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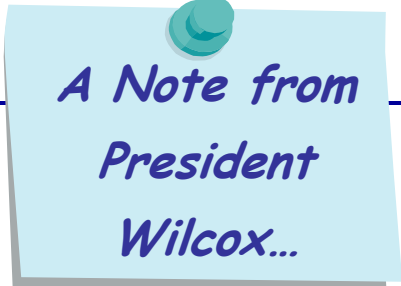


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*A Note from
President
Wilcox...*

I would like to start off by thanking the Board of Directors and Staff for the work that they have done as a result of our Board Retreat last March. Since that time there have been a lot of hours of discussion, brainstorming and direction provided towards a restructuring of our organization to best meet the needs of our members within the economic situation we operate in. David Newton, with Newton Consultants, Inc., has done an admirable job of helping to draw all of the thoughts together so that some tough decisions can be made. This process should be completed in January with implementation of the outcome to follow. We should all be grateful to David for his exceptional efforts facilitating and helping to condense everyone's thoughts. With the hard work and dedication of all of these individuals I look forward to getting the new operations underway.

Thinking of our Annual Conference, once again the Conference Committee and staff have put together an informative and interesting Conference. There will be some upper level Reclamation employees to report on Reclamation activities. Also, the Assistant Secretary of Water and Science with US Department of the Interior, Anne Castle, is scheduled to bring us up to date on current Interior activities. Along with these government representatives we will also hope to have members of the Oregon Congressional delegation present. The exhibitor's portion of the Conference is greater in numbers which will provide more options for your consideration. There will be items of interest for managers and operation's personnel as well as board of director's members. Don't pass this opportunity to become better informed and to visit with other Districts from all over the State. I hope to see you in Hood River in December.

With the elections now behind us our State and Federal legislative committees will have some opportunities as well as challenges to deal with. The help of our two very well informed lobbyists will continue to shed new light on the issues and provide the information to allow our committees to make decisions and propose actions.

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We are fortunate to have some very dedicated individuals on these committees and they are very open to more participation form additional members. The more participation that we can get on these important committees the better OWRC can represent their members. **Once again, you can only get out of the effort what you have put into the effort, SO pitch in and help.** You'll be glad you did.

Since there will not be another newsletter before Christmas I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Chuck Wilcox

**OWRC President
Hermiston Irrigation District**



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It's easy to say "no" when challenged with a new idea or when confronted with a concept that makes you uncomfortable. And sometimes we want to hit the "Easy" button by a quick "no". It is a quick way to get something off our to-do list or avoid adding to the to-do list. There is a sense of accomplishment that a decision was made and maybe a bigger sense of accomplishment because the decision was made quickly. In the end, though, invoking the "Easy" button may result in a longer to-do list as you work to reengage in the discussions and work through an issue or problem that didn't go away when you said no.



On the other hand, more of often than not, it is fun to be able to say "yes" – maybe not as easy as saying no in some cases because it takes time to fully understand the issue or concept and its ramifications for our members, but when we get to the point that our members benefit, it does feel good to be able to say yes.

OWRC has a reputation of being willing to engage in issues even when they are uncomfortable, when they give us an immediate feeling that there is trouble lurking, when they are challenging-- basically when they are not easy. As an organization, OWRC is able to work through the concerns raised by our members, work to get changes made that resolve those concerns, and re-craft ideas into something that meets our members needs while still addressing whatever other people wanted addressed.

There is never one clear answer, especially given the diversity within our membership, but there is always an answer once we invest the time and energy to work through the interests. And it is ok if that answer is "no". To quote from then President Larry Trosi's note in the newsletter that was published shortly after the end of the 2009 Legislative Session, "There comes a time when you have to go back to the basics or the premise of which your rights were established and stand up for that standard." When OWRC does say no, that answer is based on thoughtful consideration of alternatives to get to "yes" but in the end those alternatives run counter to our mission and "no" is the only answer.

There are articles elsewhere in this newsletter by Peter Carlson and Kristina McNitt about the recent elections and what they mean for both the national and state political environments. OWRC's committees and Board of Directors will be evaluating the impact on of the elections on our Federal and State programs. I do not expect wholesale changes for many of the issues our members face as many of them are not new programs and many of the newer programs are being driving by the administrative agencies, not by the legislative arms. We will likely find more of our efforts directed towards rulemakings and agency regulatory efforts over the next couple of years.

