

Infrastructure  
Assistance  
Coordinating  
Council

2023 CONFERENCE

# INVIGORATING INFRASTRUCTURE



**OCTOBER 24-26, 2023**

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# 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.

## 2022-2023 IACC Officers

Chair: Janea Stark, [Janea.Stark@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:Janea.Stark@commerce.wa.gov)

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Tribal Representative: Tell Hamilton, Kalispel Tribe of Indians

## Conference Co-Chairs

Claire Miller, Department of Commerce

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# Conference Events

## Sessions

Session schedule is provided on pages 4-7.

Detailed descriptions of all sessions are provided on pages 8-22.

Speaker Bios are provided on pages 23-37.

## 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.

## Exhibitor Reception

**When: Tuesday, October 24**

**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.

## Annual IACC Awards

**When: Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

**Time: 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

**Where: Grand Apple Ballroom**

## Social Event

**When: Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

**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 College Place
- City of Dayton
- City of Kittitas
- City of Newport
- City of Oakville
- City of Republic
- City of Raymond
- City of Winlock
- Clark County PUD
- Kittitas County Water District 7
- Madrona Beach Water System

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**Tuesday  
October 24, 2023**

11:45	<b>Lunch - Welcome Remarks</b> <b>Grand Apple Ballroom</b>				
	<b>Fuji 1-2</b>	<b>Gala 3-4</b>	<b>Fuji 3-4</b>	<b>Gala 1-2</b>	<b>Golden Delicious</b>
1:30 - 2:30	<b>S1 Internet for All in Washington</b>	<b>S2 Transportation Funding Panel</b>	<b>S3 How CISA Can Help Be More Resilient</b> W/WW	<b>S4 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Updates</b> W	<b>S5 Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP\$ and Dip)</b>
2:45 - 3:45	<b>S6 Strategies for Navigating a Declining Workforce</b> W/WW	<b>S7 Active Transportation Funding Programs and Project Development Support</b>	<b>S8 Financing Infrastructure with Bonds and Bank Loans</b> W/WW	<b>S9 Need Help Protecting Your Drinking Water?</b> W	<b>S10 New Rules for Housing and the Systems That Support It</b>
4:00 - 5:00	<b>S11 Integrity of Investment: Utility Workforce Challenges</b> W/WW	<b>S12 FUN in Funding: Winning Grants</b> W/WW	<b>S13 Infrastructure Resilience: What Cybersecurity Resources are Available to Your Organization?</b> W/WW	<b>S14 Budget- The Foundation of Rates (repeated)</b> W/WW	<b>S15 Planning for Infrastructure: Water and Sewer and Streets! Oh, My!</b> W/WW
5:00 - 6:30	<b>Exhibitor's Reception</b> <b>Orchard Exhibit Hall</b>				
6:00 - 9:30	<b>S16 Short Course on Local Planning</b> <b>Golden Delicious</b> .3 W				

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**Wednesday Day - Morning**  
**October 25, 2023**

7:00	<b>Breakfast</b> <b>Grand Apple Ballroom</b>				
	<b>Fuji 1-2</b>	<b>Gala 3-4</b>	<b>Fuji 3-4</b>	<b>Gala 1-2</b>	<b>Golden Delicious</b>
8:15 - 9:15	<b>S17 Tribal Funding Panel</b> <b>WW</b>	<b>S18 Public Transportation Grants and You</b>	<b>S19 Getting Started on Asset Management</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>S20 BIL Funding Opportunities for PFAS and other Emerging Contaminants</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>S21 Connecting to State Capital Grants for Nonprofits</b>
9:30 - 10:30	<b>FT1 Field Trip to Wenatchee's WWTP</b> <b>WW</b> <b>Meet at the Registration Table at 9:15</b>				
	<b>S22 Broadband Access and Digital Equity</b>	<b>S23 Washington St. Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) Local Programs Funding Overview</b>	<b>S24 Sharpening Asset Management Strategies for Water Utilities</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>S25 Question and Answer with a Small Water System using Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</b> <b>W</b>	<b>S26 Early Learning &amp; Behavioral Health Capital Facilities</b>
10:45 - 11:45	<b>S27 Tribal Energy Projects, from Planning to Development</b>	<b>S28 Road/Local Improvement Districts - Successful Solutions</b>	<b>S29 Budget- The Foundation of Rates (Repeated)</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>S30 Maximizing Infrastructure Funding – Public Works Board and MRSC Flag Important Considerations for Capital Project Planning, Design and Construction Projects</b> <b>W</b>	<b>S31 Applying EPA Infrastructure Technical Assistance Throughout Project Timeline to Ensure Quality</b> <b>W</b>

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**Wednesday Day - Afternoon  
October 25, 2023**

12:00	<b>Lunch and Awards</b> <b>Grand Apple Ballroom</b>				
	<b>Fuji 1-2</b>	<b>Gala 3-4</b>	<b>Fuji 3-4</b>	<b>Gala 1-2</b>	<b>Golden Delicious</b>
1:30 - 2:30	<b>S32 Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program</b> <b>WW</b>	<b>S33 Strategies for Project Funding and Benefits of Bundling Projects with Other Agencies</b>	<b>S34 Assembling the Puzzle: Connecting Cleanup Funding and Redevelopment Resources for Success</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>S35 Building a New Statewide Energy Resilience Program: Collaboration, Coordination, and Communication</b> <b>WW</b>	<b>S36 Pretreatment 101</b> <b>WW</b>
2:45 - 3:45	<b>S37 Planning for Cultural Resource Reviews and Tribal Consultation - Best Practices</b> <b>W</b>	<b>S38 TIB Project Management and Finance</b>	<b>S39 Breaking the Barriers to Cleanup and Redevelopment for Communities of all Sizes</b>	<b>S40 Let's Get You Plugged In!</b>	<b>S41 Improving Community Resilience, Water Quality, and Public Health through a Regional OSS Loan Program</b>
4:00 - 5:00	<b>S42 USDA Water and Wastewater Funding Opportunities</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>S43 Cultural Resources and Infrastructure Planning: Understanding the Issues, Managing the Risks</b>	<b>S44 Brewster's Manganese Removal Project</b> <b>W</b>	<b>S45 Let's Go Solar! New Funding Opportunities from Commerce</b>	<b>S46 Equitable Wastewater Futures in King County</b> <b>WW</b>
5:00 - 7:00	<b>Social Event</b> <b>Pybus Market</b>				

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**Thursday  
October 26, 2023**

7:00	<b>Breakfast</b> <a href="#">Grand Apple Ballroom</a>				
	<b>Fuji 1-2</b>	<b>Gala 3-4</b>	<b>Fuji 3-4</b>	<b>Gala 1-2</b>	<b>Golden Delicious</b>
8:15 - 9:15	<b>S47 The Price Is Right</b>	<b>S48 Using GIS to Create your 6-year Capital Improvement Program</b>	<b>S49 Infrastructure and Public Records Requests</b> <b>WW</b>	<b>S50 Reducing Air Pollution and Costs: Expanded Options for Energy Efficiency Funding</b>	<b>S51 Library Capital Improvement Program</b>
9:30 - 10:30	<b>FT1 Field Trip to Wenatchee's WWTP</b> <b>WW</b> <a href="#">Meet at the Registration Table</a>				
	<b>S52 Emergency Planning for Small Water Systems</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>S53 Practical GIS for Asset Managers</b>	<b>S54 Excise Tax Reporting for Public Utility Services</b> <b>WW</b>	<b>S55 Advancing Clean Energy and Resilience through Microgrid Project Development</b>	<b>S56 USDA Community Facilities Funding</b>
10:45 - 11:45	<b>S57 The Show Must Go On: Business Continuity, Succession Planning, and Emergency Response</b> <b>WW</b>	<b>S58 GIS for Small Utility Systems</b> <b>W</b>	<b>S59 Consumer Confidence Reports: iWriter and Rule Revisions</b> <b>W</b>	<b>S60 USDA - Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)</b> <b>WW</b>	<b>S61 What to Expect from Section 106 and GEO 21-02 Consultation with DAHP</b> <b>W</b>

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Tuesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm		
S1	<p><b>Internet for All in Washington</b>            Mark Vasconi            Director            Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO)</p>	<p>Join the Washington State Broadband Office to learn about how they're preparing for the historic federal investment in broadband infrastructure. You'll also learn about how your community has a critical voice in the planning for this work. This will take an enormous effort; by collaborating early and often, the goal of Internet for All in Washington is achievable. During this session you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the preparation and planning efforts already in progress across WA State.</li> <li>• Hear about the many factors that will inform the forward strategy toward Internet for All in Washington.</li> <li>• Learn what communities are doing to position themselves to apply for BEAD funding when the application is available.</li> </ul>
S2	<p><b>Transportation Funding Panel</b>            Brandy DeLange            Government Relations Advocate            Association of Washington Cities (AWC)            Jane Wall            Executive Director            County Road Administration Board (CRAB)            Ashley Probart            Executive Director            Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)            Axel Swanson            Managing Director            Washington State Association of County Engineers (WSACE)            Jay Drye            Director            Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)            Moderator (and panelist):            Charlotte Claybrooke            Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</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>
S3	<p><b>How CISA Can Help Be More Resilient</b>            Ron Watters            Cybersecurity Advisor            Cybersecurity &amp; Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)</p>	<p>Discussion of present 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>



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S4	<p><b>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Updates</b>          Jocelyne Gray          DWSRF Environmental Engineer          Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Learn about the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law updates. Learn who is eligible to apply, which projects can be funded, and how to apply. Funding for planning, engineering, construction, emerging contaminants, lead service line replacements, service line inventories, consolidation feasibility studies, and emergencies. Learn about the definition for disadvantaged communities and how they are eligible for loan principal forgiveness, lower interest rates, and loan fee waivers.</p>
S5	<p><b>Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP\$ and Dip)</b>          Eric Guida          Senior Planner/CHIP Program Manager          Department of Commerce</p>	<p>The CHIP program provides funding to connect affordable housing water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure. Funding is available for on-site water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure, as well as for off-site infrastructure necessary to extend existing facilities to the site. CHIP also reimburses any waived or reduced system development charges. In the 2021-2023 biennium, CHIP awarded \$41M to 54 projects, supporting nearly 4,800 units of affordable housing. Applications for the next \$55M are due October 31. Projects from the 2022 funding round will be highlighted, as well as review requirements and the application for 2023 funding.</p>
<b>Tuesday 2:45 - 3:45 pm</b>		
S6	<p><b>Strategies for Navigating a Declining Workforce</b>          Andy O’Neill          Wastewater Operator Outreach          Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Across the state, communities are dealing with a wastewater operator shortage. This shortage is leaving many municipalities in need of immediate replacements or transition planning. Small rural towns are particularly at risk. Many of these towns rely on operators to be far more than just operators. A sudden retirement, illness, or extended leave has the potential to significantly impair system operations, potentially threatening human health and the environment. Strategies for managing operator turnover at wastewater treatment plants will be discussed, including recruiting, retention and technical assistance for reliable operation of the infrastructure.</p>
S7	<p><b>Active Transportation Funding Programs and Project Development Support</b>          Charlotte Claybrooke          Active Transportation Programs Manager          Briana Weisgerber          Active Transportation Projects Engineer          Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Participants will receive information about WSDOT Active Transportation Programs available to public agencies, the new Active Transportation Design Guide, project development support opportunities and examples of past successful projects. The session will include both an overview of information and interactive session.</p>
S8	<p><b>Financing Infrastructure with Bonds and Bank Loans</b>          Marc Greenough          Lawyer          Foster Garvey</p>	<p>You may be required to issue bonds or obtain a bank loan to provide matching funds for other grants and loans you have secured to finance infrastructure projects. This is your opportunity to learn from and ask all the questions you may have of a local bond lawyer who has experience working with communities across the state to finance infrastructure projects.</p>

