

Wednesday, July 25, 2018--Lunchtime Table Topic Discussion Descriptions

TABLE TOPIC	ISSUE
Funding and Financing Wastewater and Stormwater Projects	Join Oregon DEQ, Business Oregon, and USDA staff to hear the latest about state and federal programs that help fund wastewater, stormwater and green infrastructure projects.
Updating Mercury TMDLs and DEQ's Interim Approaches	DEQ is updating the Willamette Mercury TMDL. At the same time, the Department is moving ahead with issuing NPDES wastewater discharge permits with problematic mercury limits. Join this discussion to learn about the challenges faced by DEQ and dischargers.
DEQ's Recycled Water IMD—Challenges and Opportunities	ACWA and DEQ share the goal of facilitating expanded recycled water programs as environmentally beneficial water quality compliance strategies. Join this discussion to learn about the challenges and opportunities ACWA and DEQ are tackling to evolve Oregon's recycled water program regulations.
What's Ahead in the 2019 Legislative Session	Join League of Oregon Cities and ACWA representatives to discuss hot topics that are anticipated in the upcoming legislative session.
The Clean Rivers Coalition— Collaboration for Clean Water Outreach	This collaborative effort continues to advance efforts to build an expanded coalition dedicated to public outreach messages and strategies for clean water communications. Attend this discussion to learn more and offer creative strategies.
Stormwater Green Infrastructure—What are We Learning?	As communities increase focus on green infrastructure to manage stormwater and improve water quality, the data and knowledge about what's working and what's not is growing. Join ACWA Stormwater leaders to hear from others and share your updates about what we are learning.
Update on Temperature Compliance Strategies	ACWA and DEQ share the goal to develop temperature compliance strategies that will result in tangible benefits to water quality and aquatic life. Existing permitting tools are inadequate to achieve this goal. Join this session to get updated on the latest efforts to facilitate compliance through river system restoration and development of cold water refuges.
Latest Opportunities in Energy Efficiency and Renewables	Join experts from ODOE, Energy Trust of Oregon and Energy Smart Industrial to get the latest information on opportunities for wastewater utilities to cost-effectively increase energy efficiency and develop renewable energy projects.
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion strengthens our organizations, fosters fair and equitable work environments, and promotes respectful and collaborative cultures. Join this discussion with Portland BES and ACWA representatives to learn more, and to share your ideas and initiatives.
CMOM... Is Your Community Addressing SSOs?	Developing asset management, facilities planning and emergency response procedures that address SSOs is critical to maintaining permit compliance, collection system reliability and community safety. Join fellow ACWA members in sharing how your community is addressing sewer system C apacity, M anagement, O perations, and M aintenance considerations.
Alternative Project Delivery Methods	Is your agency planning to design and build capital improvement projects anytime soon? Gain insights from experts in the field on how to get the best results from alternative project delivery methods.