The OWRC staff and our federal and state lobbyists rely heavily on our members' input. Without the time that our members commit to conference calls and your willingness to take time to explain things in detail to us individually, we would not be able to represent your interest as we get to "yes" or to "no". The strength of this organization is the knowledge our members bring to the discussions and their ability to work through the uncomfortable and difficult issues that confront districts in order to find solutions. Again to quote from Larry Trosi's notes, "OWRC as an association of irrigation districts as well as its affiliate member need to continue to explore ways to fund, manage and administer the resources of the districts." Our members creativity in this effort is unmatched.

This leads me to the Board of Directors' work this year to bring a sharper focus to OWRC's work.

It is not news to any of our members that irrigation districts face increasingly complicated demands from multiple sources that try to define how districts are managed, how they deliver water, how the amount of water available for their water users is determined. The Board of Directors, with the help of David Newton, has spent a great deal of time and energy developing a way to better focus OWRC's efforts to best meet our members needs and still be effective with our work, living without increased dues or new sources of funding. One of the key components of this approach relies heavily on members' active participation on OWRC committees to ensure that your district's interest are on the table for discussion and to be able to tap your creative thinking as we set OWRC's priorities for the coming year. I encourage you to get involved so that your district's interests are represented.

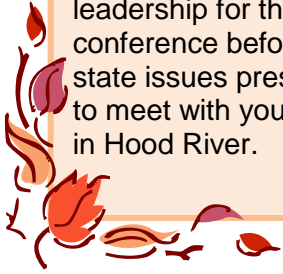


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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

This year's Annual Conference is another example of the creative thinking of our members. With the help of the conference planning committee, we have some outstanding speakers including two from federal agency leadership from their offices in Washington, D.C. and from their offices in the Pacific Northwest; leadership for the Oregon Water Resources Department, and many speakers that have not been part of our conference before from organizations involved in water issues in Oregon. It's a great mix of federal and state issues presented by a wonderful mix of speakers. Once again we have a group of exhibitors anxious to meet with you to talk about how they can help your district. I look forward to seeing you December 1-3 in Hood River.

– Anita Winkler, OWRC Executive Director



STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

2010 ELECTIONS UPDATE

Nine New Faces in Salem

Despite continued dominance by Democrats in all statewide elective offices,



the landscape in Oregon's local House and Senate races changed considerably on Election Day on November 2nd. Since 2008, both chambers have been dominated by Democrats, whose supermajority leadership margin provided the required votes to raise taxes without any need for bipartisan votes from the minority. Bipartisan support was even less needed (or sought out) for major policy issues, which required only a simple majority vote for passage.

That's over.

With a pick-up of 6 Republican seats (*Katie Eyre Brewer, Shawn Lindsay, Matt Wand, Patrick Sheehan, Mark Johnson and Jason Conger*) and one hold (*Julie Parrish in outgoing Rep Scott Bruun's seat*), the Oregon House of Representatives is now literally balanced – at an historic 30-30 split.

Even more interesting, the Democrat House Caucus has already reorganized and voted out their previous majority leader, Representative Mary Nolan and also Representative Arnie Roblan, while keeping Dave Hunt and adding urban Portland legislators to their leadership team. In my view, this move literally axes the voice of 6-8 moderate, more rural legislators within their own caucus. Where do these increasingly frustrated voices go to be heard?

It remains unknown, but perhaps to build a leadership coalition with House Republicans who share some common views. It's a very dicey time for both sides, as key legislators could either build meaningful leadership alliances across respective aisles, or free-lancing individuals build "Kingmaker" status. There is a fine line in this business between building alliances and free-lancing. Opportunity exists in fine lines, though, and I can't help but see the potential to develop lasting, bold and truly bipartisan leadership for our state.

In the Senate, Republicans picked up two seats (*Chuck Thomsen and Alan Olson*), also obliterating the supermajority status. While Democrats remain in control of the Senate at 16-14, internal caucus leadership shakeups also followed. While Senator Peter Courtney retains support for continuation as Senate President, Senator Devlin faced a challenge for Majority Leader and stepped down in favor of appointment to a Ways and Means position. Odds are outstanding that Senator Devlin will be appointed the Co-Chair, ousting Senator Betsy Johnson, who has been operating as Co-Chair for more than a year. Rising to Majority Leader in the Senate is Senator Diane Rossenbaum, a seasoned legislator with a strong labor background.