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S9	<p><b>Need Help Protecting Your Drinking Water?</b>          Deborah Johnson          Wellhead Protection Program Coordinator          Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Source water protection is but one of many water system planning requirements &amp;, unless a city has its own system, is sometimes given little thought as part of local planning &amp; zoning. Topics to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forming mutually beneficial working relationships between local governments &amp; water purveyors</li> <li>• Correlating water system &amp; GMA plans</li> <li>• An enduring part of your water system plan: biennial source water protection responsibilities</li> <li>• Source water protection funding available from DOH &amp; what it can be used for</li> <li>• Improving wellhead protection with modeling</li> </ul>
S10	<p><b>New Rules for Housing and the Systems That Support It</b>          Carol Holman          Senior Planner          Eric Guida          Senior Planner/CHIP Program Manager          Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Recent changes to the Growth Management Act require jurisdictions to review existing infrastructure and use equity as a consideration for future investments in underserved areas. Local governments may now be required to allow middle housing, and must allow two accessory dwelling units on each lot. This infill housing may increase pressure on water, sewer, and stormwater systems. This session will provide detail on the new requirements and the potential impacts to infrastructure systems. Also, SB 5258 requires local governments to establish impact fees which are proportionate to unit size. Let's talk about system development charges can be structured to support affordable infill housing.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm</b></p>		
S11	<p><b>Integrity of Investment: Utility Workforce Challenges</b>          William Bernier          Operator Certification and Training Section Manager          Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Utility Infrastructure is the foundation of social, economic, and environmental health for every community in Washington. It's becoming challenging to find the workforce necessary to operate, maintain, and repair this same infrastructure. We're witnessing a mass of operator retirements while our recruitment, training, and retention programs lag behind. This presentation will have a "Drinking Water" perspective; but the issues are universal to all utilities. We will show the available data, identify challenges, and discuss potential opportunities to organize, collaborate, and take action to ensure a highly trained, dedicated, and experienced workforce is in place to protect the integrity of our infrastructure investments.</p>
S12	<p><b>FUN in Funding: Winning Grants</b>          Annalisa Noble          Funding Specialist Lead          Kasey Ketterling          Municipal Services Manager          Ardurra</p>	<p>This session is an overview of grant writing best practices that will be beneficial to beginners and experienced leaders alike. During our time together, we will walk through the 3 main phases of applying for funding; our main areas of focus for this discussion includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn Where to Look for Grants;</li> <li>2. Learn How to Create a Funding Plan (Background Information and Funding Matrix); and</li> <li>3. Learn How to Write a Grant.</li> </ol> <p>These three core steps will help any sized community establish a strategy to pursue (and win!) funding for their priority projects. Through the use of relatable case studies of small communities, attendees will gain applicable and repeatable knowledge to aid in pursuing funding that best suits their needs.</p>

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S13	<p><b>Infrastructure Resilience: What Cybersecurity Resources are Available to Your Organization?</b>            Daniel Brown            Cybersecurity Advisor            Cybersecurity &amp; Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)</p>	<p>Highlight the critical role of cybersecurity in maintaining infrastructure resilience. Discuss impact and consequences of cyber attacks on critical infrastructure. Emphasize the importance of identifying and utilizing free and low-cost resources to enhance protection. Introduce the resources available to IACC from CISA, MS-ISAC, and others. Describe how to navigate and implement these resources - where to begin. Encourage collaboration and community engagement. Inspire attendees to take action to improve their cybersecurity program.</p>
S14	<p><b>Budget - The Foundation of Rates</b>            Dessa Wells            Assistant Field Manager            Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>An operating budget is a document used to track income and expenses in a detailed enough way to make operational decisions. Budgets are probably a system's most important work product in remaining sustainable. When used effectively, a budget allows you to plan for the future, showcasing whether revenues will remain sufficient to cover the cost of delivering reliable, safe drinking water or wastewater service. This session will discuss the in-depth steps of quality budget development. We will also discover the vital data that needs to be included in developing a sound budget and how this is the foundation of rate setting. When applying for funding, funders will want to see that a utility is financially viable and that the rates are covering the full cost of providing service. One of the key elements of being able to demonstrate this is through having a balanced operational budget.</p>
S15	<p><b>Planning for Infrastructure: Water and Sewer and Streets! Oh, My!</b>            Carol Holman            Senior Planner            Department of Commerce</p>	<p>What could possibly be more invigorating than planning for infrastructure? Planning for infrastructure within the framework of the Growth Management Act (GMA), of course! During this session, an overview of infrastructure planning as required by the GMA will be provided, discuss capital facilities and what they are, compare and contrast CFPs and CIPs, explain the importance of budgeting and source funds for capital facilities, and supply information about infrastructure funding sources.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 6:00 - 9:00 pm</b></p>		
S16	<p><b>Short Course on Local Planning</b>            Carol Holman            Senior Planner            Department of Commerce            Kirsten Larsen            Senior Planner            City of Wenatchee            Danielle Marchant            Lawyer            Davis, Arneil Law Firm, LLP</p>	<p>The Short Course is a longstanding training program focused on basic planning knowledge in Washington. Hosted by Commerce, the program partners with the Planning Association of Washington and the American Planning Association, Washington Chapter as well as several insurance authorities to make sure public serving professionals are aware of the framework of laws they work within. Some of these trainings are mandatory for elected officials in our state. The Short Course is free and open to the public.</p>

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## Wednesday 8:15 - 9:15 am

<p>S17</p>	<p><b>Tribal Funding Panel</b>          Melissa Conger          Stormwater Project Specialist          Vanessa Brinkhuis          Streamflow Restoration Grants Unit Supervisor  <i>Presenter to be Determined</i>          Clean Transportation Grants          Department of Ecology (DOE)          Marti Canatsey          Community Programs Loan Specialist          USDA Rural Development (RD)          Roger Hargrove          District Engineer          Indian Health Services (IHS)          Tweedie Doe          Project Officer          U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy          Janea Stark          Executive Director &amp; Tribal Liaison          Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)</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>
<p>S18</p>	<p><b>Public Transportation Grants and You</b>          Jill Nordstrom          Grants &amp; Community Partnerships Manager          Evan Olsen          Grants Supervisor          Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>You may think that Public Transportation grant funding is only available for transit authorities but you too might be eligible for some of this funding. Join representatives from WSDOT's Public Transportation Division to learn more about what funding opportunities are available to cities, counties, tribes, ports, and more! We will be talking specifically about Regional Mobility Grants, Tribal Transit Mobility Grants, Consolidated Grants, and the Zero Emissions Access Program.</p>
<p>S19</p>	<p><b>Getting Started on Asset Management</b>          Lori Blau          Regional Manager          Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)          Karen Klocke          Capacity Development Coordinator          Department of Health and Human Services (DSHS)</p>	<p>Have you been hearing about asset management or asset management plans and wondering what they are and how to begin? If so, this session will walk you through the steps in developing an asset management program to prolong the life of your infrastructure and support the sustainability of your system. Resources to begin asset management planning will be provided.</p>



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S20	<p><b>BIL Funding Opportunities for PFAS and other Emerging Contaminants</b>          Becky Garnett          Environmental Scientist          Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)          Jocelyne Gray          DWSRF Environmental Engineer          Department of Health (DOH)          Stephanie Allen          Environmental Engineer          Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provided \$10 Billion nationally over five years specifically to address emerging contaminants in drinking water and wastewater through three main funding programs. These programs are the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (\$1 Billion), the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (\$4 Billion) and a new grant program for small drinking water systems called Emerging Contaminants in Small and Disadvantaged Communities (\$5 Billion). Each of these funding programs are open to any emerging contaminant of concern, including, but not limited to PFAS. As still an emerging area of infrastructure funding, come learn more about this funding opportunity, examples of both drinking water and clean water emerging contaminant funding, and ideas for the future.</p>
S21	<p><b>Connecting to State Capital Grants for Nonprofits</b>          Mike Kendall          Capital Facilities Manager          Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Washington state offers competitive grants for nonprofit agencies (and their partners) to help fund acquisition, construction, and/or renovation of their service facilities. Eligible projects include community service centers, youth indoor athletic facilities, and arts-related buildings. The next round of grants will become available in the Spring of 2024. Please come and join us to learn more!</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 9:30 - 10:30 am</b></p>		
S22	<p><b>Tribal Track: Broadband Access and Digital Equity</b>          Ernie Rasmussen          Executive Director          Bigfoot Telecommunications of the Colville Tribes          Mike Mason          Economic Development Manager          Nisqually Tribe          Tell Hamilton          Executive Director of Planning and Public Works          Kalispel Tribe          Mark Vasconi          Director          Washington State Broadband Office (SBO)</p>	<p>The Washington State Broadband Infrastructure Funding initiated the importance of Digital Navigator opportunities for communities across Washington State.</p> <p>This year’s IACC 2023 Tribal Broadband and Digital Work breakout session will discuss the outcomes of the current Broadband/Digital Navigator efforts and explore future planning.</p> <p>The Washington State Broadband Office’s Mission is to “strengthening communities” and we strive to too enrich the lives of all Washington State residents. With a focus on equity we hope to lift up underserved/unserved communities by bringing affordable, reliable, redundant and scalable/future proof broadband technologies to their homes. This session will also briefly touch on BEAD &amp; Digital Equity Planning funds.</p> <p>This session will highlight past successes by hearing stories from funded communities as they share lessons learned and highlight their success as they transition into future planning.</p>
S23	<p><b>Local Programs Funding Overview</b>          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>

