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Changes

by Jason Green, Executive Director

One of the most important things at OAWU are the relationships—OAWU is about service and relationships—people, individuals, membership! We do water, clean and dirty, but people is what it is all about! The OAWU membership, the staff and our board members make things happen and we value each individual. When someone leaves, we recognize, nobody will be truly able to replace the one who left, not the person, not exactly what they did or what they knew or how they interacted and met our needs. With this in mind, we have new employees that will make their own way—also, business must go on, and as I have heard, all of us are replaceable, but not the person, the personality, the individual finger prints and influence. No, we enjoy the memories of wins and challenges with those who move on and anticipate the new, the change and challenges and learning to work with those who make OAWU their new place to work and live!

Welcome and introductions to OAWU's Office Manager, Debbie McCarthy. Debbie joined the OAWU team in August and has been working hard on the accounting and financial side of the Association and training with retired Office Manager, Mark Russell, who has been working part time for the Association the last 6-plus months. Debbie has experience in office settings at a CPA's office, as the Head Secretary/Assistant to the principal in a valley area school system, and also as a private business owner and entrepreneur.



We also welcome OAWU's new Administrative/Financial Assistant, Barbara Baker. Barbara joined the team the first of October. She comes with experience in managing a dental office, an educational assistant at one of the valley area schools, an administrative assistant at a Dallas area company, and as a cabinet inspector. We are excited to work with Debbie and Barbara and look forward to their expertise, enthusiasm and becoming key players in serving the OAWU membership!



With over 13 years of solid and exemplary employment and service as the OAWU Administrative/Financial Assistant, Donna Bernt says goodbye and begins working on enjoying retirement! She stayed on longer than planned and wants to return part time when needed—this is the Donna we grew to love and admire—work and care for everyone and the Association. Such a dedicated, loyal and industrious employee during her time here at OAWU. We do look forward to seeing Donna soon and in the mean time, we hope she enjoys the much deserved time off! On her last day, we enjoyed stories, great food and what friendships are made of. Hugs and well wishes and looking forward to seeing her again—the dear lady gave her all here at OAWU; she made me cry as she drove away and I will miss her, and we look forward to her new stories and adventures when she next visits. 💧



Top: Debbie McCarthy
Above: Barbara Baker
Below: Donna Bernt



OAWU's Summer Classic 2022

The weather was fantastic, and the activities were great. Monday's preconference provided great classes and a few extra CEUs to those who attended. The conference was kicked off by an opening session given by OAWU's Executive Director, Jason Green, and a legislative update by Mark Landauer. Tuesday held the evening barbecue with exhibitor time and prize giveaways. Wednesday continued with a full day of classes, and some took the afternoon off to participate in the annual OAWU Golf Scramble at Seaside Golf Club. Thursday concluded the conference at noon with some final words and the highly anticipated raffle drawings and cash prizes.

Thank you to this year's Gold Sponsor, Core & Main and Silver Sponsor, H.D. Fowler.

The annual golf scramble at Seaside Golf Club hosted 10 teams!

At closing session, Thursday, OAWU gave away over \$2,500 in merchandise and \$550 in cash prizes.

Congratulations to this year's raffle winners!

- The winner of a full registration to the OAWU Sunriver Conference in March 2023 was won by Joe Little from the City of Gearhart.
- We are pleased to report that between the raffles and auction items you were able to support the Jeff Swanson Memorial Scholarship fund with an additional \$5,740.

Thank you for supporting your association.

Mark your calendar for next year's OAWU Summer Classic in Seaside, August 22-24, 2023. See you there! 💧



in Seaside, Oregon



OAWU's Annual Golf Scramble

Seaside Golf Club – August 24, 2022

The day started off with a slight marine chill and fog; the smell of salt in the air and the low rumble of nearby surf. As the day progressed it became pleasantly warm; it was a perfect day to hit the links for this year's scramble. The staff at the Seaside Golf Club were accommodating, friendly, and professional helping to make the day even more enjoyable.

Ten teams challenged the course this year, making for a great competition. No one was safe from the errant drive, misjudged chip shot, or the mocking one received when their shot landed two fairways over; we must also admit that there were many great players and many awesome shots on the course again this year. The banter helped build camaraderie throughout the scramble.

Special thanks to Owens Pump & Equipment, Kennedy Valve/M&H, HD Fowler Co, and Xylem for being this year's sponsors and for their support of the attendees and the Association.

Congratulations to all the teams who played this year, but especially to the teams that placed.

1st place: Barber, Tompkins, Siefert, and Stewart

Three-way tie!

2nd place: Waller, Brown, Paula

Andersson, Nagle, Alcada, Knight

Johnson, Grossnickle, Puttman, Rolston

The winners of the golfing competition games were:

- Longest Putt #1 – Groling
- Longest Putt #2 – Trogdon
- KP #1 - Navidi
- KP #2 - Bentz
- Longest Drive Women's – Welly
- Longest Drive Mens' - Huntley

Special thanks go out to Bob Waller (Circuit Rider) and Monty Norris (Wastewater Tech.) who helped make sure the scramble went off without a hitch.

