

Future of ACWA

Member Discussion
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Summary

- Challenges of wastewater and stormwater utilities
 - Walt Meyer
- ACWA Mission
- ACWA Budget & Volunteer Efforts
- ACWA Activities
- Member input
 - Lower priorities?
 - Additional services?
 - Great ideas?



Challenges

- Unclear WQ standards
- Changing regulatory environment
- Changing community expectations
- Financial pressure
 - Rates
 - Balancing services within a city
- Asset replacement
- Staff retirements and training
- Resource recovery
- Technology changes
- Expanded responsibilities for watershed approaches
- Non-point source accountability for pollution reduction
- Communicating services and the values we provide



Challenges

- Other broad challenges facing our industry?



ACWA Mission

- Purpose

- Protect and enhance Oregon's water quality

- Mission

- ACWA provides high value, science-based practical services to its membership through education, regulatory advocacy, and partnerships for the development of proactive solutions resulting in water resources management that is environmentally, financially and organizationally sustainable.

ACWA Budget

- Dues and Revenues
 - Annual Budget
 - \$250,000
 - Dues
 - \$160,000
 - Other Revenues
 - \$90,000
- Expenditures
 - ACWA Office (ED/Admin/etc.)
 - \$143,250
 - Part time
 - ED & Admin staff
 - Projects
 - Committee Driven
- Volunteer efforts
 - ACWA's largest asset
 - All committee work completed as volunteers
 - Pretreatment Committee
 - \$73,125 in the value of donated time for Committee meetings
 - **PLUS** special projects inc. Preferred Pumper, Audit Streamlining, etc.
 - Board volunteers
 - Special project volunteers
 - Technical Advisory Committees
 - Special projects
 - FOG
 - SB 737
 - Drug Take Back



ACWA Activities

- Key areas include:
 - Education
 - Regulatory Advocacy
 - Partnerships



ACWA Activities

- Education
 - Conference and workshops
 - Participation in Advisory Committees
 - DEQ
 - Department of Ag
 - Energy related
 - Committee Meetings
 - Web site
 - Newsletter



ACWA Activities

- Regulatory Advocacy
 - DEQ/EPA Interaction
 - Participation in Advisory Committees
 - DEQ
 - Department of Ag
 - Legislative related
 - Committee meetings
 - Newsletter



ACWA Activities

- Partnerships
 - EPA and DEQ Interaction
 - Committee meetings
 - Advisory Committee participation
 - Special Projects
 - Energy Training
 - Reports
 - UIC stormwater data summary
 - Brochures and informational pieces
 - Conference and Workshops

Meeting ACWA Member Needs

- Cards to provide feedback
 - *This area seems like a lower priority...*
 - Red cards
 - *Remembering that new services will cost dollars and additional volunteer effort...here's additional services that ACWA should be providing...*
 - Green cards
 - *Here's my good idea...*
 - Blue cards



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- Thoughts and Discussion...