



Oregon Water Resources Congress
2024 District Managers' Workshop
Newport, Oregon

DRAFT Agenda

Thursday, March 7

- 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 Best Practices for District Safety and Risk Management**
TBD, Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO)
- 12:00 **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:05 **Roundtable Discussion(s) or Structured Presentation**
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- 3:05 *Afternoon Break*
- 3:35 **Roundtable Discussion(s) or Structured Presentation**
- 4:45 *Adjourn program*
- 5:15 **Networking Reception** (with no-host bar)
- 6:15 **Dinner with OWRC Board**

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:

- Funding for Projects (Applying & Managing)
- Managing Complex Projects (Phasing, Permits, Supply Chain, etc.)
- Renewable Energy Projects (in/around district lands)
- Using Electric/Alternative Fuels for District Vehicles
- Public Meetings, Public Records
- New Laws Impacting Districts (Water and Special District related)
- Easement Management
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) and Districts
- Water Quality Issues
- Groundwater and Districts
- Engaging with City and County Officials on Development Issues
- Land Use Regulations & Engagement
- Tips for Strategic Time Management
- Staffing Challenges (Hiring, Training, Retirements, Benefit/Salary Changes)
- Water Right Transfers, Water Right Issues
- Water Right Mapping, GIS, CWREs
- Communicating with Difficult Stakeholders
- District Mergers, Consolidations, & Other District to District Relationships
- Drought/Climate Change Mitigation & Planning
- Engaging with Legislators & Agencies
- ***And More!***

Attendees are encouraged to attend the OWRC Board Meeting on Friday, March 8, starting at 9:00AM. Breakfast buffet starting at 7:45AM. Non-board members will be charged for meals.