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S24	<p><b>Sharpening Asset Management Strategies for Water Utilities</b>            Denzel Jones            Business Analyst            Thomas Keown            General Manager            Covington Water District (CWD)</p>	<p>Asset management programs deliver large amounts of data that can be leveraged to determine future funding needs, but this can only be done with effective management strategies. Covington Water District, like many utilities, is implementing management strategies into their asset management program to give clear direction to future funding needs. This presentation will cover how CWD is implementing management strategies into their asset management program to drive future planning and long term funding needs. The journey from program development to honing of strategies will be discussed to provide takeaways that water utilities can utilize within their organizations.</p>
S25	<p><b>Question and Answer with a Small Water System using Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</b>            Jocelyne Gray            DWSRF Environmental Engineer            Scott Kugel            Cultural and Environmental Program Specialist            Department of Health (DOH)            Dusty Guenther            General Manager            Boistfort Valley Water</p>	<p>Learn from a small water system, Boistfort Valley Water, about the improvements they made to their surface water system and how they used Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to pay for those improvements. They received one preconstruction loan and two construction loans to replace their surface water intake, upgrade a water treatment plant, and replace a storage tank since 2021. Learn from the General Manager, Dusty Guenther, about managing the construction projects, working with their engineering consultant, and lessons learned, so far.</p>
S26	<p><b>Early Learning &amp; Behavioral Health Capital Facilities</b>            Kristin Ramos            Early Learning Facilities Program Supervisor            Leslie Wolff            Behavioral Health Facilities Program Supervisor            Megan LaPalm            Community Programs Manager            Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Learn about grant funding opportunities for Early Learning and Behavioral Health capital facilities. Information will be shared about grant requirements and contracting processes, along with a showcase of several completed projects.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 10:45 - 11:45 am</b></p>		
S27	<p><b>Tribal Energy Projects, from Planning to Development</b>            Tweedie Doe            Project Officer            U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy            Payton Batliner            Acting Director            Bureau of Indian Affairs' Indian Energy Service Center</p>	<p>Steps toward ensuring a successful tribal energy project include strategic energy planning, feasibility and analysis, and project deployment. DOE Office of Indian Energy, and DOI Department of Energy and Mineral Development will share information on programs to support Tribes in realizing their energy vision.</p>

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S28	<p><b>Road/Local Improvement Districts - Successful Solutions</b>          William Bullock, PE, MPA          City Engineer          City of Mount Vernon</p>	<p>Funding local project debt service through the LID process can be a viable option to provide critical infrastructure to neighborhood communities. This discussion will not focus on the technical and legal process, which has its own complexities, but on how to successfully navigate administration and coordination with the community to maintain momentum needed to cross the finish line. The largest hurdles are often ensuring costs are affordable and a positive public perception. Bottom line, no support or loss of support equals no project; regardless of whether “the process” was followed. Based on lessons learned from successful LIDs, this discussion will share how unforeseen pitfalls can be avoided.</p>
S29	<p><b>Budget - The Foundation of Rates</b>          Dessa Wells          Assistant Field Manager          Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>An operating budget is a document used to track income and expenses in a detailed enough way to make operational decisions. Budgets are probably a system’s most important work product in remaining sustainable. When used effectively, a budget allows you to plan for the future, showcasing whether revenues will remain sufficient to cover the cost of delivering reliable, safe drinking water or wastewater service. This session will discuss the in-depth steps of quality budget development. We will also discover the vital data that needs to be included in developing a sound budget and how this is the foundation of rate setting. When applying for funding, funders will want to see that a utility is financially viable and that the rates are covering the full cost of providing service. One of the key elements of being able to demonstrate this is through having a balanced operational budget.</p>
S30	<p><b>Maximizing Infrastructure Funding – Public Works Board and MRSC Flag Important Considerations for Capital Project Planning, Design and Construction Projects</b>          Karin Berkholtz          Executive Director          Maria Jawad          Management Analyst          Max Wedding          Project Manager          Public Works Board (PWB)          Jon Rose          MRSC Finance and Administration Manager          Municipal Research &amp; Services Center (MRSC)</p>	<p>Hear how PWB’s appropriation of \$400M is hitting the streets and how to prepare for the next round of PWB construction funding in spring of 2024. Learn about how MRSC can help local governments maximize capital funding, get projects ready for bid and successfully meet apprenticeship and workforce development requirements.</p>
S31	<p><b>Applying EPA Infrastructure Technical Assistance Throughout Project Timeline to Ensure Quality</b>          Ryan Gross          Infrastructure Technical Assistance Coordinator          Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>EPA infrastructure technical assistance staff describe how technical assistance should be used not just during infrastructure project identification and initiation, but throughout the project to ensure that the final product meets user needs. The presentation will include a description of EPA TA programs and lessons learned from EPA TA projects.</p>



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## Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm

S32	<p><b>Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program</b>            Roger Hargrove            District Engineer            Indian Health Service (IHS)</p>	<p>The SFC Program provides technical and financial assistance to American Indian Tribes/Nations and Alaska Native villages for cooperative development and construction of safe water, wastewater, and solid waste systems and related support facilities.</p>
S33	<p><b>Strategies for Project Funding and Benefits of Bundling Projects with Other Agencies</b>            Andrew Beagle            NE Region Engineer            Ashley Probart            Executive Director            Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)</p>	<p>This session will provide strategies for fully funding transportation projects for your agency. We will also discuss potential benefits and challenges of bundling similar and smaller projects with other agencies to create economy of scale.</p>
S34	<p><b>Water Quality Combined Funding Program (WQC) Overview and Funding Availability</b>            Shelly McMurry            Clean Water State Revolving 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), Stormwater Grants, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loans, and newly authorized Clean Water SRF Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. This session will discuss available funding, how to apply, how funding decisions are made and what federal requirements may apply (including Buy America, Build America (BABA)).</p>
S35	<p><b>Building a New Statewide Energy Resilience Program: Collaboration, Coordination, and Communication</b>            Deb Witmer            Energy Resilience &amp; Mitigation Program Manager            Department of Commerce</p>	<p>This is an interactive session sharing program development work, challenges, successes, and how the program can be replicated.</p> <p>It is time for Energy Resilience to become the work of the whole community. The impacts of climate change are upon us and they are colliding with our power-dependent societies. Disasters, both natural and man-made, are stressing – and breaking – our nation’s energy systems. Energy resilience today will take actions by every layer of society – communities, local governments, and utility partners must come together to address this wicked challenge. Long-standing inequities must also be addressed through this work.</p>
S36	<p><b>Pretreatment 101</b>            Maia Hoffman            Environmental Engineer            Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>The national pretreatment program is a component of the NPDES program. The national pretreatment program is collaborative between local, state, and federal regulatory agencies to protect POTW infrastructure and reduce pollutant levels discharged by industries into municipal sewer systems and into the environment. This presentation will include an overview of the regulatory requirements of the pretreatment program, implementation strategies for POTWs, and benefits of having a pretreatment program. The targeted audience is POTWs that do not have a delegated, authorized pretreatment program required in their NPDES or SWD permit.</p>



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## Wednesday 2:45 - 3:30 pm

S37	<p><b>Planning for Cultural Resource Reviews and Tribal Consultation - Best Practices</b>            Kerry Lyste            Tribal Historic Preservation officer            Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians            David Harder            Principal Investigator            Plateau Archaeological Investigations</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 agencies, archaeologists, and Tribes, providing insights and tips on best practices for completing cultural resource reviews and engaging in tribal consultation.</p>
S38	<p><b>TIB Project Management and Finance</b>            Christa Draggie            Project Engineer            Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)</p>	<p>This session will review best practices for project management and reimbursement for Transportation Improvement Board funded grants to improve project success. We will provide you with a strong basis on TIB's mission and core values, help you understand the statutes which govern TIB's programs, and give you a general understanding of where TIB funds come from. The course will provide an overview of TIB's funding programs available to both Urban and Small City agencies.</p> <p>We will walk through the management of your TIB project from selection to closeout and what is required from each phase. This course will help guide you through various project issues, such as delayed projects, scope changes, or change orders. The course will also provide you with basic information about TIB's online billing system, reimbursements, and progress billing.</p>
S39	<p><b>Breaking the Barriers to Cleanup and Redevelopment for Communities of all Sizes</b>            Ali Furrall            Small &amp; Rural Communities Brownfields Specialist            Arianne Fernandez            Brownfields Toxicologist            Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>There are several resources available to help local governments cleanup contaminated sites, but there's a noticeable disparity in which local governments take advantage of these resources. During this facilitated roundtable discussion, attendees can share the barriers they perceive or experience when considering redevelopment on a contaminated site. Facilitators will share current resources and solicit feedback on how we can improve access to resources and build trust within the community.</p>
S40	<p><b>Let's Get You Plugged In!</b>            Debbie Becker            Grants Manager, Clean Transportation            Hans Berg            Clean Energy Fund Section Supervisor            Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Department of Commerce's Clean Transportation Unit is launching an EV Community Charging Infrastructure program and preparing to design the EV Incentive program, including on-the-hood rebates. And the Clean Energy Program in communities will have an update on their funding opportunities in addition to a report on recent awards.</p>

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S41	<p><b>Improving Community Resilience, Water Quality, and Public Health through a Regional OSS Loan Program</b></p> <p>Seth Elsen Senior Planner Department of Ecology (DOE)</p> <p>Desiree Sideroff Clean Water Program Manager Craft3</p> <p>Roger Parker Technical Assistance lead for Onsite Septic Systems Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>This session will provide a background on the program and how it can be a resource for Washington communities grappling with on-site sewage systems.</p> <p>Failing on-site sewage systems pose numerous dangers to human health, water quality, and our aquatic resources. Replacing a failing septic system can cost upwards of \$30,000, which many homeowners cannot afford.</p> <p>To address this growing issue, the Departments of Ecology and Health are partnering with non-profit lender Craft3 and counties across Washington to provide affordable loans to repair or replace failing systems. The loan covers the full project with no upfront costs – from design to installation and ongoing maintenance. With Craft3 administering loans, local health departments can focus on their core duties while referring those in need to the lender. Over the last seven years, more than 1,500 projects have been completed.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm</b></p>		
S42	<p><b>USDA Water and Wastewater Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p>Rick Rose Community Facilities 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 to apply.</p>
S43	<p><b>Cultural Resources and Infrastructure Planning: Understanding the Issues, Managing the Risks</b></p> <p>Stephanie Jolivette Local Governments Archaeologist Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)</p>	<p>Most infrastructure projects intersect with cultural resources, so understanding the requirements for cultural resources review, assessment, and mitigation should be addressed early in the project planning process. Cultural resources (including archaeological sites, buildings, structures, districts, and landscapes) can be found anywhere in Washington State. Hear from State cultural resource professionals about the “why, what, where, and when” for addressing cultural resource issues early in your planning and the tips to help you through the process.</p>
S44	<p><b>Brewster’s Manganese Removal Project</b></p> <p>Michelle Johnson Project Manager J-U-B Engineers</p> <p>Misty Ruiz Finance Director / City Clerk</p> <p>Lee Webster Public Works Director City of Brewster</p>	<p>The City of Brewster has been working to remove manganese from their drinking water supply and distribution system over the last several years. This presentation will discuss the challenges and successes that the City had with locating and constructing new, high quality water supply wells, including the partnership with USDA Rural Development in funding a significant portion of the work. The presentation will also include information on the cleaning of the distribution system, via a process called Ice Pigging, and that has been recently completed and the observed impacts of that effort.</p>

