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OAWU's mission is to provide service, support and solutions for Oregon water & wastewater utilities to meet the challenges of today & tomorrow.

# Jeff Swanson Memorial Scholarships

OAWU is pleased to announce two recipients of the Jeff Swanson Memorial Scholarship this year.

Ellen Wiebe graduated from South Eugene High School and is in pursuit of the full IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma through Eugene International High School. Apart from school, she is active in her community through her volunteer work. She primarily volunteers at Ophelia's Place for their youth leadership group, the Women's Advisory Council for Youth, WACY. Within that group, she helps to organize community events and fundraisers that benefit many local organizations and people, as well as helping to create and maintain a presence on social media for the group. With her friends and family, she enjoys exploring Oregon's natural beauty. She plans to attend Oregon State University in Corvallis in the fall. Her mother is Bonnie Hoskinson-Wiebe from the City of Lebanon.



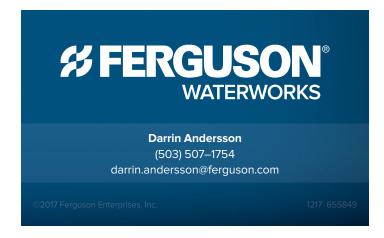


Antonio Alvarez graduated from Central High School and will be attending Oregon State University, where he'll major in BioResource Research and conduct undergraduate research. He's also planning to be part of the OSU marching band. In high school, he was the Junior Citizen of the Year in 2016 and was on the honor roll each year. He also has over 290 hours of volunteering at Salem Hospital. He enjoys being a part of Jazz Band and Symphonic Band. His father is Edgardo Alvarez from the City of Monmouth.

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Expo



Our 3rd annual Expo was our best yet. This year, to fit the registered 12 exhibitors and 52 attendees, we moved over to the Polk County Fairgrounds. The weather was great, and the food was even better—thanks to Heath Cokeley, our Programs Manager. We have the hope to grow the show again next year with even more outdoor exhibits and demos. Thanks to all the attendees and Associate members who made this event a success. Mark your calendars for May of 2019!





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# UPCOMING CONFERENCES





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# **Smoke Testing**

by Jeff Crowther, Wastewater Technician

Winter brings many professional challenges, some more obvious than others. Each year as we evaluate our flow data, we may notice excessive sanitary sewer flows correlating to the rainfall events.

Our wastewater plant and sewer collection systems are designed to handle the domestic discharge from our households, businesses, and industry. It was not designed to handle stormwater inflow and infiltration to the sanitary sewer. Within our NPDES permit we have a condition to find and eliminate sources of inflow and infiltration. As our collection systems have aged we tend to see more I and I. The sources of inflow and infiltration could be cracks in the sewerline and manholes, poorly placed manholes in curb lines which allow stormwater to flow in, residential roof drains, parking lot drains, and sump pumps in basements and crawl areas under homes.

Older systems may have combined sanitary and storm systems that may require separation. As an example, a home with a 2,000 square-foot roof tied to the sanitary sewer collecting 1 inch of rain over a 24-hour period will discharge approximately 1250 gallons of clean water into the sanitary sewer system. As you can imagine, if we multiply that over several roofs it does not take long before our collection system is at capacity and we are paying the cost of pumping and treating clean water.

A simple but effective tool in identifying inflow and infiltration is smoke testing your collection system. Smoke testing can be performed by current city staff if you have adequate resources. Smoke testing your system is best done during the summer months when the ground is dry and the smoke can flow through the ground and be seen, visibly indicating a separated or cracked pipe.

We should start by informing the public with newsletters and notifications within the local paper alerting the public to when the smoke testing will occur. Explain to them the reason for the smoke testing, what to expect, and who to call with questions regarding the testing. Once we have decided the timeframe of the testing we should notify the local police and fire department of our intent. If we're going to do a specific portion of the town at a time, we should place door hangers in that area explaining that we will be conducting smoke testing and when it will occur.

Make sure to have adequate visual spotters to look for evidence of smoke in the eaves, coming from crawl spaces, coming from storm drainage catch basins, and from French drains around homes. Record those areas that appear to be contributing to the inflow and infiltration problem and then follow up with corrective actions.

When we follow up it is best to prioritize the sources as those that will be easy to fix and those that may take more time and expense to correct. Sometimes our easy quick repairs can eliminate a large source of I and I and take the pressure of the system so that we can address the costlier repairs over time. Make sure to document and photograph the findings so that it will be easy to incorporate into the annual report.

The Association has a smoke blower that can be loaned out for short periods of time if you would like to perform your own survey. OAWU staff can help with the smoke testing and visual observation. Please let us know if we can help. ◆





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## **Hydrants**

by Scott Berry, Operations Manager

Fire hydrant inspection, maintenance, and repair are tasks that get put off more years than they get completed for many water systems. In some cases, they get deferred altogether while the water utility and the fire department play a spirited game of "Not It." Budgets are limited and there isn't enough time in the day or people to do all the jobs that need to be done. So, my goal with this article is simply to make sure you know what the recommendations are and provide ways OAWU can be a resource for these tasks.