In summary, Republicans in both the House and the Senate managed to return every incumbent, even in difficult reelection races, while Democrats lost each challenge, and every open seat. The resolution of House Leadership and legislative organization around a split chamber is critical to evaluating what opportunities and challenges lie ahead in the policy arena.

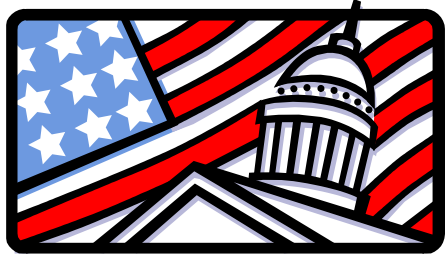
– Kristina McNitt, KLM Consulting
OWRC State Lobbyist

FEDERAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

FALL NEWS FROM WASHINGTON DC

WAIT 'TILL NEXT YEAR...

At this point we know the voting results of the 2010 election that will start Congress off in 2011 with a Republican controlled House of Representatives, a diminished Democratic majority in the Senate and an Obama Administration forced to rethink their agenda for the remaining two years of office.



One of the major messages from the election is for the newly elected Members of Congress not to stray from the “smaller-government” principles that voters demanded by their vote. You can expect this to be reflected in the push for lower taxes, reductions in Federal spending, and the elimination of programs of low priority or need in these difficult economic times.

Having worked in Washington for the past thirty-five years on water issues, I believe you will find two other elements that will add to this effort. One will be a greater voice for these 80 some new Members in the leadership structure and the policy making. The second will be a greater emphasis on “oversight” of the Federal government and a stronger recognition of state and local governmental needs.

As you might imagine, this change comes with many challenges. The greatest is the education effort that has to take place with new Members and staff on the importance and benefit of programs – water in your instance – and the need in those programs that still has to be met if there is to be the chance of growing out of this economic climate that we find ourselves in as a country. Oregon is in luck because there were no changes in your Congressional delegations. But you went from having four well placed Members in the House majority to now having one very well placed Member in the new majority. However, there will be changes in Committee and Subcommittee chairs, staff changes for those Committees and a reshuffling of Committee membership that will often result in a serious loss of institutional memory on issues and programs.

As you might expect, an election bringing such change brings opportunity for those who have the

knowledge and the voice to be able to play to the offense and defense that is required in these new political wars that will occur. Your organization has been active in constructing an agenda and establishing priorities on your level of need. You have been active on engaging with the Federal agencies that play a role in the working needs of your district and the land and facilities that make up your own economic engine. And you have also been increasingly active with state, regional and national water-related organizations that have an interest in your overall OWRC agenda. The challenge is to step back and understand the road ahead.

In a tight budgetary climate, and a forthcoming Presidential election in 2012, a legislative agenda becomes slowed and often more defensive as various interest groups play the game of “not us – them” as people look to protect what they have and keep challengers at bay. While that is taking place it usually means the party in power at the Executive Branch moves forward with new policies and regulations to try and get accomplished what they couldn't get done in the previous legislative process. An old friend of mine used to characterize this as the political magic show “while one eye was on the ball, someone stepped behind you and lifted your wallet and your handkerchief, and when the magic show was over, and you were wondering about that ball you suddenly realized what had happened and you were left to dry your tears on your sleeve.”

Your involvement and the active engagement of your Board and your Committees won't allow that to happen on your issues. It is challenging at times given the volume of information, timeframes to respond and the limited resources available to take this effort on and be successful. You do what you can and then you do some more. Good planning, the setting of priorities and taking advantage of opportunities to provide a voice that brings a reasonable and responsible solution is why OWRC is recognized as a leader among the many people who know you in the Legislative and Executive branches of government.

Do what you can and then do some more. Please have a good holiday season and then rise to the challenges of the New Year.

– **Peter Carlson, Will and Carlson,**
OWRC Federal lobbyist

FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE UPDATE

The Water is the key to the American West. No other commodity holds so much power or so much promise, and no other commodity has the often realized potential to cause so much conflict. As the West has grown, water issues have become increasingly polarized. We face a number of significant challenges in the Western water arena. Growing urbanization and increased public demand for available supplies to provide recreational and environmental benefits are placing heavy demands on Western water, the key ingredient in the production of agricultural products.

Fortunately, the Family Farm Alliance – for over two decades – has stood up for Western family farmers and ranchers to defend irrigated agriculture.