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S45	<p><b>Let's Go Solar! New Funding Opportunities from Commerce</b>          Maureen Maples          Solar Program Manager          Aidan Garrity          Solar Program Manager          Department of Commerce</p>	<p>The Department of Commerce is significantly expanding solar grant programs in the coming year. Learn about new and expanded solar program funding to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community solar projects that benefit low-income residents</li> <li>• Solar for public buildings to save money and showcase solar in your community</li> <li>• Back-up power to serve critical needs during outages</li> <li>• Technical assistance to help you plan your projects</li> <li>• And more!</li> </ul> <p>Funding is available for local, state, and tribal governments, certain non-profits, multifamily affordable housing, and others. Ask questions and provide feedback as we get ready to launch these opportunities.</p>
S46	<p><b>Equitable Wastewater Futures in King County</b>          Corrina Marote          Wastewater Planner          Public Health Seattle &amp; King County</p>	<p>Citizens in urban King County face a growing number of septic system failures as 75% of about 40,000 septic systems located on properties zoned as urban are approaching or have exceeded their expected design life. Using the CDC Social Vulnerability Index, 44% of urban septic systems are in high-vulnerability census tracts, which are often low-income communities of color. The widespread OSS failures and associated costs disproportionately affect low-income, communities of color located in urban areas, who were previously left out of government- and developer-funded sewer infrastructure development. To identify potential solutions, Public Health contracted a consultant to develop a high-level cost analysis. The final report will aid Public Health in planning for addressing the current problem, plan for future wastewater and housing needs, and become a better partner to utility districts.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 8:15 - 9:15 am</b></p>		
S47	<p><b>The Price Is Right</b>          Kasey Ketterling          Municipal Services Manager          Ardurra</p>	<p>One of the hardest challenges to obtaining funding for a project is to estimate what the project will actually cost. This class provides a detailed breakdown on how to approach project cost estimating, all of the elements that need to be considered, and tips on how to prepare for escalation and a constantly shifting economy. Topics will also include ways to structure the bid that allow for flexibility after the pricing is in. This will be a fun and engaging class with opportunities for attendees to share their ideas with each other.</p>
S48	<p><b>Using GIS to Create your 6-year Capital Improvement Program</b>          Chris Malone          Public Works Finance and Asset Manager          Patrick Hanley          GIS Engineering Specialist          City of Vancouver</p>	<p>The City of Vancouver recently started utilizing GIS to create our 6-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This presentation will share how we created the CIP historically and how we plan on doing it moving forward. This presentation will share some the benefits and the pitfalls that we have experienced so far.</p>



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S49	<b>Infrastructure and Public Records Requests</b> Morgan Damerow PRA Consultant and Open Government Ombuds Office of the Attorney General	The public often seek information about an agency’s infrastructure. This may be current infrastructure in place or projects to improve these assets. Other times it’s the unsuccessful bid contractor looking for records. In this session we will refresh and update the PRA’s expectations in providing records and also focus on key issues on the release of records such as copyright, proprietary information and resource security and public safety.
S50	<b>Reducing Air Pollution and Costs: Expanded Options for Energy Efficiency Funding</b> Kristen Kalbrener Program Manager Department of Commerce	Washington state has expanded funding available to communities to assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and meeting climate goals. Federal funding from the BIL and IRA infrastructure bills has also arrived in Washington. Now is the time for more communities to access more funding for energy efficiency measures. Learn about the various grant programs to help pay for planning for climate change, retrofitting buildings, and performing energy audits that identify areas of potential savings.
S51	<b>Library Capital Improvement Program</b> Mara Isaacson Commerce Specialist Department of Commerce	So you want to build a library? Community Facility funding through the Department of Commerce’s Library Capital Improvement Program (LCIP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; how to apply, set up for success, and a few case studies. LCIP grants assist local governments in acquiring, constructing or rehabilitating library facilities; priority given to historic buildings or those in distressed or rural areas. CDBG program funds community and public facilities in eligible rural cities and counties to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
<b>Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 am</b>		
S52	<b>Emergency Planning for Small Water Systems</b> Tricia Kent Small Utilities Consultant I Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)	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 what an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is, the steps involved in creating one, and its importance for your system. We will share some case studies and materials to help get you and your team started on putting together your own ERP.
S53	<b>Practical GIS for Asset Managers</b> Gavin Jaravata GIS Analyst FLO Analytics	GIS is a critical data source for the majority of Asset Management Systems (AMS) available, providing key asset location and data to supercharge your work orders and asset interactions. But it can go beyond that, providing useful tools for staff and the public alike that can help you better serve your users and communities. This session will focus on the capabilities of GIS and practical approaches to creating simple, task-focused applications. Topics will include: GIS platforms, the role of GIS data in most commercial Asset Management Systems, and examples of simple GIS tools that can quickly have an impact in your organization.



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S54	<p><b>Excise Tax Reporting for Public Utility Services</b>  Randy Rittenhouse  Lead Revenue Auditor  Department of Revenue (DOR)</p>	<p>This session will provide an overview on the tax reporting responsibilities of public utility services in Washington state. Attendees will hear from a Revenue Auditor and learn how to report the revenue from public utility services. There will be a discussion on tax reporting classifications, sales tax collection obligations, deductions, and exemptions for water distribution, water utility, sewerage collection, sewage treatment, and other related services. There will also be a discussion on business records where attendees will learn about the retention periods and type of records needed to support income, deductions, and exemptions as well as a demonstration on resources available for utility businesses. Attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions that apply to public utility services.</p>
S55	<p><b>Advancing Clean Energy and Resilience through Microgrid Project Development</b>  Jack Newman  Director of Clean Energy Solutions  Sazan Group  TBD  Department of Commerce  Veena Prasad  Program Director  Spark Northwest</p>	<p>As clean energy technologies continue to play a key role in helping communities implement energy resilience and climate adaptation projects, learn about the Solar Plus Storage for Resilient Communities Grants and Technical Assistance Program from the Washington State Department of Commerce. This session highlights the alignment between microgrid feasibility studies, grants and incentives, as well as Sazan’s microgrid project development roadmap strategy. With an overview of recent projects and case study examples, take a deep dive into funding resources for clean energy projects, including how the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) established new direct payments available to public agencies, nonprofits, and Tribes through the Investment Tax Credit (ITC).</p>
S56	<p><b>USDA Community Facilities Funding</b>  Marti Canatsey  Community Programs Loan Specialist  Cathleen Walker  Community Programs Loan Specialist  USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Come and get information on how a community, a nonprofit, or a Tribe can fund projects such as City Halls, Fire Stations, Medical Facilities, Roads, and Essential Equipment under USDA Community Facilities Program.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 11:45 - 12:45 pm</b></p>		
S57	<p><b>The Show Must Go On: Business Continuity, Succession Planning, and Emergency Response</b>  Arnab Bhowmick  Founder and CEO  Aktivov Asset Management</p>	<p>Organizations cannot risk the chance of being crippled even in a pandemic or during natural calamities, or emergencies, and workforce turnover. There are established rules about the upkeep of the regular and critical operations during any major events, and loss of critical human resources. This class covers normal disruptive events, deals with bigger showstoppers like the pandemic, and helps strategize dealing with workforce turnover and succession planning. The interactions with your customers, citizens, partners, inter and intra organization teams also become critical during these transitory phases. We will discuss business continuity, succession planning, and operations continuity in an adaptive hybrid mode with a mix of online and in-person interactions where what makes sense. The attendees will come out with a clear idea on how to deal with such events in the future.</p>

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S58	<p><b>GIS for Small Utility Systems</b>          Jack Rosenblit          Small Utility Consultant          Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>This presentation will cover how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can be used for small utility systems and how Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) can help with setup and training of a GIS system. The GIS systems that will be covered are ESRI Arc GIS platform, Diamond Maps, and Google Earth. There will be content on what GIS is and why it is important to a utility and its community. The presentation will go over the pros and cons of the different platforms and how they can work together. There will be a demonstration on how web mapping and field mapping applications work. The other part of this presentation is how RCAC can help communities set up mapping systems and the resources we can provide.</p>
S59	<p><b>Consumer Confidence Reports: iWriter and Rule Revisions</b>          Sabrina Straus          Small Utilities Consultant          Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>How do you inform your consumers about the quality of their local drinking water? The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that all community water systems submit a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to their customers by July 1st of each year. This annual report holds the water system accountable by reporting compliance successes &amp; failures to water consumers. It is also an opportunity to connect with the community and explain the hard work the systems do to ensure the drinking water is safe and clean. The most recent &amp; welcome change to the CCR regulation is that CCRs can now be delivered electronically using the Environmental Protection Agency's iWriter tool. Additional changes are coming in the form of rule revisions from EPA - these revisions will improve the readability of the reports, make them easier to understand, enhance risk communication, and encourage modern delivery options, among other things. In this presentation, you will learn how to successfully satisfy the annual CCR reporting requirement &amp; how to use iWriter to produce regulation compliant CCR reports. We will also discuss the newest rule revisions from EPA, which will take effect in 2025.</p>
S60	<p><b>USDA - Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)</b>          Roni Baer          Business &amp; Cooperatives Loan Specialist          USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Overview of the Rural Business Development Grant program. This grant can fund projects that will benefit rural areas or towns through economic development, job creation, support for rural businesses, increasing tourism, community planning, etc. We will go over applicant and project eligibility, how to apply for funding, and answer any questions you may have.</p>
S61	<p><b>What to Expect from Section 106 and GEO 21-02 Consultation with DAHP</b>          Maddie Levesque          Architectural Historian          Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)</p>	<p>Federal or state-funded projects require consultation with DAHP to consider their impacts on cultural resources, including buildings, structures, sites, objects, and archaeological sites. To ensure projects continue on schedule, it is essential to consider these processes early in infrastructure planning. In this session, understand what is expected by DAHP to complete consultation for effective compliance with these regulations.</p>
<p><b>Field Trip</b></p>		
FT1	<p>Field Trip to Wenatchee's WWTP</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 plan 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>

# Speaker Bios

<p><b>Stephanie Allen</b> 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 &amp; 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><b>Roni Baer</b> Business &amp; Cooperatives Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Roni Baer serves as the Business and Cooperative Programs Specialist for the South Eastern Washington Area. She is responsible for the management of a variety of grant and direct and guaranteed loan programs that provide for business credit needs in under-served rural areas, often in partnership with private-sector lenders. These programs include the Guaranteed Business and Industry Program, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency System Improvement Program, Intermediary Relending Program, Value-Added Agriculture Producer Grant Program, to name a few. Ms. Baer has over 15 years' experience with USDA Rural Development.</p>
<p><b>Payton Batliner</b> Acting Director Bureau of Indian Affairs' Indian Energy Service Center</p>	<p>Payton Batliner is the Acting Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Indian Energy Service Center (IESC). IESC serves the Indian trust mission of the Department of the Interior in the arena of energy and mineral management. Prior to his work at IESC Payton was the Branch Chief of the Business Services Branch within the Department of the Interior's Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD). He worked across all commodity groups in the Division and specialized in business planning, financial analysis, and Tribal Utility Formation. Payton holds an MBA, with an emphasis in finance and entrepreneurship, from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and was born on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.</p>
<p><b>Andrew Beagle</b> NE Region Engineer Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)</p>	<p>Andrew has spent nearly two decades in public sector transportation across research, technical policy, planning, programming and project development. Andrew currently supports local agencies as the NE Regional Engineer for the Transportation Improvement Board. Currently, Andrew has been focusing efforts to help local agencies strategize for maintenance and preservation of small city streets including partnerships between local agencies.</p>
<p><b>Debbie Becker</b> Grants Manager, Clean Transportation Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Debbie Becker has experience in managing federal and state funding priorities and is responsible for managing the funding and program design for the new EV charging and incentives unit. Previously she served as Operations Manager for pipeline safety and Call Before You Dig enforcement; Budget and Grants Manager for conservation programs; and the executive director of the Washington State Dairy Federation.</p>
<p><b>Hans Berg</b> Clean Energy Fund Section Supervisor Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Hans Berg serves as the Clean Energy Fund Section Supervisor and manages the ETS grant program.</p>
<p><b>Karin Berkholtz</b> Executive Director Public Works Board (PWB)</p>	<p>Karin Berkholtz serves as the Executive Director of the Public Works Board. Over the course of her career she's worked at the nexus between environmental protection and economic development with the Northwest Forest Plan, the Puget Sound National Estuary Program and the Mississippi River Critical Area in Minnesota. Karin holds a masters from the Evans School of Public Affairs and Governance.</p>