All major manufacturers of fire hydrants recommend yearly inspection, maintenance, and repair. In addition, it's recommended that the water utility work closely with the fire department to track which hydrants need attention and what training may be needed to ensure safe operational practices are being adhered to. Please remember to help reduce liability (especially in a loss of life scenario) by bagging/marking a hydrant as "Out of Service" if inoperable, notify your local fire department, repair it, and place it back into service as soon as possible.

### Inspection

(reference AWWA M-17, Installation, field testing, and maintenance of fire hydrants)

- 1. Check the appearance of hydrant. Is it clear of obstructions? Does it need the paint touched up or repainted? Is it sitting with the break-away at the bottom of the barrel a couple inches above ground level?
- 2. Use a listening device to make sure the main valve is not leaking.
- 3. Using a plumb bob or other dip stick, check for the presence of water in the hydrant barrel.
- 4. Replace the outlet nozzle cap but leave it loose enough to allow air to escape.
- 5. Open the hydrant a few turns. Allow the air to vent from the cap.
- 6. Tighten the outlet nozzle cap.
- 7. Open the hydrant fully. Check for ease of operation. Lubricate if needed.
- 8. With the hydrant fully open, check for leakage at flanges, seals, and around the operating stem.
- 9. Partially close hydrant so the drains open and water flows through under pressure for about 10 seconds. This will flush the drain outlets.
- 10. Close the hydrant completely then back off the operating nut about a half turn.
- 11. Remove an outlet cap.
- 12. Attach a section of fire hose and a diffuser to protect traffic and private property from water.
- 13. Open the hydrant and flush.
- 14. Close the hydrant and remove fire hose. Check the operation of the drain by placing your hand over outlet and feeling for light suction caused as the water drains out of the barrel.

- 15. Again, check main valve leakage using a listening device.
- 16. Remove all caps, check and clean the threads. Check gaskets. Lube threads.
- 17. Check all the chains on the caps. Adjust or replace as necessary.
- 18. Replace the caps.
- 19. Lubricate operating nut as per manufacturers recommendations.
- 20. Locate and exercise auxiliary valve leaving it fully open. (My preference is to do this prior to #7.)
- 21. On traffic model hydrants, check the breakaway device for damage.
- 22. If the hydrant is inoperable, tag it in a clearly visible way and notify the appropriate fire department.





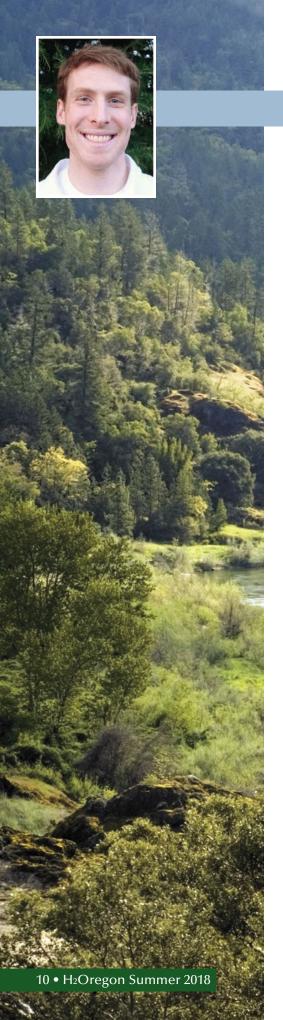
### Lubrication

First determine the make and model of hydrant and refer to specific manufacture recommendations for that model.

### Repairs and Recordkeeping

Any condition that cannot be corrected at the time of inspection should be recorded in the inspection report. Maintaining an accurate record that starts at installation and continues through all subsequent inspections and repairs will help with budgeting and planning for the future.

If you determine that you have the need for fire hydrant installation, inspection, and repair, but lack the time or resources to take it on in-house, give us a call at OAWU to give you a competitive estimate. •



### The Value of Association

by Mike Collier, Deputy Director/Sourcewater Specialist

Through Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU) and National Rural Water Association (NRWA) we have representation for rural, small to medium sized systems in legislation, regulatory, and state and federal policy areas. For many of the smaller utilities in Oregon, they don't have the time or presence to make sure that their voices are heard, or interests are looked out for. It is important that we are still represented, and therefore these associations have been created. Through our collective knowledge and membership, we are the leading voice for water and wastewater systems on the state and national stage.

From building, upgrading and expanding service areas, to supporting the rural economy, your association is here to serve its membership. OAWU, as your rural water association, is able to provide conferences, classes, technical training and assistance for water and wastewater systems, Source Water Protection Plans, Energy Efficiency Plans, onsite training, interim operations, Operator of Record, Direct Responsible Charge, project management, project work (e.g., smoke testing, valve exercising, pipe installation, hydrants, and more), lagoon profiles, rate studies, Water Management and Conservation Plans, required management plans, sampling plans, and emergency plans. Thank you for supporting your Association.