Mark your calendar for OAWU's next Summer Classic at Seaside, August 22–24, 2023. It is a great location to enjoy while you earn CEUs and network with the Associate Members and your peers. 💧



Wastewater Recycled

by Keith Bedell, Wastewater Technician



With the hot, dry season upon us we must watch out for wildfires and low flows for drinking water. We do not have control over naturally started wildfires, lightning, but we can be vigilante about man made fires. Now, on to the water situation. With the drier and warmer weather we have been having, wells have been starting to go dry and spring flows have been reduced. Nothing can be done about the springs, but there are possibilities of helping with the groundwater.

Two ways that have been going on in drier parts of the US are Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) and Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR). DPR is the introduction of reclaimed water (with or without retention in an engineered storage buffer) directly into a drinking water treatment plant. This includes the treatment of reclaimed water at an Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility for direct distribution and IPR is the deliberative augmentation of a drinking water source (surface water or groundwater aquifer) with treated reclaimed water, which provides an environmental buffer prior to subsequent use (definition source EPA).

As you know, depending on where you are located, Indirect Potable Reuse has been in use for a very long time. A wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) treats the used potable water and discharges the treated effluent into a body of water such as a river, stream, or lake. Then downstream of this released effluent, a city will pump that water into their water treatment plant and produce drinking water for the citizens of that area. Actually, reusing the water again before sending it to their WWTF and sending it on down to the next users. With Direct Potable Reuse the WWTF will treat the water to 97 percent of all drinking water standard and then, like the City of Wichita Falls, Texas did who had a stage 5 drought catastrophe in May of 2014, send it to a Water Treatment Facility that uses microfiltration reverse osmosis treatment to standards higher than current drinking water standards. After this process Wichita Falls then would blend the water 50/50 with raw surface water and then treat at a conventional water treatment plant and distribute to water users. This process was taken offline a year later after they received heavy rains, but they are continuing the process of looking at options to use the treated wastewater in the future.

Scottsdale, Arizona recycles 100% of their wastewater by sending it to 23 golf courses, saving all of the groundwater that would be used on them for potable water. During the winter months the water is used for aquifer recharge as an Indirect Potable Recharge. In 2019 Scottsdale was issued the state's first DPR Permit and only the third in the nation but are not currently using it. Of all the potable water that is produced and distributed, approximately 88% goes to a WWTF. If that water were to be recycled and reused through Advanced Water and Wastewater treatment facilities, then there is a possibility that in this location the citizens wouldn't have shortages due to weather. Something to consider. 💧





Why Did You Choose

by Monty Norris, Wastewater Technician

How many of us have heard that? Growing up I spent most my days thinking about sports, fishing, hunting, and getting through school so I can get a job and be an adult (sounded fun!). The last thing I thought of was wastewater.

Things most people don't know about me: I was good at baseball in high school, had a try-out with the Marlins, took a year off, worked as a meat cutter apprentice, then started community college as well as showed up to play ball that fall. Meh, I needed to work more than I needed to play ball, so off to work I went.

Twelve years of working production, 7 years of working a summer side business with my wife as ice cream vendors at events until we decided to sell the business, and I moved onto a local papermill for 9 more years. During those years we chased our daughter's passion playing all sports, but she settled in with Volleyball, Golf and FFA. Finding the highest levels from each of them. What a great balance FFA was...hint hint. While working at the papermill they had a small clarifier, presses, a wastewater plant! I thought this was kinda cool and—*this is what they use for wastewater treatment in municipalities, and you can go to school for this?*

Discussions were had many times about options if the plant shut down. My thoughts always came back to school for wastewater. Well, it came to fruit! A layoff happened, Federal Trade Act was offered, my wife was on board to support this venture and opportunity, so I was out the door and never looked back! After the first year of school, I spent the summer at the City of Corvallis wastewater reclamation facility. Learned the daily routines, observed process changes, upset conditions such as microthrix, trickling filters, anaerobic digestion, and dredging. Before graduating I already had two interviews and landed in Sweet Home working a small conventional plant and water treatment plant that provided invaluable learning opportunities with a great team.

Then I moved on to The City of Stayton working an SBR plant. This was a great opportunity to see conventional treatment done differently. A complete process done in one basin, but all processes were being met and making quality water. U.V. treatment was another opportunity I learned. I trained with a contract technician that was priceless in learning the operation and maintenance of system. The bio-solids that they created were class-A solids created through a drying system. I learned the opportunity for applying the solids grew hugely from class B to class A with the ability to provide a great soil amendment to the public and upon last visit was out of solids.

I then moved on to City of Lebanon as an Op 2, then Op 3. I learned all operations of the plant including lab tech duties, bio solids, and setting up

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and running our copper and toxic monitoring program of the river and plant effluent. I trained under supervisor learning permit and submissions of DMR to fill in if needed or if retired. This past spring, the supervisor retired—I had been filling those shoes ever since successfully planning, troubleshooting, and providing direction to team based on input from team. Remember there is no “I” in team!