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<p><b>William Bernier</b> Operator Certification and Training Section Manager Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Manage the Operator Certification and Training section for the Office of Drinking Water. 17 Years of experience in the drinking water industry. CCS, WDMII, Certified Water System Designer, (Formerly a BAT). B.A. in History from The Ohio State University. Naval Nuclear Power School, Chemistry and Radiological Controls.</p>
<p><b>Arnab Bhowmick</b> Founder and CEO Aktivov Asset Management</p>	<p>Arnab has more than 23+ years of technical &amp; managerial experience in business &amp; operations, asset management, GIS, emergency management, IT security, strategic planning etc. He is the Chair of American Public Works Association APWA, WA Asset Management Committee, and has been advising both private &amp; public sector executives, managers, department heads for a couple decades on asset management, GIS/IT, business continuity, technology trends, and e-governance. He has worked for many multinational firms including Weston, ESRI, Autodesk, Tata Group, and founded Aktivov Asset Management. He has a bachelors in Civil Engineering and multiple masters in GIS, business, &amp; sustainable engineering.</p>
<p><b>Lori Blau</b> Regional Manager Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>Ms. Blau is a chemical engineer who joined RCAC in 2018. She provides training and technical, managerial and financial assistance to water and wastewater utilities, as well as local and Tribal governments. Prior to joining RCAC, Ms. Blau was an environmental professional in a variety of industrial settings.</p>
<p><b>Vanessa Brinkhuis</b> Streamflow Restoration Grants Unit Supervisor Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Vanessa Brinkhuis is the Streamflow Restoration Grants Unit Supervisor for the Washington State Department of Ecology's Water Resource Program. Vanessa has been with the Water Resources Program since 2017 where she has developed strong relationships working with tribes, local governments, and watershed planning groups across the state on water supply challenges and balancing the needs for people, farms, and fish. The Program's Streamflow Restoration Grant Unit offers a couple of funding opportunities, including grants that help state and local agencies, Tribal governments, and non-profit organizations implement local watershed plans and projects to improve streamflow and aquatic resources. Vanessa has a diverse professional background, where she has worked collaboratively across disciplines, environments, and geographic lines to solve complex challenges. Since moving to the beautiful state of Washington, Vanessa spends her free time with her family enjoying the great outdoors, local Yakima area fruit harvest season, and gardening.</p>
<p><b>Daniel Brown</b> Cybersecurity Advisor Cybersecurity &amp; Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)</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>
<p><b>William Bullock, PE, MPA</b> City Engineer City of Mount Vernon</p>	<p>Bill has worked as an engineer and administrator in local government for Washington cities and counties for the last 28 years. His responsibilities have ranged from transportation planning and project development, grant funding, design, project and construction management, operations management, and public administration. Transportation infrastructure is his main area of expertise but has managed several utilities in a number of jurisdictions including; wastewater, reclaimed water, water, solid waste, stormwater, and power. He has a BS in Industrial Engineering, a Civil PE, and a Masters in Public Administration.</p>



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<p><b>Marti Canatsey</b> Community Programs Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Marti has been with USDA Rural Development since October of 2004. She started in Single Family Housing and transferred into Community Programs in 2006 working as a Community Programs Specialist in the Yakima Area Office. As a Community Programs Specialist, she has worked with various rural communities, Tribal Communities, and non-profits in her area to finance infrastructure (water, wastewater, solid waste, storm water) and community facility type projects. In January, 2022, she became the State Loan Specialist for Community Programs and works with all specialists and projects across the state.</p>
<p><b>Charlotte Claybrooke</b> 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><b>Melissa Conger</b> 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 two years, serving as a financial manager and cultural resources contact for state-funded stormwater projects. A Michigan native, Melissa takes every opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy our parks.</p>
<p><b>Morgan Damerow</b> PRA Consultant and Open Government Ombuds Office of the Attorney General</p>	<p>Morgan Damerow serves as a Consultant for the Office of the Attorney General’s (AGO) LGCP. The LGCP is the Local Government Consultation Program that provides 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, expanding his work to include providing information and training on the Open Public Meetings Act, and the PRA to governing bodies and the general public. He joined the AGO in 2003 and is 1997 graduate from the University of Montana, School of Law.</p>
<p><b>Brandy DeLange</b> Government Relations Advocate Association of Washington Cities (AWC)</p>	<p>Brandy DeLange joined AWC in July 2021 as a Government Relations Advocate, covering transportation, broadband, public works, and utilities. She has over a decade of local government and lobbying experience, working previously for the Colorado Municipal League and Colorado Counties, Inc.</p>
<p><b>Tweedie Doe</b> Project Officer U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy</p>	<p>Tweedie Doe is a Lead Project Officer with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy, administering financial assistance awards to Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and tribal and inter-tribal organizations. Before joining DOE in 2009, Tweedie worked with the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT). Tweedie earned a BA in Political Science from the University of Washington, and an MA in International Studies, with an emphasis on economics and human rights, from the University of Denver.</p>
<p><b>Christa Draggie</b> Project Engineer Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)</p>	<p>Christa has over 15 years of public agency transportation experience in design, construction, policy, and program development. As Project Manager of the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), Christa manages coordination of county assisted projects for small cities, provides Project Management training, and backs up Region Engineers when they are unavailable. Christa has also served roles in TIB as the Special Projects Engineer, and SE Region Engineer. Prior to working for TIB, Christa held positions in design and construction at WSDOT.</p>

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<p><b>Jay Drye</b>          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.</p> <p>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><b>Seth Elsen</b>          Senior Planner          Department of Ecology          (DOE)</p>	<p>Seth Elsen is a planner with the Washington Department of Ecology’s Water Quality Program, with a focus on septic systems and non-point source pollution. He manages a number of projects and programs across the state to improve water quality and build community resilience. He holds undergraduate degrees from the University of Minnesota, Morris, and a master’s in natural resources from Utah State University.</p>
<p><b>Arianne Fernandez</b>          Brownfields Toxicologist          Department of Ecology          (DOE)</p>	<p>Arianne Fernandez is the Brownfields Toxicologist for the Brownfields Program at the Washington State Department of Ecology. She is responsible for developing equitable use strategies for Brownfields resources through a human and environmental impact assessment lens. She also provides technical assistance for projects receiving brownfields funding from Ecology, EPA, and Commerce. Arianne has worked for Ecology for nearly 20 years and earned a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Evolutionary Ecology from the University of California, Davis and a Master’s of Science in Environmental Science from the University of Idaho.</p>
<p><b>Ali Furmall</b>          Small &amp; Rural Communities          Brownfields Specialist          Department of Ecology          (DOE)</p>	<p>Ali Furmall, LG, LHG, is the Small and Rural Communities Specialist for the Brownfields Program at the Washington State Department of Ecology, where she has developed a program focused on promoting brownfields redevelopment to small communities. She also provides technical assistance for projects receiving brownfields funding from Ecology and Commerce. Ali earned a bachelor’s degree in geology from the University of South Florida and a master’s in geology from the University of Oregon.</p>
<p><b>Becky Garnett</b>          Environmental Scientist          Environmental Protection          Agency (EPA)</p>	<p>Becky Garnett is an environmental scientist with fifteen years of experience at EPA working in a variety of water and enforcement programs. She started her career studying contaminants, including PFAS, in freshwater rivers as a graduate student and has touched on PFAS work in enforcement and now through infrastructure funding as the BIL Emerging Contaminant Funding Coordinator at EPA Region 10 in the Infrastructure and Technical Assistance Section.</p>
<p><b>Aidan Garrity</b>          Solar Program Manager          Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Aidan manages solar grant programs with Commerce. He recently moved to Tacoma after living in Utah, where his professional experience included developing energy efficiency programming in low-income communities, designing sustainable buildings, building strawbale homes and installing solar panels. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Architecture.</p>
<p><b>Jocelyne Gray</b>          DWSRF Environmental          Engineer          Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Jocelyne Gray, P.E., (she/her pronouns) is the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Environmental Engineer in the Office of Drinking at the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). She has worked for DOH for over six years, mostly in the Southwest Regional Operations. Previous experience includes seven years managing small public water systems with a local utility district and eight years in consulting. Infrastructure funding has been a part of Ms. Gray’s entire career. She is a professional engineer licensed in the state of Washington and is a Washington State certified water operator (Water Distribution Manager 4 and Cross-Connection Control Specialist). 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>

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<p><b>Marc Greenough</b> Lawyer Foster Garvey</p>	<p>Marc Greenough is a lawyer in the Seattle office of Foster Garvey. For over 25 years, he has worked to finance public infrastructure projects throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska as bond counsel, tax counsel, underwriters' counsel, and disclosure counsel on general obligation, revenue, and special obligation financings by state, local, and tribal governments. He also has extensive experience in structuring municipal and public/private ventures and in providing representation in administrative proceedings and litigation.</p>
<p><b>Ryan Gross</b> Infrastructure Technical Assistance Coordinator 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. His 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><b>Dusty Guenther</b> General Manager Boistfort Valley Water</p>	<p>Dusty Guenther has served as the General Manager at Boistfort Valley Water for the past four years. The water system serves 820 connections in rural Lewis County west of Chehalis. She worked for 13 years in a chemical lab for a treatment plant where she earned her Water Treatment Plant Operator certification. She is currently a Water Treatment Plant Operator 3, Water Distribution Manager 3, and a Cross-connection Control Specialist. She holds a Wastewater Group 2 certification from the Department of Ecology. Boistfort currently has two DWSRF Construction Loans and a DWSRF Preconstruction Loan for their surface water intake, water treatment plant improvements, and storage tank replacement.</p>
<p><b>Eric Guida</b> Senior Planner/CHIP Program Manager Department of Commerce</p>	<p>With four years as a professional planner with the Department of Commerce, Eric Guida currently manages the CHIP (Connecting Housing to Infrastructure) Program. Previously he worked with Buildable Lands, the review and evaluation component of the Growth Management, and with CDBG. He studies political science and economics as an undergrad, and urban planning with the masters program at UW. In his free time he enjoys exploring the Pacific Northwest.</p>
<p><b>Tell Hamilton</b> Executive Director of Planning and Public Works Kalispel Tribe</p>	<p>Tell Hamilton is the Executive Director of Planning and Public Works (P&amp;PW) for the Kalispel Tribe. Mr. Hamilton has been with the Kalispel Tribe for approximately 14 years. In the 8 years previous to that he was an electrical foreman in the Spokane area. The various departments that he oversees are Planning, Housing, Grants, Utilities, Facilities, Carpentry, Public Works, Roads, Transportation, Kalispel Career Training Center, Kalispel Metal Products, and Development.</p>
<p><b>Patrick Hanley</b> GIS Engineering Specialist City of Vancouver</p>	<p>Patrick Hanley is a GIS analyst with 7 years of experience in asset management, specializing in public works infrastructure. He graduated from Eastern Washington University with a degree in Geography and a certificate in Geographic Information Systems. He has worked for the City of Cheney and City of Walla Walla before coming to the City of Vancouver, WA.</p>
<p><b>David Harder</b> Principal Investigator Plateau Archaeological Investigations</p>	<p>David has enjoyed a 30 year career as a professional archaeologist, working predominately in the region populated by the Plateau Cultural groups. This has allowed him to follow his chosen vocation while using his multi-faceted knowledge of the region. While conducting fieldwork for wastewater treatment plants and storm drains isn't Indiana Jones level excitement, David is proud of the work that Plateau has completed in the region that has contributed to the quality of life in the region.</p>