State Associations join as one on the national level through the NRWA to shape Federal water policy in agencies and Congress. Through NRWA we have full-time, bi-partisan professional staff in Washington, D.C. with extensive experience in the legislative and regulatory process. They help guide common-sense policy and legislation that continues our success in representing your utility, including accessing the highest levels of agencies. For example, NRWA's leadership recently met with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and discussed regulatory reform to benefit your utility.

Your State and National Association's success and benefits include, but are not limited to: experts in drafting assistance and comments on legislation, testimony and budget activities; coalition building; establishing effective strategy, policy and regulatory activities necessary to represent the industry on a continuous basis with proven results. Such as: increase in USDA RUS Water and Wastewater Loans and Grants, SRF levels maintained, Rural Water members congressional testimony on Farm Bill policies and proposed legislation, Rural Water members congressional testimony on infrastructure proposal, Rural Water members congressional testimony on EPA funding and proposed legislative changes, participated with White House staff on President's infrastructure bill to ensure membership needs are included in the final bill, Annual Rural Water Rally in DC, Annual Regional and District Forum and discussion with leadership from agencies and Congressional

policy makers, retention of 1926(b) protection of district and regional service areas from annexation, E-delivery of Water Quality Reports/Consumer Confidence Reports, successful legislation exempting fire hydrants from new lead standards, filing of Amicus Brief in US 6th Circuit Court opposing Waters of the US regulation (WOTUS), and participation in Revised Total Coliform Federal Advisory Group.

Your association represents the membership on a continuous basis as deliberations take place at all levels. Your systems are continually represented on:

- EPA National Drinking Water Advisory Council
- AWWA's Water Utility Council
- DHS Water Sector Coordinating Council
- EPA Lead & Copper Rule Rulemaking
- EPA Nutrient Removal and Secondary Technologies Questionnaire Workgroup
- National Lead Service Line Removal Collaborative
- DWAC, DEQ and WRD
- Oregon ESAC
- Operator Certification Advisory Committee

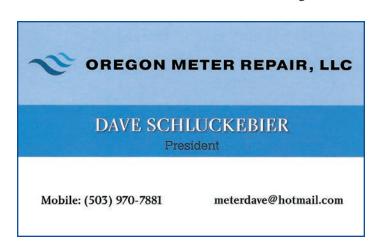
Your association offers multiple avenues to stay abreast of water industry news in-state and on the national level—from personal communications to print and electronic publications, the State Conferences and the WaterPro Conference, State Association magazine and

newsletters, and regulatory and legislative updates—with information and communication connecting you with your association and the industry.

Our grassroots approach includes all 50 states. State Associations have respected and well-established relationships with all members of Congress, state legislators and state & federal agencies. This grassroots approach allows NRWA to support rural water while adapting to the constant changing political landscape including leadership changes on Capitol Hill. Your membership is the strength of this association. When local elected officials and professionals from every level of the industry are involved, it translates into the largest and most effective legislative and regulatory advocacy for the water and wastewater industry.

Only Oregon Association of Water Utilities and National Rural Water Association bring together unique products and services designed to meet the needs for your utility. Knowledge is the key to success and understanding how to properly use the knowledge is the key to wisdom. We cannot take the value of your association for granted in both state and national efforts. The value of membership? It is far greater than saving money on a class or conference!

Thank you for your continued support and membership of your Association! •



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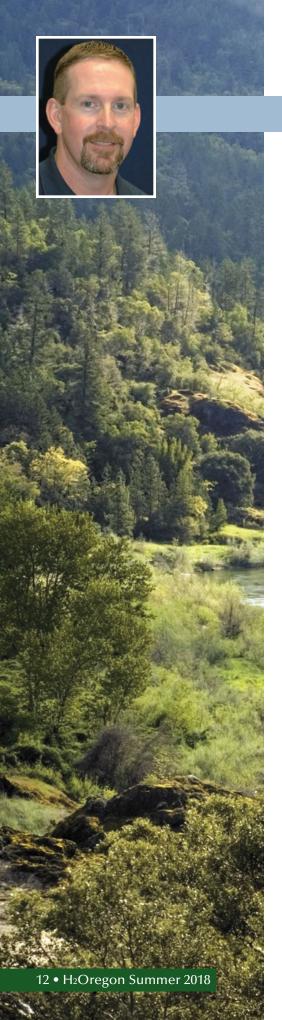
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### Not Another Task!

by Tim Tice, Projects Manager

In many conversations around our state there is a common theme at utilities - that time, money and personnel are in short supply.

Let's first look at operations: with the perception that all routine, not reactive, maintenance is being completed on time. Now, please no muttley snickering! The fact is the short in supply items mentioned above play a role in the operational side of any business or utility.

