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Oregon Water Law Conference



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Seminar Overview

For our 31st year, we continue the tradition of gathering the most active, diverse, and experienced Oregon water law experts to address the issues of the day.

Our program will provide an update on recent water-related legislative and administrative developments, along with discussions of the key issues driving water policy. Practitioners from a wide array of viewpoints will address complex water supply and management challenges in several of Oregon's watersheds, along with other recent decisions involving water distribution, water access, storage permits, and hydropower licensing.

We hope you will join us for this excellent program.

Who Should Attend:

- Attorneys
- Engineers
- Land Planners
- Water Operators
- Water Rights Examiners
- Municipal Employees
- Tribal Members
- Conservationists
- Government Employees

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Oregon Water Law
Wednesday, November 09, 2022

9:00 Introduction and Overview – Day One

David E. Filippi, Program Co-Chair
Stoel Rives LLP

9:10 Case Law Update

David E. Filippi
Stoel Rives LLP

10:00 Drought and State Water Priorities

Climate change; US Bureau of Reclamation; USACE

Representative Ken Helm
District 34, Oregon State Legislature

Representative Mark Owens
District 60, Oregon State Legislature

11:00 Break

11:15 Election Results and Impacts

Perspectives on how a new Governor and high legislative turnover will impact water policy

Olivier Jamin, Moderator
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Mary Anne Cooper, Vice President
Government & Legal Affairs, Oregon Farm Bureau

Michael G. Martin, Lobbyist
League of Oregon Cities

April Snell, Executive Director
Oregon Water Resources Congress

12:30 Midday Break

1:45 Water Re-Use and Recycling

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; Water Pollution Permits; water policy; Willamette Falls

Robert P. Baumgartner, Director
Regulatory Affairs, Clean Water Services

Olivier Jamin
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Tracy Rainey, Senior Policy Analyst
Clean Water Services

Jennifer Wigal, Water Quality Administrator
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

3:15 Break

3:30 The Infrastructure Bill and Water

Opportunities available to water providers under the Infrastructure Bill; municipal water; water for hard-to-reach communities; drinking water; irrigation districts

Ron Alvarado, State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA

Chico Holliday, Water Supervisor
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Josh Newton
Best Best & Krieger LLP

Julie Davies O'Shea, Executive Director
Farmers Conservation Alliance

5:00 Adjourn

Oregon Water Law
Thursday, November 10, 2022

9:00 Introduction and Overview – Day Two

Olivier Jamin, Program Co-Chair
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

9:05 Columbia River Updates

Treaty negotiations; non-treaty storage; sustaining regional water needs; dam NPDES permits; toxics reduction

J.R. Cook, Director
Northeast Oregon Water Association

Brent H. Hall
Hall Law PLLC

Richard Roos-Collins
Water and Power Law Group PC

Mary Lou Soscia, Columbia River Coordinator
Region 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:30 Break

10:45 Groundwater Updates

Agency and administrative issues; integrated water resources; water storage; exempt wells

Justin T. Iverson, Groundwater Section Mgr.
Oregon Water Resources Department

Steven L. Shropshire
Jordan Ramis PC

11:45 Special Presentation – Waters of the U.S. Update

Supreme Court ruling and EPA response

Richard M. Glick
Attorney at Law

12:15 Midday Break

1:30 Water Basin Update – A Panel Discussion

Klamath; Umatilla; Deschutes; Grand Ronde; Willamette; Walla Walla

Anton A. Chiono, Habitat Conservation Project Leader
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Kate Fitzpatrick, Executive Director
Deschutes River Conservancy

Merissa A. Moeller
Stoel Rives LLP

Adam Sussman, Principal Water Resources Consultant
GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

3:00 Break

3:15 Investing in Water

Harry Seely, Water Resource Economist
WestWater Research LLC

4:00 Ethical Considerations – Water as a Human Right

Water as a commodity

David J. Elkanich
Buchalter PC

5:00 Adjourn

Faculty - Oregon Water Law



David E. Filippi, Program Co-Chair, is a member of Stoel Rives LLP who practices in the areas of natural resources, environmental and land use law. He concentrates his practice on water rights and water quality, fish and wildlife law, and project facility siting and permitting.



David J. Elkanich is a shareholder at Buchalter and Chair of the Professional Responsibility Practice Group. His practice focuses on legal ethics, risk management, and discipline defense. He advises lawyers, firms and other professionals on a variety of ethics issues.



Olivier Jamin, Program Co-Chair, is an attorney at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP who provides legal advice to clients on environmental, energy, land use, and litigation matters. He is passionate about natural resources management, particularly water rights.



