

Grand Ronde Scheduling - Outline

TUESDAY		TOTAL CEU'S: 0.7 W/WW		OCTOBER 31, 2023
Time				
07:30 – 08:00 AM		Registration		
		Kalapuya A/B	Molalla A/B	
08:00 – 10:00 AM	0.2	<b>Locating the Unknown</b> Conventional methods of locating with standard pipe and cable locators and new methods for the pipe that just doesn't want located and found. Showing different methods and ways in the process. If time allows we can go outside and perform some of the techniques. <b>Nick Frappier, NW Hydro Vac</b> W/WW	NO Class	
10:00 – 10:15 AM		Break		
10:15 – 12:00 PM	0.175	<b>The Role We Play for Emergencies</b> Are you ready for an emergency? Fire, earthquake, snow, flooding they all require one same thing, You! We will talk about emergencies for water & wastewater systems from the 30,000 foot level. Look at resources you may know about and others you don't. I will be sharing tools that I have used to get a volunteer work force, grants, equipment, and further education. <b>Dan Weitzle, City of Manzanita</b> W/WW	<b>Your DEQ Online</b> A recorded video tutorial that shows the registration process for YDO with information about how to submit applications and payments online. <b>Kimi Grzyb, Oregon DEQ</b> WW  <b>DEQ Wastewater Operator Certification Basics</b> This presentation will cover the application and certification process, tips to avoid mistakes, an overview of where to find the information you need on DEQ's website, and an opportunity for program feedback. <b>Kimi Grzyb, Oregon DEQ</b> WW	
12:00 – 01:00 PM		Lunch provided		
01:00 – 02:00 PM	0.1	<b>Operator's Round Table</b> Questions and answers with the OAWU staff around real-life stories on project management, board interaction, and problem solving at your water and wastewater utilities. <b>Scott Berry, Keith Bedell, Heath Cokeley, OAWU</b> W/WW	<b>Saving Money, Pumping Groundwater</b> Most water wells are being designed and operated with the assumption that their performance stays fairly constant over years of operation. Drops in performance and rising maintenance costs are often overlooked, causing operational costs to skyrocket With that in mind, we will focus on pumping efficiencies and highlight what is costing us money, how much it is costing and how we can save money and prolong the life of our wells and pumping equipment. <b>Dean Foster, Hose Solutions, Inc.</b> W	
02:00 – 02:15 PM		Break		
02:15 – 03:30 PM	0.125	<b>Air Mitigation in Fluid Conveyance: Are we Strangling our Pipes?</b> This class will offer a very brief primer on fluid hydraulics as it relates to the presence of air/gas in municipal pipelines, then explore the valve types and their applications. We will finish up by investigating AWWA sizing guidelines as well as operation & maintenance. <b>Geoff Robinson, Cimco-GC Systems</b> W/WW	<b>Acoustic Leak Detection and Smart Water Meters</b> Integrated acoustic sensor housed in the meter presents an approach to increase the number of acoustic sensors in a water grid tenfold. <b>Tim Owens, Correct Equipment</b> W	
03:30 – 03:45 PM		Break		
03:45 – 04:45 PM	0.1	<b>Building a Pipeline that's Traceable for the Life of the Pipeline</b> Explore how grounding, splices, and access points, along with a robust tracer wire, all fit	<b>Solutions for Control: Distribution Maintenance &amp; Repair Techniques to Avoid System Shutdown</b> Hydra-Stop LLC is a manufacturer of insertion valves with technology to install a permanent valve live, under pressure, in less than two hours	



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			wastewater treatment plant can be upgraded to MBR process. The operators can learn what it is like to have a MBR plant and how to operate by going through couple case studies. This course will also cover how to troubleshoot the MBR plant. <b>Hiro Kuge, Kubota Membrane</b> <b>WW</b>
03:00 – 03:30 PM		<b>Break</b>	
03:30 – 04:45 PM	0.125	<b>Spirit Mountain Casino Water and Wastewater Plant Tour</b> This class will be taking a tour of the membrane plants owned and operated by Spirit Mountain Casino. In depth processes of both the water and the wastewater plant will be explained starting with the water coming out of the river, through the treatment process to make it safe for human consumption, then through the wastewater treatment plant to treat the wastewater to a standard that allows it to be released back into the environment. <b>Hiro Kuge, Kubota Membrane</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>Safe &amp; Compliant Contracting of Diving Services for Water System Operators</b> An overview of regulatory requirements and diving industry best practices aimed at allowing water district operators to adequately assess the safety of diving operations being conducted on elevated structures and inside permit-controlled confined spaces. <b>Troy Gessner, Integrated Underwater Services</b> <b>W</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>TOTAL CEU'S: 0.575 W/WW</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER 2, 2023</b>			
07:00 – 08:00 AM		<b>Coffee</b>	
08:00 – 10:00 AM	0.2	<b>Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence Applications for Small Systems</b> Table top asset management assessments and paper inventory records are typically still employed by small drinking water utility. But ML/AI technology is easier than ever to use and offers significant benefits to small systems for asset management plans and customer service line inventories, for example. This presentation shares the experience of how a small system can use ML/AI economically to improve the utility. <b>Mike Grimm, West Slope Water District</b> <b>W/WW</b>  <b>Flow Meters</b> The ins and outs of flow meters used in the water and wastewater industry will be discussed in this presentation. <b>Phil Pelletier, Furrow Pump</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>Certification Update</b> Reviewing certification rules and requirements for water distribution and treatment certifications. <b>Tony Fields, OHA</b> <b>W</b>
10:00 – 10:15 AM		<b>Break</b>	
10:15 – 12:00 PM	0.175	<b>Pumping Chlorine: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly</b> We will talk about how difficult chlorine is to pump and how most people who design the system don't realize how hard it is to pump. Many people who operate the chlorine systems think it is their fault that the chlorine system won't pump consistently. Most times it is a combination of poor design and poor installation. We can help them fix both of those. <b>Phil Pelletier, Furrow Pump</b> <b>W/WW</b>	<b>DWS Cert Update</b> Reviewing certification rules and requirements for water distribution and treatment certifications. <b>Service Line Inventories</b> How to prepare for and complete the new service line inventory requirement for the LCRR. <b>Kari Salis, OHA-DWS</b> <b>W</b>
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01:00 – 02:00 PM	0.1	<p><b>USDA Funding Options</b>                  This class will focus on the funding options for water and wastewater systems available through USDA Rural Development in Oregon. There will be discussion on the steps to take before a project is off the ground and working through the project from the funding side of things.  <b>Holly Halligan, Deanna Quimby, USDA W/WW</b></p>	<p><b>New EPA requirement: Asset Management Implementation</b>                  America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 amended Section 1420 subsections (c)(2) and (c)(3) of the SDWA: A description of how the state will, as appropriate, encourage development by public water systems of asset management plans that include best practices for asset management; and (ii) assist, including through the provision of technical assistance, public water systems in training operators or other relevant and appropriate persons in implementing such asset management plans.                  This presentation will include an explanation of Asset Management and how Oregon will implement the new AWIA Act of 2018 requirement.  <b>Phebe Howe, OHA W</b></p>
02:00 – 02:15 PM		Break	
02:15 – 03:15 PM	0.1	<p><b>Preparing for and Recovering from Wildfires for W/WW Facilities</b>                  This class will go over the basics of what could be done by your water and wastewater facilities before, during and after a wildfire.  <b>Heath Cokeley, Scott Berry, OAWU W/WW</b></p>	NO Class