



## Oregon Water Resources Congress 2023 District Managers' Workshop

*Newport, Oregon*

### Agenda

#### Thursday, March 9

- 9:00      **Check-in and Informal Networking**  
*Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided*
- 9:30      **Welcome & Introductions**
- 9:40      **Roundtable Discussion(s)**
- 10:40     **Workplace Rules, Recent Employment Law Changes, & Other Tips for District Safety and Risk Management**  
*Greg Jackson, Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO)*  
*Monica Schultz-Harrison, Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO)*
- 12:00     **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:05      **Oregon Legislation and Issues of Interest**  
*April Snell and Ken Yates, OWRC*
- 1:40      **Roundtable Discussion(s)**
- 3:05      *Afternoon Break*
- 3:35      **Legal Update**  
*David Filippi, Stoel Rives, LLP*
- 4:40      *Adjourn program*
- 5:15      **Networking Reception** (with no-host bar)
- 6:15      **Dinner with OWRC Board**
- 8:00      **OWRC Hospitality Suite**

Workshop program will include roundtable discussions amongst attendees (on topics selected by attendees) as well as structured presentations on a variety of district management issues.

#### **Preliminary Discussion Topics:**

- Drought Mitigation and Planning
- Funding for Projects (Applying & Managing)
- Managing Complex Projects (Phasing, Permits, Supply Chain, etc.)
- Public Meetings, Public Records
- Easement Management
- Water Quality Issues
- Land Use Regulations & Engagement
- Tips for Strategic Time Management
- Staffing Challenges (Hiring, Training, Retirements, Benefit/Salary Changes)
- Water Right Transfers, Water Right Issues
- Communicating with Difficult Stakeholders
- District Mergers, Consolidations, & Other District to District Relationships
- Engaging with Legislators & Agencies
- **And More!**

*Attendees are encouraged to attend the OWRC Board Meeting on Friday, March 10, starting at 9:00AM. Breakfast buffet starting at 7:45AM. Non-board members will be charged for meals.*