We think the Family Farm Alliance gives our contributors a huge bang for their buck. The Alliance was founded in the early 1990's with one overriding ethic: Agriculture doesn't need another association, but it does need an effective, low cost grass roots group that can get the job done. That belief was our foundation and it still drives every decision we make. All staff work is done under contract so we maintain flexibility and very low overhead. And we have a proven track record of success that includes **twenty-six** invitations to appear before Congress since 2005. Further, in the past two years, President Obama and former President Bush have signed into law measures advocated by the Alliance that will:

- Give irrigators tools to finance aging infrastructure (“Rural Water Supply Act”);
- Set caps on site security costs charged to Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) water customers;
- Provide funding that allows irrigation districts and large producer groups to undertake water supply and water quality enhancement projects (Farm Bill Agricultural Watershed Enhancement Program);
- Authorize science-based decision making and funding opportunities for water development projects via new climate change legislation (SECURE Water Act);
- Provide \$1 billion in stimulus funding for Reclamation, including over \$140 million to address aging water infrastructure projects in the West; and
- Improve canal safety in urbanizing areas, working with Senator Harry Reid (NEVADA).



This new law authorizes the Secretary of Interior to advance the costs incurred for “extraordinary operation and maintenance work” and to repay the costs over 50-years, with interest. The 50-year repayment option applies to both reserved works and those works transferred to local entities by Reclamation. The Alliance was the only non-governmental witness asked to testify on Senator Reid’s bill as it moved through committee.

For the past year, we have closely monitored rulemaking efforts undertaken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), many of which hold potentially harmful implications for Western farmers and ranchers. While it may be difficult to get EPA and other Administration agency policy makers to back off on the approach they are taking, we have alerted our members and other regulated producers to what is happening, and we have worked with some Members of Congress to raise the issue with them. We are well on our way to meet our -goal - set earlier this year- to memorialize our concerns in the public record, trigger additional interest in these matters by highlighting the “end around” move that EPA is taking regarding the new definition of “Waters of the U.S.”, and encourage other organizations to take a similar stand.

Finding ways to streamline the regulatory process in order to simplify construction of the low-impact hydroelectric projects was a primary initiative identified by the Alliance board of directors earlier this year. Under current regulations, anyone who wants to develop hydropower less than 5 megawatts (which would apply to virtually every single potential location within irrigation canals) can get an exemption from federal licensing requirements. However, the process required to get that exemption can be cost- and time-prohibitive.

FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE UPDATE CONTINUED

Meanwhile, new solar and wind projects can move full-steam ahead without these ridiculous licensing impediments. We believe the process for installing in-canal low-head hydro facilities should be the same.

We continue to build coalitions and create powerful alliances to advocate for irrigated agriculture. The Alliance is one of six representatives on the steering committee for the Coalition for Conservation through Ranching. This innovative coalition includes several national farming and environmental organizations which will work to support working ranches and healthy and productive landscapes on public and private lands in the West. The Family Farm Alliance is also part of a small group of diverse interests preparing to tackle an issue that is of paramount interest to Western irrigators: transfers that move water away from agriculture and towards other competing needs. The Alliance is engaging with its new urban and environmental partners in a new initiative funded by the Walton Family Foundation that will seek to develop innovative strategies for sharing water in the Colorado River Basin.

On an everyday basis, we continue to facilitate the delivery of accurate and timely information to Congress, regulatory agencies, the media and our members on issues which impact Western irrigators. For more on the Alliance's recent activities, please download our 2009 Accomplishments report, which can be found on the home page of our website: www.familyfarmalliance.org.

Farmers, ranchers and the businesses they rely upon face enough challenges, let alone worrying about whether or not once-certain water supplies will be available to support their operations. On the other hand, there are countless environmental activist groups – many with budgets in the tens of millions of dollars- who are doing everything in their power to influence courts, media and politicians in order to reallocate water supplies away from agriculture. And those same activist groups are already wielding major clout with our new President and Congress.

Grassroots membership is vital to our organization. For more information on the Family Farm Alliance, please visit our website or contact Executive Director Dan Keppen in Klamath Falls at (541) 892-6244.

**– Dan Keppen, Executive Director
Family Farm Alliance**

NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (NWRA) UPDATE

After months upon months of speculation and Washington rumors, the mid-term elections have come and gone, but the dust has far from settled. While the Republicans gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Democrats were able to able to maintain their majority (albeit a much smaller one) in the U.S. Senate. As we all watched with bated breath many long-term Members of Congress lost their jobs, the healthcare debate once again took center stage and Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) began making plans for his move back to the House Speaker's Office. The changes to come have been broadcasted and discussed on all the Sunday morning talk shows, but what do they mean for us in the water world?