Kate Fitzpatrick is Executive Director at Deschutes River Conservancy. She works to collaboratively restore streamflow in the basin and has expertise in water rights, negotiations, collaboration, deal structure and strategic program development.



Ron Alvarado is a State Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), part of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). He leads and manages all USDA-NRCS administrative and technical functions for the state Oregon.



Richard M. Glick recently retired from Davis Wright Tremaine LLP where he practiced water and environmental law. Over a 45-year period, he has advised and represented individual and corporate farms, irrigation districts and municipal water utilities.



Robert P. Baumgartner currently serves as Clean Water Services (CWS) Regulatory Affairs Director. CWS works to enhance the environment and quality of life in the Tualatin River watershed through visionary and collaborative management of water resources.



Brent H. Hall is a Member of Hall Law PLLC. His practice focuses on Native American treaty rights, environmental, natural resource, real estate and land use, and water rights related matters. He represents tribes in federal, state and tribal courts.



Anton A. Chiono is the Habitat Conservation Project Leader for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. As part of BPA's Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program, he focuses on approaches to the conservation and restoration of river ecosystems.



Rep. Ken Helm represents House District 34 in the Oregon State Legislature, serving the City of Beaverton and the neighborhoods of West Haven, Cedar Hills and Rock Creek. He chairs the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, and Water.



J.R. Cook is the founder and director of Northeast Oregon Water Association. Prior to founding NOWA, Cook served as the Umatilla Basin Water Commission Executive Director, City Manager of the City of Umatilla, and Assistant Planner for Umatilla County.

Chico Holliday serves as Water Supervisor for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The Branch of Public Utilities administers and manages the Tribes' infrastructure for water, wastewater systems, facilities and sanitation for the community.



Mary Anne Cooper is the Vice President of Government & Legal Affairs at the Oregon Farm Bureau. She works with state and federal agencies on water quality, water supply, removal-fill, ESA, NEPA, Clean Water Act, land use, and other natural resources issues.



Justin T. Iverson manages the Groundwater Section of the Oregon Water Resources Department. He previously worked as a water resources consultant focused on groundwater development and managed aquifer recharge for public and private clients.



Michael G. Martin is a lobbyist with the League of Oregon Cities, advocating on issues including water, wastewater, and natural resources. LOC provide cities what they need to build thriving communities, through advocacy, training and information.



Harry Seely, a principal with WestWater Research LLC, has over 15 years' experience in agricultural & water resource economic analysis. Over the last decade, he has applied mathematical programming & econometric analysis to estimate the value of water.



Merissa A. Moeller is a natural resources & land use attorney at Stoel Rives LLP. Her clients include individual landowners & developers, renewable energy facilities, agribusiness, the timber industry, wineries, and municipal/agricultural water managers.



Steven L. Shropshire is a shareholder at Jordan Ramis PC with over 20 years of experience in natural resources and environmental law. He focuses on water rights, state and federal water policy, water quality issues, and the Endangered Species Act.



Josh Newton is a partner with Best Best & Krieger LLP. He advises clients on environmental and natural resource issues. He focuses on complex civil dispute resolution, which includes federal and state court litigation at both the trial and appellate level.



April Snell is the Executive Director of the Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC), a nonprofit association representing irrigation districts, water control districts, drainage districts, and other agricultural water suppliers around the state.



Julie Davies O'Shea is the founder and Executive Director of the Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA). With an extensive background in conservation, renewable energy, and irrigation projects, Julie is the catalyst behind the growth and development of FCA.



Mary Lou Soscia is the Columbia River Coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10. She provides representation on Columbia River Basin work efforts and leads implementation of the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program.



Rep. Mark Owens is the State Legislature Representative for Oregon's House District 60. His primary focus is the use of natural resources, public lands and protecting Oregon's way of life. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Water.



Adam Sussman is a Principal Water Resources Consultant for GSI Water Solutions, Inc. and leads the water rights/resources practice. He specializes in water rights and water management, and is an expert in state water rights process, policy, and procedures.



Tracy Rainey currently serves as Senior Policy Analyst for Clean Water Services. CWS is the water resources management utility for more than 600,000 residents in urban Washington County, and small portions of Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.



Jennifer Wigal is the Water Quality Administrator at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality where she leads DEQ's water quality program. She has over 24 years of experience working in water quality regulatory programs at the state and federal level.



Richard Roos-Collins is Principal at Water and Power Law Group PC. He specializes in settlements in complex cases involving multiple parties, interests, and laws. He is also General Counsel to the Hydropower Reform Coalition in Washington DC.