Managerially speaking, if you are a sole operator or one who manages a crew, the goals are the same, keeping the utility running under "normal circumstances at all times." When we consider "at all times," putting it in perspective, that phrase means 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Financially, the weakest link in the chain in generating operating dollars is "indecisiveness." What reason(s) are given for decisions not being made? This article will allow the reader to provide his or her own reason(s).

A major challenge the water and wastewater industries must overcome is that for a single generation (utility's life cycle) the systems in America have operated without much concern. Periodic growth in one area or another may have upgraded a system, but for the most part, the people in America have been spoiled as utilities have performed exquisitely. A turn of the faucet, the flush of a toilet and our expectations have been met. This has been going on for so long. Complacency, regarding the cost of water/wastewater treatment, is rooted in society.

How do we pass along the cost associated with not upgrading, but complete replacement of a system? Looking for a new truck, "what was I thinking?" sticker shock knocked me over. The salesperson mentioned how cheap a vehicle is since inflation has yet to play a role in vehicle pricing. Chew on that to gain some insight. My experience, or lack of, in purchasing a new car has created a level of unfamiliarity with vehicle pricing. Can the same hold true for the belief in the cost of monthly utility services?

Overshadowing the process of financially operating any utility is mistrust. Trust is a collaborative effort in developing a relationship between the utilities and the people they serve. It takes purposeful intent to determine the needs (goals) of any organization. These goals must routinely be conveyed. When we attempt to convey the goals at meetings, the empty chairs are the majority. How many meetings can be held, how many flyers are distributed, how many small conversations will be had before the majority is reached?

To develop a game plan, the experienced must share goals with the uninformed, with tenacity in continual effort. How much time does an operator or decision-maker have from their schedule to implement such a task?

Keep objectives linked with shorter time lines, 3-4 years, this allows all parties to see the goal line and progress being made. Keep the objectives principled,

as someone will attempt to find a flaw in the ideas. If the goals of the utility are truly focused on serving its customers, then some role of ethics will have to be instilled in the goals. Public sector ethics, focus decisions and actions on what best serves the public's interests, as opposed to the official's personal interests. Based on what best serves the public's interest is the most daunting task because not everyone sees the same vision or reason for a goal. If a goal's timeline is too far over the horizon, the public may become wary and mistrust can enter the arena. In a world of instant gratification, utility upgrades are the farthest from the individuals thought process, hence the reason for purposeful intent and education.

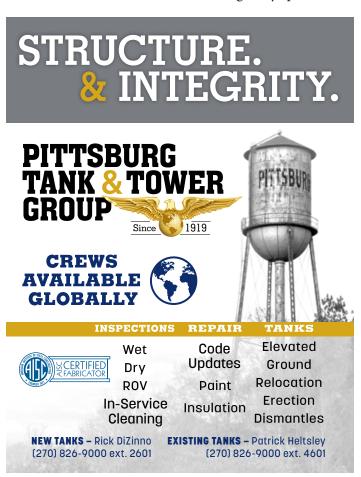
Managing time, people and money are the three areas that encircle our daily tasks, and without money, we lose both people and time. The lack of money results in short-term fixes and can be costlier than originally speculated.

Money is not the end-all in eliminating the challenges that utility operators face.

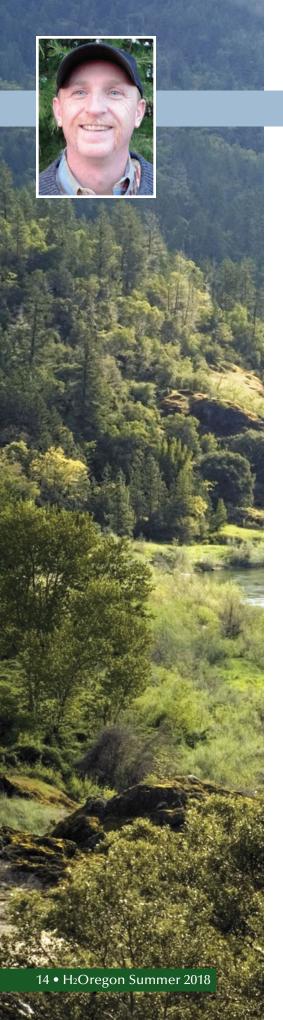
People play a significant role in the utility's ability to function, and the lack of people and their roles become apparent when we cannot find replacements. The number of people served plays a role in determining the potential revenue requirements. A small utility with 100 connections has an intrinsic cost associated with living in a small community. Rural America's cost of living can be considerably higher, particularly when resolving issues that require expensive upgrades.

How we manage time, money and people can be overwhelming, but the key is to manage in a method as to how you wish to be managed! When we provide solutions instead of clouds of doubt, we will prove more productive any given day.

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### **Producer or Consumer?**

by Hans Schroeder, Circuit Rider

As I get older the words that my Dad spoke to me become more important. I would hear him ask me, "are you going to be a producer or consumer today, Son?"