Perhaps one of the more significant races for NWRA members began to take shape not in the West but in Minnesota. Rep. Jim Oberstar (D-MN), a 36 year Congressional veteran lost the endorsement of his

hometown newspaper, in the final weeks of his campaign, a blow that ultimately proved fatal. Oberstar began to slip behind in the polls—almost always a signal of the end for incumbents—and in the early morning hours of November 3rd, conceded for the first time in his political career to Tea Partier Raymond “Chip” Cravaack. Rep. Oberstar currently holds the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairmanship and notably is the author of the Clean Water Restoration Act (CWRA), a bill NWRA has strongly opposed for many years. Oberstar's departure from Washington then, is likely to mean that the CWRA will have virtually no legislative legs in the next Congress as it is highly unlikely that another Member will step up to sponsor the legislation. The Senate companion to the CWRA was historically sponsored by Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI), who also lost his reelection bid. Due to the bill's controversial nature in the Upper Chamber, a new sponsor is not expected to emerge. Thus, the CWRA's legislative future is certainly grave, but it does not however mean that the concept of the redefinition of the term “navigable waters/waters of the United States” will be forgotten.

NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (NWRA) UPDATE CONTINUED

The current EPA has time and again expressed their support for proposal and is expected to attempt to accomplish something akin to Oberstar's legislation through regulation and rulemaking.

It is all but assumed that the Committee's current Ranking Member, John Mica (R-FL) will move to the helm of the Committee and is likely to place a great deal of attention on EPA oversight hearings and proceedings. The future of the Water and Environment Subcommittee is slightly less certain however, as the Subcommittee's Ranking Member John Boozman (R-AR) will move into his new office in the U.S. Senate in January.

The House Natural Resources Committee is also likely to see some major changes at the dawn of the 112th Congress. The Committee's current chair, Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) recently announced his plans to take advantage of his seniority on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as its Ranking Member in the new Congress. Rahall's decision set off a firestorm of rumors as to who the new Resources

Ranking Member might be. As the days have worn on, it has begun to look more and more likely that the Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) will assume the role of Ranking Member for the 112th Congress. Westerner Doc Hastings (R-WA) is presumed to be the future Chair of the Resources Committee. Hastings is well versed in water issues and is likely to place a renewed emphasis on oversight, hydropower issues and water supply concerns.

As we look towards the beginning of a new Congressional era, NWRA will repackage and refocus our Associations priorities and efforts to best balance the needs of our members and the political appetites of the changing landscape in Washington. Our bi-annual "Leadership Forum" and Legislative Planning meeting will be held in Phoenix January 5-6 and as always, we encourage all those interested to either attend or provide OWRC with your legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

*– Adrian Coffey,
National Water Resources Association (NWRA)*

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY UPDATE

A PERSPECTIVE FROM A POLICY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER

Serving on the Integrated Water Resources Strategy Policy Advisory Group has been a chance to see how others perceive the need and importance of various types of water use. This group is as broad as one would think and it's going to be very difficult to find common ground because of the both the size and all the varying interests that sit at the table. As all the various water issues and interests of the participants are placed on the table for discussion it does cause some of us to feel the hair on the back of our necks stand up because of concerns about how the information will be used. Different interpretations of the public trust doctrine and the importance of various water uses, perceptions that water needs can be met by taking water from agriculture, and threats to prior appropriation are becoming evident and have caused some anxiety. We have known for years that these issues would come up and that day has come.

The last Policy Advisory Group meeting on October 6th was very difficult from my perspective, as it was unclear which direction we are headed and what Department needs from the group. Our task at this last meeting was to build the policy framework that



would guide us forward through this process of developing a statewide water strategy, and after a great deal of struggle I'm not sure we ever got there. The diversified interests at the table make it difficult to get end product because of size and different opinions, and desire to protect one's interest. There is not enough confidence among the group yet and that makes it difficult to have good conversations when you're insecure. Additionally, everyone having a huge stake, and specific water interest to represent, will make it difficult to develop a plan that is supported by all.