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<p><b>Roger Hargrove</b> District Engineer Indian Health Service (HIS)</p>	<p>Roger has served as the Olympic District, District Engineer since 2016. He manages a team of engineers, technicians and administrative personnel dedicated to delivering SFC services to 25 Tribes/Nations in western Washington State. The team partners with Tribes/Nations to plan, design, fund and construct water, wastewater and solid waste facilities. He's been privileged to work in three IHS Areas, Phoenix, California and now the Portland Area. He is licensed as a professional engineer in WA, CA and AZ.</p>
<p><b>Maia Hoffman</b> Environmental Engineer Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Maia Hoffman has a combined 8 years of experience in the wastewater and pretreatment industry. Maia is currently the statewide pretreatment lead for the Washington State Department of Ecology. In addition, Maia oversees delegated POTW pretreatment programs, collaborates with non-delegated POTWs, and writes industrial user permits in the northwest region of the state. Maia previously worked as a municipal facility permit writer at Ecology and as an environmental compliance engineer for an auto manufacturer in Ohio. Maia is a licensed environmental engineer in Washington State.</p>
<p><b>Carol Holman</b> Senior Planner Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Carol Holman is a senior planner in Growth Management Services. She provides technical support to Kitsap, Mason, and Thurston Counties, as well as several cities in King County. Prior to joining Commerce, Carol worked for the Town of Friday Harbor as a current and long-range planner. Her hunger for a good challenge and passion for learning led her to graduate school in 2021. Carol earned a master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy. She resides in San Juan County with her family and enjoys spending spare time in her garden, reading (about planning, of course), cooking, baking, and traveling.</p>
<p><b>Mara Isaacson</b> Commerce Specialist Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Library program manager and subject matter expert in state direct appropriations.</p>
<p><b>Gavin Jaravata</b> GIS Analyst FLO Analytics</p>	<p>Mr. Jaravata joined FLO in 2019 with an education in environmental studies and a certificate in GIS, both from the University of Washington. Mr. Jaravata has used GIS in both the public and private sectors. His experience includes streamlining asset management, providing spatial analysis, organizing mass amounts of data, and creating tailored web applications.</p>
<p><b>Maria Jawad</b> Management Analyst Public Works Board (PWB)</p>	<p>Maria Jawad has been working with the Public Works Board since September of 2021. She holds a Master in Integrated Water Management and Public Administration.</p>
<p><b>Michelle Johnson</b> Project Manager J-U-B Engineers</p>	<p>Michelle has a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Idaho, and is a professional engineer licensed in the states of Idaho and Washington. She is responsible for day-to-day project management, construction, and design for projects. She has been with J-U-B Engineers for almost 18 years and is currently working on a variety of projects around the northwest.</p>
<p><b>Deborah Johnson</b> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; long-range planning at the city, county, &amp; 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>



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<p><b>Stephanie Jolivette</b> 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, and previously worked in Cultural Resource contracting in California and Washington State. 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><b>Denzel Jones</b> Business Analyst Covington Water District (CWD)</p>	<p>Denzel Jones is currently the Business Analyst at Covington Water District. There he conducts financial and business analysis to support business decisions regarding strategic planning and asset management. Recently, he worked collaboratively with department leaders to complete Covington Water District’s first Asset Management Plan.</p>
<p><b>Kristen Kalbrener</b> Program Manager Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Kristen manages the Energy Efficiency programs in the Energy Programs for Communities unit. She has been with the agency since March of 2021 and feels that working directly with communities and as part of the Commerce Energy team is one of the most fulfilling jobs ever. She particularly enjoys hearing about the ambitions of different communities and looking for ways to help achieve them. Kristen holds degrees from Pacific Lutheran University, The School for International Training, and the University of Massachusetts.</p>
<p><b>Mike Kendall</b> Capital Facilities Manager Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Mike Kendall has been working with Community Capital Facilities since joining the Department of Commerce in 2005. Before that he worked for the U.S. House of Representatives, covering all of southwest Washington from Olympia west to the coast and south to the Oregon border. Currently, he helps manage three competitive grant programs, Building for the Arts, the Building Communities Fund, and Youth Recreational Facilities, along with direct appropriations in the state Capital Budget.</p>
<p><b>Tricia Kent</b> Small Utilities Consultant I Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>Tricia has been with RCAC for almost one year as a Small Utilities Consultant. 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><b>Thomas Keown</b> General Manager Covington Water District (CWD)</p>	<p>Thomas Keown is a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Washington and has been in the utility industry as a regulator, consultant and utility manager for over 25 years. As a consultant and utility manager, he has led the development of many infrastructure asset management programs for drinking water, wastewater and industrial entities. Recently, Thomas led the completion of the Covington Water District’s first Asset Management Plan. The plan outlines the District’s asset hierarchy, levels of service, business risk exposure, maintenance and engineering strategies along with the long-term financial needs. This plan will be used as a guide for the District to manage safe, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure for its ratepayers in the short-term and for generations to come</p>
<p><b>Kasey Ketterling</b> Municipal Services Manager Ardurra</p>	<p>Kasey has 20 years of experience in municipal engineering. In addition to specific projects, Kasey has served as City/County Engineer for several communities throughout the Pacific Northwest. In this role, he obtained extensive experience in all aspects of municipal engineering from working with City leaders and operations staff to assisting with all areas of the City including water, sewer, irrigation, and transportation projects. Kasey has significant experience in funding applications, administration of loans and grants, planning, code development, rate analysis, development review, permitting and coordinating with the public. Kasey specializes in working as a liaison between his clients and government agencies bridging the gap between the practical needs of the City and the regulatory process that must be followed for a successful project.</p>

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<p><b>Karen Klocke</b> Capacity Development Coordinator Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Karen Klocke is currently the Capacity Development Coordinator for the Washington Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water. She has previously served as the Infrastructure Finance Lead at the DOH-ODW, and as a Regional Planner.</p>
<p><b>Scott Kugel</b> Cultural and Environmental Program Specialist Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Scott Kugel (he/him) 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 a Master of Science in Cultural and Environmental Resource Management from Central Washington University and a Bachelor of Arts in Geology from the College of Wooster. In his free time he enjoys hiking and biking.</p>
<p><b>Megan LaPalm</b> Community Programs Manager Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Megan LaPalm supports both the Early Learning and Behavioral Health Facilities teams at the Department of Commerce. As a former elementary school counselor, Megan has professional connections with both early learning and behavioral health programs.</p>
<p><b>Kirsten Larsen</b> Senior Planner City of Wenatchee</p>	<p>Kirsten Larsen is a senior planner and Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Wenatchee. She works on current planning project and oversees the Historic Preservation program and is staff to the Historic Preservation Board. Prior to joining the City of Wenatchee, she was a Senior Planner with the Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services working with local governments in Washington to provide technical assistance, and specialized in transportation planning and transfer of development rights (TDR) policy for the agency. Kirsten has experience working for multiple jurisdictions in north central Washington as a current and long range planner. Prior to moving to Washington, she was a transit planner for the City of Scottsdale, AZ. She has a master’s degree in Urban and Environmental Planning and master’s certificate in Transportation Systems from Arizona State University.</p>
<p><b>Maddie Levesque</b> Architectural Historian Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)</p>	<p>Maddie is the current Architectural Historian Compliance Reviewer for Section 106, GEO 21-02, and SEPA. They have worked in cultural resources for NPS and DAHP in their career, working throughout the Pacific West Region. Maddie specializes in contemporary architectural history and making LGBTQ culture visible within place-based history to protect these resources for future generations.</p>
<p><b>Kerry Lyste</b> Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians</p>	<p>I am an Alumni of University of Washington and Western Washington University. At UW, I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography (1997) that focused on GIS and Social Geography. At Western Washington University, I graduated with a degree of Master of Science (2001) from Huxley College, in Geography as well. My Thesis topic at WWU was “Community Factors and Dynamics of an Established Urban Watershed Restoration Community in Northwest Seattle”, and my area of research focused on Cognitive Mapping. Most recently, I was Co-PI on an excavation permit on the Olcott Site. I am a Canadian - born in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, which is “mile 0” of the Alaska Highway. After moving to the “states” when I was twelve, I graduated from Bellingham High School in 1979, and went to Western Washington University where I studied as a classical performance major in Music (piano) for two years after high school. I have worked for the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians since 2001, when I worked with the Stillaguamish Cultural Committee to map cultural sites from NAGPRA funding with Dr. Jill Grady, and Cultural Committee members Pat Brown, Shirlee Munger; and Caleen Curry. Currently, I review and monitor compliance and consultation within the Stillaguamish Traditional Territory (and nationwide) in respect to laws protecting cultural resources; and develop GIS web applications, and produce map products, as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and GIS Database Administrator.</p>

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<p><b>Chris Malone</b> Public Works Finance and Asset Manager City of Vancouver</p>	<p>Licensed civil engineer in the State of Washington. Master’s degree in business administration. Project Management Professional with the Project Management Institute. Worked at the City of Vancouver for 25 years. The last 10 years managing Public Works finance and infrastructure assets including managing the Public Works GIS team.</p>
<p><b>Maureen Maples</b> Solar Program Manager Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Maureen manages solar grant programs with Commerce. She previously worked in Commerce’s Homelessness Assistance Unit as a grant coordinator. She earned her Master’s of Public Administration with a concentration in non-profit management from the Evergreen State College (Go geoducks!) in 2017. Her focus was on assets-based community development, human centered design-thinking and placemaking. Prior to that, she worked in hospitality, serving and bartending while moonlighting as a grassroots community organizer.</p>
<p><b>Danielle Marchant</b> Lawyer Davis, Arneil Law Firm, LLP</p>	<p>Danielle Marchant was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 1999 after receiving her B.A. from Washington State University and J.D. from the University of Idaho. She is a member of the Chelan-Douglas County Bar Association, Washington State Bar Association and the United States District Court – Eastern and Western Districts of Washington Bar. Danielle was awarded the 2005 Volunteer Legal Services Award for Chelan-Douglas County Bar Association, and also served as the Chelan-Douglas County Bar Association President from 2011 - 2012. In February 2014, she received the Reader’s Choice Award from the Wenatchee Business Journal as “Best Legal Advisor.” She is a board member of the Chelan County Law Library and the Wenatchee Valley College Foundation. She is also a member of the Washington Association of Municipal Attorneys, the Washington Association of Public Records Officers and the Washington Council of School Attorneys, where she also previously served on its Board of Directors. Danielle is a partner at the Davis, Arneil Law Firm, LLP where she practices primarily in municipal law, employment law and education law.</p>
<p><b>Corrina Marote</b> Wastewater Planner Public Health Seattle-King County</p>	<p>Corrina Marote has worked in Environmental Public Health on wastewater issues for 18 years, primarily in the northwest region of the state. In January 2023, Corrina started working in the Equitable Wastewater Futures program in Public Health Seattle-King County. Her educational background is in biology with a Bachelor’s degree from Western Washington University and a Master’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. Outside of work, Corrina spends her time with two horses, a hodgepodge vegetable garden, and knitting.</p>
<p><b>Mike Mason</b> Economic Development Manager Nisqually 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 Vice Chair of CERB in 2022.</p>
<p><b>Larry Mattson</b> Renewable Energy Section Supervisor Department of Commerce, Energy Programs in Communities</p>	<p>Larry Mattson is the renewable energy grants section supervisor in the Energy Programs in Communities (EPIC) unit of Commerce. Prior to joining Commerce, he served in a sales capacity for an international engineering firm. Larry has over 25 years of experience working in and for city, county, regional, and state governments, with an emphasis on environmental and regional planning as well as capital facility planning. He has served on the Yakima City Council, Ellensburg Planning Commission, and several local non-profit boards. A lifelong Washingtonian, Larry has a BA from WSU and an MS degree from CWU.</p>