I now write those same words on my Daughters' bathroom mirror every once in a while with a dry erase marker. I've realized to succeed in my daily life, producing needs to be more prevalent than consuming. Building fence, mowing my lawn or pasture, replying to requests from water systems, assisting in producing safe and aesthetically pleasing quality water for consumers.

Now don't get me wrong—there are many times that a person needs to be a consumer as well. By nature we are consumers. Consuming food, natural resources, time, energy and the list goes on. We continue to produce more timber, food, cattle, hogs, chickens, and fruit for consumption. Yes, it's called the all-important over-used word: "sustainability."

The definition of the word sustainability, according to Dictionary.com, is: *the ability to be sustained, supported, upheld, or confirmed.* 

The Environmental Science definition is: the quality of not being harmful to the environment or depleting natural resources, and thereby supporting long-term ecological balance.

When planning out our week on Sunday night while laying in bed when we should be dozing off. What are our goals, tasks, and requirements put upon ourselves? Are we thinking about too many projects that should be done over the course of the summer and going to try and start cramming in as many of those as we can in a week therefore, not really completing anything? Making sure to be a real producer has realistic goals, go into work with a positive attitude and a plan for ourselves and/or our team and discuss what we want to accomplish for the week. Sure, things may change; our boss may have other plans or there may be a water leak that is detected and needs to be fixed right away. But really, to be an accomplished producer, try and stick with those week-long goals and get things done and crossed off that list of summertime projects. Otherwise we are just running around like a chicken with its head cut off not doing anything but looking really busy while we do it.

It never hurts to apply those same rules to our home life as well. Our wife will love that those honey do lists are being whittled away and our kids or grandkids might enjoy some extra time with us. We all know how gratifying it is to lay down at night knowing that we made our little part of the planet that much better by producing. •



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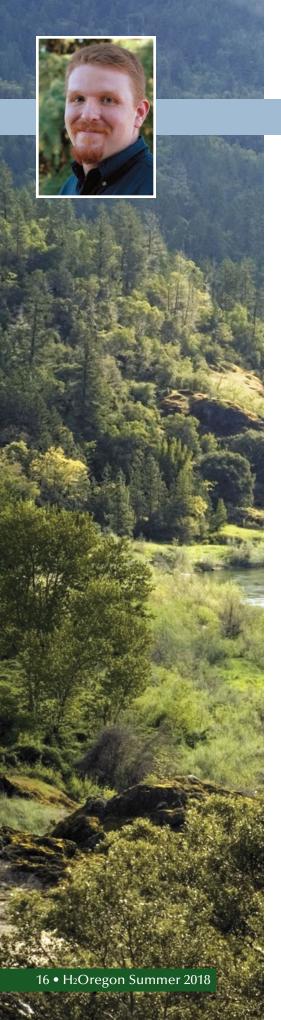
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# Drinking Water in Seal Ro

Submitted by Heath Cokeley, Programs Manager/Circuit Rider

By Adam Denlinger, General Manager, Seal Rock Water District

In the spirit of this year's National Drinking Water Week theme, "Protect the Source," I want to recognize how successful technology and partnerships are conserving water resources to benefit the people throughout the Seal Rock Water District (SRWD) and the landscape that supplies our water.

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintain a high quality of life for our citizens through cost-effective, innovative systems, the District recently completed installation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system for our water utility system. Advanced metering supports the District's commitment to preserve and protect our environment. The technology not only takes meter readers off the road, reducing carbon emissions, it also enhances the District's ability to quickly detect and stop leaks in the transmission system while providing end-user customers with daily information that helps them improve their own water conservation efforts.

The project entails replacing every residential and commercial water meter in the District with new, state-of-the-art technology that wirelessly communicates usage data to the District office. This innovative system replaces monthly manual reads with multiple remote reads per day, allowing for better leak detection, increased billing accuracy, and improved customer service.

The data offers us a better understanding of the water flow through the system which, in turn, will allow the District and our customers to control unaccounted-for water, reduce our demand on the stream, and "protect the source." Reducing the amount of water, we remove from coastal streams, many of which are already impaired as a result of overallocated withdrawals, translates to better stream health and a more sustainable water supply for the future.

While the system is still in its infancy, the District has already received an overwhelmingly positive response from customers who have received notification of high water use generated through the AMI program. The District has contacted approximately 30 customers with an alert to the potential of a water leak in their system. With the old system, high usage was detected only through monthly meter readings and generally left the customer with a high volume of water usage to pay for before fixes could be made. With 2,525 connections, detecting water leaks early with AMI is already having a positive impact on the District, our customers and, ultimately, the environment.

SRWD is proud of the work we have done on this project, and we recognize that these environmental and rate-payer benefits are also made possible through partnership collaboration with our customers and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (www. rd.usda.gov/or), which financed the system improvements through

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# ck: Partnering to "Protect the Source"

its Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program (www.rd.usda.gov/ programs-services/water-waste-disposalloan-grant-program/or).

Protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility, and something the SRWD Board of Commissioners takes seriously. Water is a precious resource—using new technology like AMI allows communities like ours to ensure this precious resource is available for future generations.

Please feel free to contact the District at 541-563-3529 with questions or feedback. For more information regarding this project and other projects, please visit our website at www.srwd.org. •





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# Managing Septic and Grease Haulers

Road Warrior Series by Rick Allen, Biolynceus

My first response when I hear of systems agreeing to take on grease or septic discharge to their system is to "just say NO!"

How these materials affect wastewater systems is dependent on two main factors. What is the total volume of flow entering the system and what is the total volume of flow entering the system from septic, chemical toilets or grease haulers. In really large municipal systems, like a Denver Metro, a few thousand gallons of septic or grease, occasionally, should not affect the overall operation too much. But, if a smaller system that does allow haulers to dump at their facility, they could face many issues that may detrimentally affect how the system runs.

How do you offset the issues? Limit exposure gallons, charge higher fees, and/or limit hours.

What are the issues with these types of materials being discharged to the system?

### **Household Septic**

- Single Family
- Multi-Family: apartments, rest areas, RV parks, trailer parks, etc.

The nature of household systems is to be anaerobic and full of toxic chemicals that have been known to kill a wastewater system. The smaller the system, the easier it is to kill.

#### **Industrial Septic**

- Light: Car/truck washes, recreation areas (fish cleaning stations), etc.
- Heavy: Manufacturing, micro breweries/distilleries/ wineries, oil and gas exploration (man camps), truck washes, mechanic shops, food/milk/cheese processors, etc.

All the above can be loaded with hydrocarbon compounds including petroleum compounds. All of these can either kill the system or cause excessive BOD, TSS and caustic chemical loading. One of our clients gets killed off monthly from the septic being hauled in from the oil and gas camps. When I asked him about it he said he made enough to reinoculate his system with bacteria to restart it. My question is: are they paying enough to offset the extra dredging costs the facility may face in the future?

### Chemical toilets, RVs and campers, special events

RV dump stations: Lock and limit access. We have seen a considerable amount of wastewater plant issues across the country caused by illegal dumping in RV dump stations. Caustics like formaldehyde, crystal meth chemicals and antibacterial products. There is a credit card lock system now

available. So, you can charge for use. One system I know of paid for the credit card lock and installation in 6 months after setting it up simply from user fees.

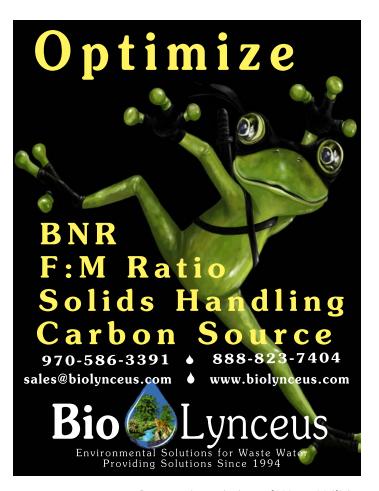
### **Illegal Dumping**

Yes, it does happen, and it happens often: septic, grease, or crystal meth.

There have been many cases where someone has popped a manhole (especially small towns) and discharged the contents of the pumper truck directly into the sewer system.

One of our clients caught a hauler dumping into his collection system at 2 a.m. while the local police officer was visiting with the hauler about non-police business. The police officer did not know it was illegal for the hauler to be popping a manhole cover and discharging into the city system.

And then there are the grease haulers. These are a whole different kind of animal. Unless the facility requires high CBOD loading to facilitate methane production for a co-generation plant, they probably do not need additional



grease loading. The addition of grease to a system can cause an explosion of increased foaming due to filamentous bacteria (Nocardia and Mycrothrix). In my travels I have seen foaming from these two filamentous bacteria 6 feet high on a digester.

Septic is mostly anaerobic, toxic-laden material. Toxins depend on the system, but these days people do not necessarily understand that antibacterial soaps, cleaning agents, formal-dehyde and chlorine will affect their tanks' effectiveness and ultimately the wastewater plant. Then the tanks are pumped, and it is all brought to you.

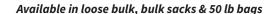
Another contaminated wastewater is chemical toilets or porta-johns. These sanitary collectors can be high in BOD, TSS and chemicals. Chemicals such as formaldehyde that can kill the bacteria in the wastewater system can be present in the material. Unless there is a significant wastewater inflow (minimum of 1 mgd), you are probably better off sending these materials to a regional plant.

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How should an operator handle these materials? Drip it into the system. If possible, contain all these materials in a large tank and micro-feed it into the plant. Without the ability to store these materials, they should only be added at the farthest point away from the head-works that has adequate domestic waste flow to dilute the septic materials or not be allowed in the receiving system.

