

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oregon Water Law Conference

October 26 & 27, 2023 ~ Portland, OR

For our 32nd 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.

### Thursday, October 26, 2023

#### 8:50 Introduction and Overview – Day One

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

#### 9:00 Water Case Law Update

Current water cases with the state and federal courts

**David E. Filippi**  
*Stoel Rives LLP*

#### 9:45 Oregon Water Legislative Update

Looking back at the 2023 session, and what's in store for the 2024 short session

**Representative Ken Helm**  
*District 27, Oregon State Legislature*  
**Representative Mark Owens**  
*District 60, Oregon State Legislature*

#### 10:30 *Break*

#### 10:45 Deep Dives into What Passed and What Didn't in the 2023 Legislature

**David E. Filippi**, Moderator  
*Stoel Rives LLP*  
**Mark J. Landauer**  
*Special Districts Association of Oregon*  
**Lauren Poor**, Vice President  
*Government & Legal Affairs, Oregon Farm Bureau*

**11:45 Special Presentation - Where Oregon Water Policy Stands in 2023**

Water supply and water quality priorities for the Oregon Governor's office; Umatilla Basin groundwater/nitrate issues

**Geoffrey M. Huntington**, Senior Advisor  
*Oregon Governor's Office of Natural Resources*

**12:30 *Midday Break***

**1:45 Municipal Water Rights and Development**

Lower Clackamas River case; water reuse

**Robert Annear, PhD, PE**  
*Annear Water Resources LLC*

**Phillip M. Bender**  
*Ring Bender LLP*

**2:45 *Break***

**3:00 Oregon Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) and Water**

**Sarah R. Liljefelt**  
*Dunn Carney LLP*

**Brian J. Posewitz**, Staff Attorney  
*WaterWatch of Oregon*

**4:00 Ethical Considerations – A Day in the Life of a Water Law Lawyer in 2023**

Communicating with regulatory bodies; conflicts of interest; chat GPT and AI platforms

**Nellie Q. Barnard**  
*Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC*

**Lindsay Thane**  
*Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC*

**5:00 *Adjourn & Reception***

**Friday, October 27, 2023**

**8:00 Water Rights 101**

Legal systems for allocation; limitations on use; transfers; exempt uses; instream water rights

**Marika E. Sitz**  
*Jordan Ramis PC*

8:50 *Break*

9:00 **Introduction and Overview – Day Two**

**Olivier Jamin**, Program Co-Chair  
*Davis Wright Tremaine LLP*

9:10 **OWRD's Protest Backlog Project**

What we've learned and a look to the future

**Dwight French**, Water Rights Administrator  
*Oregon Water Resources Department*

10:00 **Water Right Transfers**

Practical skills, real property transaction due diligence, storage transfers

**Kimberly Grigsby**,  
Principal Water Resources Consultant  
*GSI Water Solutions, Inc.*  
**Olivier Jamin**  
*Davis Wright Tremaine LLP*

11:00 *Break*

11:15 **Klamath River Basin Update**

Irrigation; tribal issues; dam removal

**Amy Bowers Cordalis**, Principal  
*Ridges to Riffles Conservation Fund*  
**Daniel M. Ray**  
*Rosette Law LLP*  
**Paul S. Simmons**, Executive Director  
*Klamath Water Users Association*

12:30 *Midday Break*

1:45 **Deschutes River Basin Update**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Water Rights Settlement Agreement  
Implementation Update; Deschutes Basin Habitat Conservation Plan; Oregon spotted frog  
Draft Recovery Plan; Deschutes Water Bank & Policy Considerations

**Kate Fitzpatrick**, Executive Director  
*Deschutes River Conservancy*  
**Merissa A. Moeller**  
*Stoel Rives LLP*  
**Josh Newton**  
*Best Best & Krieger LLP*

3:00 *Break*

**3:15 Columbia River Treaty Negotiations Update**

Ecosystem aspects; overview of past negotiations; flood risk management; power; water supply

**Brent H. Hall**  
*Hall Law PLLC*

**4:00 Significant Developments in Groundwater Allocation and Regulation**

Groundwater allocation and permitting rulemaking; Critical Groundwater Area rulemaking; practical implications of changes to the allocation regime

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

**Steven L. Shropshire**  
*Jordan Ramis PC*

**5:00 Adjourn**