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<p><b>Shelly McMurry</b> Clean Water State Revolving Fund Coordinator Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Shelly McMurry is the Water Quality Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Coordinator at the Washington State Department of Ecology. Shelly has been in this position 11 of her 27 years with Ecology. She has dedicated her career to protect Washington’s environment working to promote waste reduction, recycling, sustainability, clean water and providing funding to help local governments and tribes implementing projects, including large infrastructure projects. She holds a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Biology from the University of Oregon (Go Ducks).</p>
<p><b>Sean Mellon</b> Water Quality Program Department of Ecology</p>	<p>Sean Mellon has worked in the Financial Management Section of the Water Quality program for the Department of Ecology since 2009. Experience with Ecology has included non-point work, stormwater, the National Estuary Program, and wastewater. Prior to Ecology he worked with the Serve Alaska Youth Corps based out of Juneau, Alaska. Sean focuses on Ecology’s work with small communities and works closely with the Small Communities Initiative (Commerce) and is part of the IACC planning committee.</p>
<p><b>Jack Newman</b> Director of Clean Energy Solutions Săzăn Group</p>	<p>Jack works as Director of Clean Energy Solutions at Săzăn Group, and is a certified Value Methodology Associate (VMA) with SAVE International, Certified Renewable Energy Professional (REP) with the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), and brings more than 10 years of experience in the clean energy industry. With a background in Construction Management, Jack specializes in sustainability consulting, microgrid project development, and grant funding assistance. Serving on the Board of Directors for Solar Washington, a non-profit focused on education to advance Washington’s rapidly growing renewable energy sector, Jack also supports educational outreach and clean energy program development.</p>
<p><b>Annalisa Noble</b> Funding Specialist Lead Aduorra</p>	<p>Annalisa Noble has over 8 years of experience as a funding specialist and dedicated grant writer, working with nonprofits, municipalities, ports, airports, and other public agencies to procure grants and low-interest loan funds for their priority projects. Annalisa specializes in funding research, funding matrices, funding strategies, funding procurement, and grant reporting after award for state, federal, and private funding agencies. Since 2016, Annalisa has helped communities procure over \$100M in grant and loan funding for a variety of clients, the majority of which are in Washington state.</p>
<p><b>Jill Nordstrom</b> Grants &amp; 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 and rural funding.</p>
<p><b>Evan Olsen</b> Grants Supervisor Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Evan has worked in WSDOT’s Public Transportation Division for seventeen years in grants, community engagement, planning and data analysis. He has been managing the division’s grants programs application processes since 2020. Evan’s breadth of experience brings a holistic view to grants programs.</p>



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<p><b>Andy O’Neill</b> Wastewater Operator Outreach Department of Ecology (DOE)</p>	<p>Andy is a technical assistance provider in the Department of Ecology’s Water Quality program in Washington state. He holds valid wastewater treatment Level IV certifications in the states of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. In addition to holding multiple state certificates, he also achieved the Professional Operator (PO) designation awarded by the Certification Commission for Environmental Professionals (C2EP) of Water Professional International, WPI (formally the Association of Boards of Certification, ABC).</p> <p>Andy received a graduate degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. He is specialist in wastewater certification training, process control, and regulatory compliance reporting. His background includes serving in various roles such as a wastewater treatment plant operator, facilities manager, board member for the state of Washington’s Wastewater Certification Advisory Committee, past president of the Water Environment Federations (WEF) member association Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (PNCWA) and remains an active volunteer member of WPI.</p>
<p><b>Roger Parker</b> Technical Assistance lead for Onsite Septic Systems Department of Health (DOH)</p>	<p>Roger Parker has worked for the Washington State Department of Health for just under 3 years. Roger’s role is the Technical Assistance Lead for onsite sewage systems. Before coming to the Department of Health, he worked for 6 years at a small local health jurisdiction in a number of programs that included solid waste and onsite. When not working on keeping sewage in its place, Roger hangs out with his kids and cats, or is found working on his truck.</p>
<p><b>Veena Prasad</b> Program Director Spark Northwest</p>	<p>Veena Prasad is the Program Director at Spark Northwest, a nonprofit organization that partners with rural, Indigenous and low-wealth communities to build an equitable clean energy future. As Program Director, one of Veena’s priorities is to advocate for and include deep community engagement strategies in our program design and implementation.</p> <p>Veena’s career started as an engineer and project manager in the corporate sector at Procter &amp; Gamble, before she became a food entrepreneur and then found her way to social impact and nonprofit work. In 2013, she founded Project Feast, a successful nonprofit that prepares refugee and immigrant cooks for jobs in the food industry. She joined Spark Northwest in 2022 inspired by the opportunity to work at the intersection of equity and renewable energy, crucial ingredients in the race to decarbonize our society. Veena has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University and a Master’s in Business Administration degree from University of Washington Foster School of Business.</p>
<p><b>Ashley Probart</b> Executive Director Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)</p>	<p>Ashley currently serves as the Executive Director of the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board where he is responsible for managing over \$300 million in grant obligations to city and county transportation projects. In his 30 plus years of transportation experience, Ashley has served as the director for two state agencies, held the position of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative and Policy Advocate, worked for the Senate and House Transportation Committees, and has had several years of staff-level transportation experience involving planning, project, and contract management.</p>
<p><b>Kristin Ramos</b> Early Learning Facilities Program Supervisor Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Kristin Ramos is the primary staff member overseeing the development of the Early Learning Facilities program at Department of Commerce and supervises the team of program contract managers. An educator by training, Kristin has served the state of Washington for 18 years.</p>

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<p><b>Ernie Rasmussen</b> Executive Director Bigfoot Telecommunications of the Colville Tribes</p>	<p>Ernie Rasmussen, Citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, is currently serving as the Executive Director for Bigfoot Telecommunications of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in North Central Washington. Among his duties is to marry broadband infrastructure investments with much needed broadband services while balancing digital equity services as an ISP. Mr. Rasmussen has spent his entire 20+ year career in service to Tribes, including as Tribal Liaison at WA Commerce, Digital Equity Manager at WSBO, Senior Planner of Economic Development for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Executive Director of a 501c3 on the Spokane Indian Reservation, a College Math Instructor at a Tribal College, and a GED instructor. Mr. Rasmussen holds a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies from Eastern Washington University, a Master in Urban &amp; Regional Planning candidate and is a committed advocate, ally, and accomplice in the creation of Tribal Communities as Communities of Choice to live, work, and thrive! His wife is a Spokane Tribal member and together they have 3 beautiful and supremely talented daughters and one 3 year old very VERY cool grandson offering a chance to relive the age of dinosaurs.</p>
<p><b>Randy Rittenhouse</b> Lead Revenue Auditor Department of Revenue (DOR)</p>	<p>Randy Rittenhouse is a Lead Revenue Auditor for the Department of Revenue. He has worked for the Department for over eight years out of the Wenatchee Field Office. During his time with the Department, he's experienced working on various types of utility accounts including solar, wind, cities, natural gas, and public utility districts. Randy has lived in Washington state for most of his life. He received his bachelor's degree from Central Washington University back in 2014. Central Washington is where he grew up and has always been passionate about the outdoors and nature.</p>
<p><b>Jon Rose</b> MRSC Finance and Administration Manager Municipal Research &amp; Services Center (MRSC)</p>	<p>Jon Rose is the Finance and Administration Manager for the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC). He is passionate about helping local governments succeed and has spent the last six years supporting them in the Procurement and Public Works space. Last year, his team helped over 650 local governments contract with 2,000 firms on 15,000 contracts. Jon has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Pacific Lutheran University and over 20 years of experience in data and project management.</p>
<p><b>Rick Rose</b> Community Facilities Loan Specialist USDA Rural Development (RD)</p>	<p>Rick Rose was born and raised in Flagstaff AZ. He has a Bachelor degree in Interpersonal Communication Studies at Cal State Long Beach and two adorable kids in their 20's living in Burien. Rick has done Home Mortgage lending for 4 years and was hired on USDA Rural Development in 9/2004 as a Single Family Housing Programs Loan Specialist working out of the Wenatchee Area Office. In 7/2006 he switched to Community Programs as a Loan Specialist working in Community Facilities &amp; Water &amp; Environmental Programs. Rick currently lives in Spokane Valley and works out of his office there. Rick enjoys adventuring outside.</p>
<p><b>Jack Rosenblit</b> Small Utility Consultant Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>Jack currently works at RCAC where he sets up GIS projects for small utilities and helps with training in GIS. Previously Jack worked for the county government where he ran the GIS program. Jack also worked with the county Assessor with property mapping. Jack interned for Avista Utilities where he researched and mapped out easements. Jack is a current graduate student at The Pennsylvania State University working on a master's degree in GIS.</p>
<p><b>Misty Ruiz</b> Finance Director / City Clerk City of Brewster</p>	<p>Misty has successfully served the City of Brewster for 17 years! She serves as both the Finance Director and City Clerk. Misty Oversees and directs all finance functions for the City, including, budgeting, accounting, debt management, financial planning, and accounts payable.</p>