Always make sure to charge the right prices for receiving these materials in the system. You do not necessarily need to be the lowest—in fact you might want to be the *highest* for your area. I have seen systems charge as low as 3 cents per gallon and as high as 25 cents. The average is between 11 and 15 cents per gallon.

The additional cost of these materials can be, but is not limited to, BOD removal, TSS removal, nitrification, de-nitrification, DO, settling and sludge removal. So, if you need to take on these materials, I ask that you make sure the system can handle the loading and be sure to adequately charge for it.

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July 11	Math for Operators	Tillamook	0.4 Water/Wastewater	3562	Fee
July 11 July 24-25	Pumps and Pumping Water Treatment Water Distribution Certification Review	Tillamook Bend	0.3 Water/Wastewater/Onsite 1.4 Water/0.5 Wastewater/Onsite	3560 3394	Fee Fee
August 20	Backflow Assembly Tester Recertification	Seaside	0.6 Water	ТВА	Fee
August 20-23 August 28-29	24th Annual Summer Classic Conference Wastewater Treatment/Collections Certification Review	Seaside Salem	2.3 Water/Wastewater 1.4 Wastewater/0.7 Water/0.1 Onsite	TBA 3559	Fee Fee
September 6	Developing your Operations and Maintenance Manual	Springfield	0.4 Water/Wastewater	3395	Fee
September 6	Leak Detection	Springfield	0.2 Water/Wastewater	TBA	Fee
November 5	Effective Utility Management	Beaverton	0.6 Water/Wastewater	TBA	FREE
November 5-8	2018 Fall Operators Conference	Beaverton	2.6 Water/Wastewater	TBA	Fee
November 15	Confined Space	Springfield	0.3 Water/Wastewater/Onsite	3151	Fee
November 15	Hazardous Communication Standard (Global Harmonization)	Springfield	0.3 Water/Wastewater	3459	Fee
November 15	Water & Wastewater Field Operations & Safety	Salem	0.4 Water/Wastewater	3568	Fee
November 15	Leak Detection	Salem	0.2 Water/Wastewater	TBA	Fee
December 3	Effective Utility Management	Hood River	0.6 Water/Wastewater	TBA	FREE
December 3-6	20th Annual End of Year Operators Conference	Hood River	2.6 Water/Wastewater	TBA	Fee

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Trained and certified operators are necessary to ensure that the systems are managed in a manner that fully protects public health and the environment. The OARs for certification stipulate that the qualifying experience for applicants for certification as a water treatment plant operator must attain at least half the required operating experience at a public water purification plant that uses complex filtration technology and is not more than one classification lower than the level of certification they are seeking. In other words, if you have only worked for a Class 2 treatment plant, we allow you to apply for a Level 3 certification but not a Level 4 certification. If you move on to a Class 3 plant, then you must have ½ the qualifying experience (at the Level 3 plant) before allowing to apply for a Level 4 certification. Reciprocity from state-to-state ensures that the operator have the operating experience for which they are certified.

For additional information, please visit http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/OperatorCertification/Levels1-4/Pages/exams.aspx

#### More Resources

Drinking Water Data Online Center for Health Protection Drinking Water Services https://yourwater.oregon.gov

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# Can You Motivate Others?

I hear it so often. "You can't motivate someone else," people say. "You can't open up someone's mind and pour in desire. A person has to want to." So many people believe that statement to be true. Is it?

That belief system - that we can't motivate others - is a seductive way to think. After all, we constantly hear complaints from managers in industry that "workers don't care anymore." We hear teachers say, "Students are not like we were." And we hear a line from so many coaches... "I don't know what's the matter with young people these days. They're just not motivated."

So if so many share that belief, it must be true...right? Problem is I'm puzzled about that. I'm really confused. Here's why...

If we can't motivate people, how and why does any team involved in some sort of competition ever win? If you can't motivate people, why doesn't everyone come in last?

Why is the word "upset" in the English language? (If you can't "motivate" people, the favorite should always win.) Why does one coach have a 70/30 lifetime winning percentage, and another coach only a 20/80 lifetime record? Did the first coach get "lucky" for his or her entire career somehow always being mysteriously blessed only with kids who "wanted to?" Hmmm. Somehow I doubt "luck" is the answer. So what is? Why do some managers, teachers, and coaches have more success than others?

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Maybe the answer has something to do with leadership? Most of us tend to believe high performance stems from the student. Of course that's true. But maybe high performance also comes out more because of who our boss is and how he or she acts, or because of our teacher and how he or she treats us, or from our coach and how we are coached and taught by that person.

Great and gifted "teachers" are rare (not just classroom, but "teacher" meaning anyone who has a positive impact on your life). True teachers have to work hard at their craft. (People who say you can't motivate others are through for the day.) True teachers get us to listen to them. How on earth do you do that – get someone to listen?

