoring plans, and Unanticipated Discovery Plans. Her responsibilities include project management, client interface, state and federal permitting, Memorandum of Agreement consultation, report writing, and fieldwork. During her time as a Project Archaeologist at Plateau, Emily has conducted and managed projects throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. She has participated in large- and small-scale probing projects, damage assessments, known site excavations in the Plateau CRM service areas as well as California and Baja, but construction monitoring has always been her favorite.</p>

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<p>Kayla Wilson Technical Assistance Engineer Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>Kayla Wilson is an engineer in the Infrastructure Technical Assistance program at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Pacific Northwest Region. In this position, she works with state agency SRF programs and EPA-funded technical assistance providers to help communities access infrastructure project funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program’s objective is to advance EPA’s mission of improved human health through quality and needed water/wastewater infrastructure projects. Kayla is a graduate of the University of Kansas and is an Engineer-In-Training.</p>
<p>Faith Wimberley Water Quality Program Environmental Justice Planner Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Faith leads the Department of Ecology’s implementation of State environmental justice laws in the Water Quality Program and previously managed the Public Participation Grant, which funds initiatives across Washington that increase public engagement in waste prevention, reduction, and cleanup. Faith brings a twenty-year record of success building capacity in the nonprofit sector through strategic planning, grants management, community-centered decision-making, and forging public-private partnerships. With a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master’s in Public Administration from the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, she claims a heart for justice and a head for strategy.</p>
<p>David Witt Assistant State Archaeologist Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)</p>	<p>Dave Witt has served as the Assistant State Archaeologist at DAHP since 2022. He conducts project reviews for large scale green energy infrastructure projects under SEPA, as well as Section 106 and EO 21-02 reviews. He specializes in consulting with Tribal staff on impacts to large scale projects, and working with agency staff and consultants to efficiently process reviews.</p>
<p>Christine Wollman, AICP, CFM, Senior Planner Perteet</p>	<p>Christina is a senior planner with more than 17 years of experience in land use, environmental, emergency preparedness, and transportation planning. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) through the Association of State Floodplain Managers, and she earned her master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Washington University. Christina began her career working for a local government. As a Senior Planner for Perteet, she now works with local governments throughout Washington state providing project and on-call support, including public outreach, development review, code updates, floodplain regulation, and environmental planning.</p>
<p>Simon Vickery, Associate Davis Arneil Law Firm</p>	<p>Simon received a B.S. in Psychology from Haverford College, near Philadelphia. He worked in environmental and public policy in Philadelphia before attending the University of Colorado Law School, where he was a Casenote Editor of the University of Colorado Law Review. Simon was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 2017 and clerked for Judge Bradley Maxa on Division Two of the Washington State Court of Appeals. He worked on public policy issues in Pierce, King, and Whatcom Counties before relocating to North Central Washington. Simon’s areas of practice include land use and municipal law, environmental law, and general civil litigation. In his spare time, Simon enjoys rock climbing, biking, and skiing.</p>
<p>Sarah Zehner Stormwater Financial Assistance Program Fund Coordinator Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Sarah Zehner is a Stormwater Planner in the Financial Management Section of the Washington Department of Ecology’s Water Quality Program. She is the coordinator for the Stormwater Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) that is part of the Ecology’s Water Quality Combined Funding Program. She assists communities with applying for and receiving funding for stormwater projects throughout the state. Sarah holds a bachelor’s degree in geology and environmental science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.</p>

Continuing Education Unit (CEU)

The following sessions have been assigned 0.1 Water (W) CEU

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S6: Tribal Technical Assistance
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S9: SAM.gov Simplified: A Key to Unlocking Federal Infrastructure Funds
S18: How to Write Good Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Why They are Important
S19: DWSRF Funding and Rulemaking Update
S20: Connecting Climate Resilience, Equity, and Infrastructure
S22: Indian Health Service Support for Sanitation Facilities
S24: Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation Resources/ WaterSMART Grant Program (.)
S25: Cybersecurity and Emergency Response Planning for the Water Sector
S29: Protecting Your Drinking Water & How We Can Help
S30: Cybersecurity for Washington Water Systems/Critical Infrastructure: Funding for Resiliency & More
S32: Planning for Cultural Resource Reviews and Tribal Consultation - Best Practices
S33: Drinking Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance Round-up: How to Get Help and Where to Get It From
S34: How City of Pasco Utilized Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
S35: Emergency Planning for Small Utilities
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S38: Free Technical Assistance through DWSRF
S39: USDA Water and Wastewater Funding Opportunities
S41: Financing Infrastructure with Bonds and Bank Loans
S43: Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Services and Resources
S44: PFAS: New Regulations and Project Funding for Small Systems in Washington
S45: Public Records and Infrastructure Projects
S49: Geographic Information Systems for Asset Management
S46: Budget - The Foundation of Utility Rates
S50: Funding Your Future: A Community's Guide to Navigating the Full Grant Lifecycle
S51: FUN in Funding 2.0 - Where to Find Funding



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S8: Planning to Construction - Getting Your Wastewater Project Funded and Through Ecology Review
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S10: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Construction Funding Opportunity
S13: Ecology Funding for Small Community Wastewater Projects
S14: Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) 101 & Updates
S15 Local Government and Saving Costs with Energy Efficient Buildings
S16: Short Course in Local Planning (.3 WW)
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S56: Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition: A Voice for Municipal Water Purveyors in the Mid-Columbia Basin
S57: Cultural Resources Review for Infrastructure Projects Under SEPA
S60: Chasing I/I to Save Capacity in the City of Toppenish
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A Short Course On Local Planning

IACC CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 22, 2024, 6 – 8:00 P.M.

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Agenda

6:00	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONSDave Andersen, Managing Director of GMS
6:05	THE LEGAL BASIS OF PLANNING IN WASHINGTONSimon Vickery, Attorney The statutory basis of planning in Washington State, and early planning statutes. Constitutional issues in land use planning.
6:25	COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BASICSDave Andersen, Managing Director of GMS What is planning, and why is it important? Overview of the Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements for local planning.
6:50	BREAK (10 minutes)
7:00	ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIESChristina Wollman, AICP, Senior Planner Roles and responsibilities in the planning process. The process for public participation in local planning, and best practices for effective meetings.
7:25	OPEN GOVERNMENT LAWSSimon Vickery, Attorney Open Public Meetings Act and introduction to the Public Records Act. This training meets the requirements of RCW 42.30.205, requiring every member of a governing body to take Open Public Meetings Act training within 90 days of taking an official role, and every four years thereafter.
8:00	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS All

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Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington: www.mrsc.org See *A Planner's Pocket Reference* at www.mrsc.org/subjects/planning/PocketRef.aspx, which includes glossaries, web links for land use, environment, housing, census, economics, transportation, technical tools, model codes and land use law.

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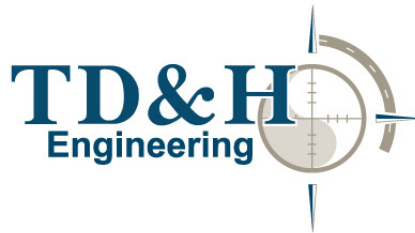
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