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY UPDATE CONTINUED

The timing is also problematic as the Water Resources Department will have to seek additional funding to support the planning process, and more importantly to implement the strategy, from a State that continues to face budget shortfalls. To overcome these challenges, it will be important for the Department to take the lead in this planning effort and provide greater direction and guidance to the Policy Advisory Group. The reality is that you can't please everyone and firm leadership will be needed to sustain and move this effort forward.

Planning in general can be cumbersome and painful, and this effort to address Oregon's long-term water needs is no different. Some sort of plan needs to be developed to ensure that Oregon's diverse water needs are met. The work already undertaken through the Integrated Water Resources Strategy process, including an assessment of what tools are already in place, is a good start, and can be used as springboard to deal with various water issues in the future.

It is beneficial that the various water interests are talking with each other and putting their issues on the table, with little being held back. However, if we don't have resources to fully develop and implement a good plan then the process could be detrimental, benefiting personal agendas rather benefitting the resource and Oregon as a whole. The fear that this effort will be used to reallocate water away from agricultural uses is going to remain a concern. We need to develop a plan that takes care of the needs of today while looking ahead to meet the demands and challenges of the future. Irrigated agriculture is a vital part of our State, and the strength of this Nation, and we must do what it takes to keep it that way.

For more information about Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy and the Policy Advisory Group, visit:

<http://www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/LAW/IntegratedWaterSupplyStrategy.shtml>

– **Jay Chamberlin, Owyhee Irrigation District**
OWRC Vice-President

DISTRICT SAFETY ISSUES

CONFINED SPACES—OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND

Are you vulnerable to a confined space inspection? Do you know if your district has confined spaces? Recently, some irrigation districts have been the focus of inspections for



confined spaces. Many districts don't even realize they have confined spaces. Most of the larger districts have been dealing with this issue for some time as they continue to bury laterals in pipeline.

When pipe is installed it nearly always becomes a confined space. Along with the pipe installation, there may also be vaults built to protect meter deliveries, check structures, venting installations, and many other structures that may be necessary to access in order to operate the system. These vaults may be deep and/or limited in space for movement and ventilation. There may also be other confined spaces at your district that you may not have identified.

OR-OSHA has rules and procedures that must be followed before entering these areas. These rules, terms, and procedures can be found on the OR-OSHA website at www.orosha.org under section 1910.146, subdivision 2/J.

Many smaller districts may just now be building a work plan to begin projects such as these. They should keep in mind the confined spaces they may create as they go forward. Larger districts can be very helpful in sharing information needed to be in compliance with these regulations. If your district is in the worker's compensation pool, Special Districts Association of Oregon also can be of assistance in providing training, confined space identification, and other compliance information.

If you are in need of such assistance, please contact our Loss Control department at:

Special Districts Association of Oregon
P.O. Box 12613, Salem, OR 97309-0613
Phone: 1-800-285-5461, Fax: (503)-371-4781

– **Bob Ringering,**
Special Districts Association of Oregon

SDAO is celebrating 30 years of assisting special service districts in providing cost-effective and efficient public services to the people of Oregon.

EVENT UPDATES

2010 TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR REPORT

The OWRC 2010 Technology Seminar was held September 23-24th at the Riverhouse in Bend. The theme of this year's Seminar was "Innovative Strategies and New Technologies for District Projects" and included sessions on project planning, developing project readiness, and project implementation.

There were 11 different presentations on a variety of topics, including Low Head Hydropower Technology, Tools and Strategies for Developing "Shovel-Ready" Projects, Water Resources Computer Modeling, Acoustic Doppler Technology, Fish Screens, and more. There were also 9 different exhibitors featuring a variety of services and products for agricultural water suppliers.

Thank you to the speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and attendees of the 2010 Technology Seminar.

Additionally, special thanks and appreciation for the time and efforts of Technology Seminar Subcommittee Members Jon Burgi, David Evans &

Associates, Inc.; Jay Chamberlin, Owyhee Irrigation District; and Marc Thalacker, Three Sisters Irrigation District. We tentatively plan to have another Technology Seminar in the fall of 2012.

– **April Snell,**
OWRC Assistant Director



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**2010 OWRC
Annual Conference**
November 30th - December 3rd
*Best Western Hood River Inn
Hood River, Oregon*

Tri-State Meeting
January 21st, 2011
Portland Airport

**2011 OWRC
Water Law Seminar**
October 13-14th, 2011
*Sunriver Resort
Sunriver, Oregon*

**2011 OWRC
Golf Tournament**
October 12th, 2011
*Sunriver Resort
Sunriver, Oregon*

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