When I returned to the world of roping at forty-five, the first few people I asked for help focused on my age. "Well, it's been a long time," they would say. "At your age, I wouldn't expect too much." They focused on my limitations. Some years later, I was blessed to find Kenneth Colson and Bronc Fanning – both great ropers and more importantly, true teachers. Rather than talking about what I couldn't do, they said, "Let's get to work." Neither ever offered false hope or artificial flattery. Neither ever promised me something I couldn't do. They weren't interested in that. They simply began telling me how to improve. It became obvious to me they believed I could. Which do you think I listened to more? Those who thought I was too old or too lacking in ability? Or those who thought I could?



### Throwing My Loop... by Michael Johnson

And about that belief that you can't motivate someone else – that we have to want to? When someone says that, I always think of Lee Graves and Jessie. Lee Graves, steer wrestler from Canada, wanted to buy Jessie. Several of his friends counseled against such a move, saying the horse just "didn't have it." But Lee believed in Jessie and bought him anyway. "I knew that horse just needed to have his confidence built," he would later say – when Jessie was named "Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year" in the PRCA.

So if "we have to want to," as most people seem to believe, then surely Jessie must have been standing out in the pasture one day – and decided all on his own – to become one of the greatest bull-dogging horses the world has ever known.

And I always think of Eliza Doolittle in Shaw's Pygmalion. That young Cockney girl who, according

to Professor Henry Higgins, "crooned like a bilious pigeon." Eliza had no plans, no purpose or grand scheme. She didn't want "it." She didn't even know what "it" was. Her only goal in life was to sell her flowers and stay away from her drunken father. But when she hears Higgins tell his associate, Col. Pickering something, her life begins to change. Higgins points at Eliza and says, "I could pass you off as the Queen of Sheba!"

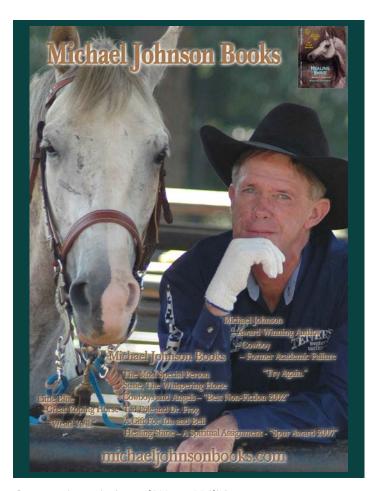
And Eliza's soul opens its sleepy eyes – and she becomes more than anyone dreamed.

Can you motivate another?

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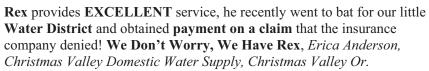
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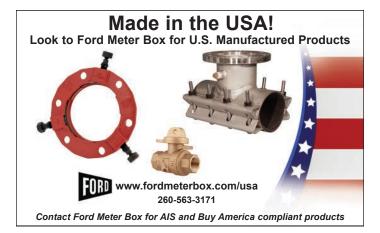




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- 6. A distribution water outage (zero or negative pressure) requires a boil water notice.
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- 7. Which form of hypochlorite is the most dangerous to handle?
  - A. Sodium
  - B. Fluoride
  - C. Calcium
  - D. Chlorine
- 8. What are the two most important safety concerns when entering a confined space?
  - A. Corrosive chemicals and falls
  - B. Bad odors and claustrophobia
  - C. Extreme air temperatures and slippery surfaces
  - D. Oxygen deficiency and hazardous gases
- 9. What piece of safety equipment must an operator wear when entering a confined space?
  - A. Boots
  - **B.** Harness
  - C. Gloves
  - D. Goggles
- 10. What is the primary purpose of a preventative maintenance program?
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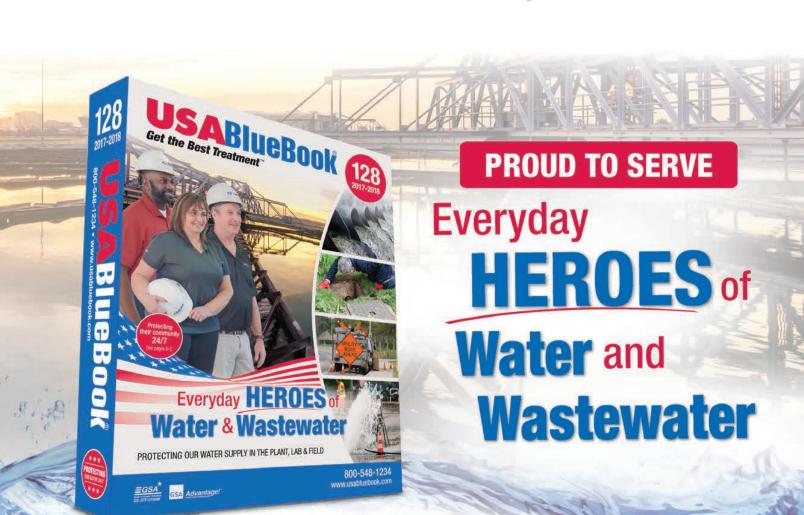
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