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<p><b>Janea Stark</b> Executive Director &amp; Tribal Liaison Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)</p>	<p>Janea Stark is the Executive Director &amp; 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. 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 and taking cardio kickboxing classes.</p>
<p><b>Sabrina Straus</b> Small Utilities Consultant Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>Sabrina started with RCAC in September 2022. She is a Small Utility Consultant, providing technical, managerial, and financial assistance to small, disadvantaged community water and wastewater systems in Oregon and Washington so that they can operate sustainably and deliver quality services to the communities served. Sabrina works closely with rural residents and local leaders to assist them in the development and management of water, wastewater, or solid waste systems. Prior to working at RCAC, Sabrina worked for the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection as an Environmental Specialist in the air compliance and enforcement program. In this position, she responded to community concerns and ensured that the regulated community followed and understood environmental regulations. She also interned with Escambia County Marine Resource Division and Keep Pensacola Beautiful which prepared her for her role with RCAC. During these internships, she collected water samples, quantified microplastics in local water bodies and educated the community on local environmental issues.</p>
<p><b>Axel Swanson</b> Managing Director Washington State Association of County Engineers (WSACE)</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><b>Mark Vasconi</b> Director Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO)</p>	<p>Mark Vasconi is the director of the Washington State Broadband Office. Vasconi brings significant public and private sector experience in telecommunications and public utility regulation. During more than a decade with AT&amp;T in Alaska, he held senior positions in product development and government affairs including extensive work with Native Alaskan organizations to bring broadband services to numerous remote Alaska villages. In addition to his extensive telecommunications industry experience with US West, Pacific Northwest Bell and AT&amp;T, since 2010 Vasconi served as the Director of Regulatory Services at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission where he focused on regulatory matters in the energy, telecom and water industries. He holds both a BA and MA in economics from the University of Montana where specialized in regulatory studies and antitrust analysis. He and his wife Sonia enjoy travel, excursions in the culinary arts as well cycling, hiking, and outdoor activities.</p>



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<p><b>Cathleen Walker</b> Community Programs 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><b>Jane Wall</b> Executive Director County Road Administration Board (CRAB)</p>	<p>Jane Wall serves as the Executive Director of the County Road Administration Board. Before joining the County Road Board, she served as the Managing Director of the Washington State County Engineers Association. While in that role Jane also served as the lobbyist for transportation and public works for the Washington State Association of Counties. Jane has also lobbied for the Association of Washington Cities, and several higher education institutions in Washington. Jane holds a MA in Public Administration and a BA in Political Science. Jane resides in Olympia, WA, with her husband and two children.</p>
<p><b>Ron Watters</b> Cybersecurity Advisor Cybersecurity &amp; Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)</p>	<p>CISA Region 10 Cybersecurity Advisor for the past 7 years. Prior to this assignment Mr Watters was the Cyber Branch manager for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Cybersecurity Chief at Fort Irwin, CA. Mr. Watters has an extensive Cyber professional career spanning over 30 years including Nuclear Submarines.</p>
<p><b>Lee Webster</b> Public Works Director City of Brewster</p>	<p>Lee has served as the Public Works Director for the City of Brewster since 2015 and served as Mayor for 10 years prior that. As Public Works Director, Lee oversees the water and wastewater departments and manages the capital improvement construction projects for the City.</p>
<p><b>Max Wedding</b> Project Manager Public Works Board (PWB)</p>	<p>Max Wedding (he/him) currently works as the Project Manager for the western half of Washington for the Public Works Board's Traditional program. His interest in public infrastructure, social and environmental justice, and local government led him to join PWB in December of 2022. Previously, he spent 8 years working in various administrative roles at Clackamas Community College and Portland State University. Max holds a BA from Kalamazoo College and an MPA from Portland State University. He grew up in Portland, OR and currently lives in Vancouver, WA.</p>
<p><b>Briana Weisgerber</b> Active Transportation Projects Engineer Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)</p>	<p>Briana Weisgerber is the WSDOT Active Transportation Projects Engineer. She provides engineering expertise to our local agency partners to improve their knowledge and ability to propose and deliver high-quality active transportation treatments in grant-funded projects and other work. Briana has experience planning and designing multimodal transportation networks and facilities. She applies her technical traffic analysis and roadway design skills to support safe, accessible, and equitable multimodal travel. Prior to joining WSDOT, Briana worked for Nelson\Nygaard on active transportation and transit projects across the country. In a previous role, she also supported the MassDOT Complete Streets Training Program.</p>
<p><b>Dessa Wells</b> Assistant Field Manager Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)</p>	<p>Dessa Wells joined RCAC in 2021. She provides managerial and financial technical assistance and training to rural water and wastewater systems. Ms. Wells conducts drinking water and wastewater rate analyses, median household income surveys, assists with financial reporting, funding applications, and small water system management plans. She also provides managerial and financial training for utility operators, board members, staff, and community members. Ms. Wells is also a member of a workforce development group in which a certificate course for clerks is being designed to be made available to clerks across the nation.</p>



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<p><b>Deb Witmer</b> Energy Resilience &amp; Mitigation Program Manager Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Deborah (Deb) Witmer serves as the Energy Resilience &amp; Mitigation Program Manager in the Energy Resilience and Emergency Management Office (EREMO), part of the WA State Department of Commerce’s Energy Division. In that role, she is leading a team to build a state-wide Energy Resilience Program, including the design of a Whole Community Resilience Planning Process. Deborah brings to her work many years of public outreach and engagement experience, particularly with vulnerable populations. Her areas of expertise include access and functional needs and emergency management. She holds a BA in Communications from Kent State University as well as a MS in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School/Center for Homeland Defense and Security (NPS/CHDS).</p>
<p><b>Leslie Wolff</b> Behavioral Health Facilities Program Supervisor Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Leslie Wolff is the primary staff member overseeing the development of the Behavioral Health Facilities program at Department of Commerce and supervises the team of program contract managers. Leslie has served as a public policy leader for the state of Washington for 15 years.</p>
<p><b>Shane Young</b> General Manager King County Water District 125</p>	<p>General Manager of King County Water District 125 Current President of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Water Distribution Manager Level 4 Cross Connection Control Specialist 23 years experience in the water industry. Awesome Guy! Great Smile!</p>

# Alphabet Soup

AWC	Association of Washington Cities
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CERB	Community Economic Revitalization Board
CISA	Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency
COM	Department of Commerce
DAHP	Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
DOH	Department of Health
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
ECY	Department of Ecology
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GIS	Geographic Information System
MS-ISAC	Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
PWB	Public Works Board
RCAC	Rural Community Assistance Corporation
RD	USDA Rural Development
SBO	State Broadband Office
SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act
TIB	Transportation Improvement Board
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
WSDOT	Washington State Department of Transportation

# Continuing Education Unit (CEU)

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

S3: How CISA Can Help Be More Resilient
S4: Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Updates
S6: Strategies for Navigating a Declining Workforce
S8: Financing Infrastructure with Bonds and Bank Loans
S9: Need Help Protecting Your Drinking Water?
S11: Integrity of Investment: Utility Workforce Challenges
S12: FUN in Funding: Winning Grants
S13: Infrastructure Resilience: What Cybersecurity Resources are Available to Your Organization?
S14: Budget - The Foundation of Rates (repeated)
S15: Planning for Infrastructure: Water and Sewer and Streets! Oh, My
S16: Short Course on Local Planning (.3)
S19: Getting Started on Asset Management
S20: BIL Funding Opportunities for PFAS and other Emerging Contaminants
S24: Sharpening Asset Management Strategies for Water Utilities
S25: Q&A with a Small Water System using Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
S29: Budget - The Foundation of Rates (repeated)
S30: The Public Works Board Funding– Opportunities to Shine in the Application Process
S31: Applying EPA Infrastructure Technical Assistance Throughout Project Timeline to Ensure Quality
S34: Water Quality Combined Funding Program (WQC) Overview and Funding Availability
S37: Planning for Cultural Resource Reviews and Tribal Consultation - Best Practices
S42: USDA Water and Wastewater Funding Opportunities
S44: Brewster’s Manganese Removal Project
S52: Emergency Planning for Small Water Systems
S58: GIS for Small Utility Systems
S59: Consumer Confidence Reports: iWriter and Rule Revisions
S61: What to Expect from Section 106 and GEO 21-02 Consultation with DAHP

# Continuing Education Unit (CEU)

## The following sessions have been assigned 0.1 Wastewater (WW) CEU

S3: How CISA Can Help Be More Resilient

S6: Strategies for Navigating a Declining Workforce

S8: Financing Infrastructure with Bonds and Bank Loans

S11: Integrity of Investment: Utility Workforce Challenges

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S29: Budget - The Foundation of Rates (repeated)

S32: Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program

S34: Water Quality Combined Funding Program (WQC) Overview and Funding Availability

S35: Building a New Statewide Energy Resilience Program: Collaboration, Coordination, and Communication

S36: Pretreatment 101

S42: USDA Water and Wastewater Funding Opportunities

S46: Equitable Wastewater Futures in King County

S49: Infrastructure and Public Records Requests

S52: Emergency Planning for Small Water Systems

S54: Excise Tax Reporting for Public Utility Services

S57: The Show Must Go On: Business Continuity, Succession Planning, and Emergency Response

S60: USDA - Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)

FT1: Field Trip to Wenatchee's WW Treatment Plant (repeated)



## A Short Course on Local Planning

Wednesday, October 24, 2023, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Q&A After

IACC, Annual Conference

Registration: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c0bd628a635a41f9b90af7f5da145840>

### Agenda:

- 6:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.....Valerie Smith, Deputy Managing Director
- 6:05 THE LEGAL BASIS OF PLANNING IN WA.....Valerie Smith, Deputy Managing Director  
The statutory basis of planning in Washington State, and early planning statutes.  
Constitutional issues in land use planning.
- 6:35 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BASICS.....Carol Holman, Senior Planner  
What is planning, and why is it important? Overview of the Growth Management Act requirements for local planning.
- 7:05 BREAK (10 minutes)
- 7:15 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES .....Kirsten Larsen, Senior Planner  
Roles and responsibilities in the planning process. The process for public participation in local planning, and best practices for effective meetings.
- 7:45 OPEN GOVERNMENT LAWS .....Danielle Marchant, 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.
- 8:15 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.....All

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**Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services** [www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/). See the Short Course Resource Manual and Videos on the “Short Course on Local Planning” web page

**Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington** at [www.mrsc.org](http://www.mrsc.org): See [A Planner’s Pocket Reference](#) at [www.mrsc.org/subjects/planning/PocketRef.aspx](http://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.

**Washington State Office of the Attorney General** Trainings on Open Government, Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act training at [www.atg.wa.gov/OpenGovernmentTraining.aspx](http://www.atg.wa.gov/OpenGovernmentTraining.aspx)

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**The Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA)** is a liability insurance risk pool which supports member risk management through education. WCIA encourages their members to attend the Short Course on Local Planning because it is recognized as a tool for reducing land-use liability. [www.wciapool.org/](http://www.wciapool.org/)

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[www.awcnet.org/PropertyLiability.aspx](http://www.awcnet.org/PropertyLiability.aspx)

City elected officials will earn 3 CML credits in Community Planning and Development

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### A Short Course on Local Planning: Training citizen planners since 1977

The Short Course is an opportunity for planning commissioners, local government staff, elected officials, and community members to learn about our state’s legal framework for planning, comprehensive planning and community development processes, and public involvement in the planning process.

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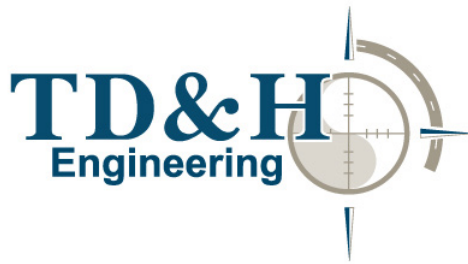
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