I have always been a trainer throughout my working life. I love troubleshooting, data, biology, math, and everything wastewater even when I get a little biomass on myself!

The opportunity to join the staff at OAWU was an opportunity I couldn't pass up and excited to be able to help. I look forward to seeing each and every one of your plants and meeting you in the near future. 💧

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All Materials Locator

by Bob Waller, Water Circuit Rider

About 3 years ago the Association bought an all materials locator. Several of OAWU's staff went to Portland for some training. The salesman made it look very simple and easy to use—yes, he was a pretty good salesman.



I have bought many tools over the years, some I needed, others I wanted, like high-end hand tools. Since getting into wood-working some 40 years ago I have always had a normal interest in good quality tools. I see this as a healthy interest, my wife thinks it's a tool fetish, maybe obsessive (WHAT?), but what does she know.

Like most of you, I have had to locate our utilities many times, every time any work was planned that had potential for digging, we received a locate "utility notification." Most of the time I was able to use a pipe & cable locator because 90% of our water lines were metallic or had locate wire buried with the line, I did say our water lines. Our sewer lines were a different animal, they were made of tile, concrete, plastic, or any combination, we would line up manholes or pothole, but many times it was a guess. I didn't realize how many of you have water lines of AC, PVC, etc. with no locate wire and have difficulty locating until working as a Circuit Rider for OAWU.

The first time I had a chance to use the AML I went back to the city I ran for years, knowing where most of the lines were and I practiced finding them. Once I knew I was on the line I tried to see the difference when I started to get off course. My hearing is not great, so I used the headphones to hear subtle changes in intensity. The AML is a scientific instrument that utilizes ultra-high radio frequencies to find differences in densities. So large rocks, old trenches, other utilities, asphalt, lines, everything you can imagine underground, this makes for quite a learning curve. The simple and easy use of the AML the salesman demonstrated was a little different in the field. I believe once I get on a line, I can trace it with confidence and with today's costs for excavation and material, we need to do a good job locating our utilities.

The AML PRO has two lights one on either side of the control buttons, a bar on the screen that show the intensity of the signal, when both lights come on the unit is perpendicular with the line, it also has sensitivity settings from 1 to 32. After I find the line, I adjust the settings as low as I can to eliminate as much background noise as possible. I will then try to find both sides of the line and using a "W" pattern move, slowly back-and-forth. My goal is to get both lights to consistently light up simultaneously on either side of the pipe. The AML Pro we have is not inexpensive, but if you have many lines without a way of getting good locates this may be a good option.

My advice: I am far from an expert using the AML, I much prefer Pipe & Cable locators, but sometimes we just need to find the line and I don't do "Witching." If you are thinking about adding one to your equipment line, there are a couple different models to choose from. The one I have been describing is the AML PRO, so if you would like to see it, give us a call, we can show how we use it and let you have a shot with it.

Like I've said: it does take practice and patience to get confident using the AML and as always keep us in mind at OAWU we're always here to help. 💧



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Communication During

by Scott Berry, Operations Manager

The topic of communications is multifaceted and complex. It encompasses every aspect of expressing and receiving information. Perhaps, in future articles, I'll delve into the types of communication styles such as: *Passive*, *Aggressive*, *Passive-aggressive*, and *Assertive*. Some time should also be spent on development of separate, but related communications plans for utilities that address internal and external communications, both during normal operations as well as during emergencies.

For now, though, this article will discuss the nuts and bolts of how communication can occur during an emergency at a utility.

Ask anyone who has lived through a significant disaster what that experience was like. In almost every case, people will tell you how difficult it was to communicate from their cell phones with coworkers, family and command structures during the emergency and in the immediate aftermath. In my opinion, this is something that is not given enough thought prior to a major incident. What are your normal means of communication? Will they be reliably available during a major incident? What is your backup plan? These are questions that should be asked and answered long before the event occurs.

There have been quite a few utilities in the recent past who have gotten away from traditional two-way radios in favor of using cell phones for voice and text communications for day-to-day operations for the sake of convenience, having a written record with text messages, and the expense of setting up new vehicles and maintaining FCC licenses for VHF/UHF radio bands. I get it, but what do you do when the cell towers are damaged by an emergency or are unavailable or unreliable due to capacity limitations and overuse.

If there still is cell service, we should try not to add our communications on top of an overtaxed system. Keep calls succinct and use text messaging whenever possible. We have a better chance of success with text messages even if calls won't go through. Some cell service providers have a cell priority option or plan for first responders. Check with your provider for availability. What do you do when generators run out of fuel?

Satellite phones are a reliable option that are not dependent on terrestrial cellular networks. There are plans and devices coming out now that can be operated as a hotspot and allow you to send and receive text messages on your smartphone. There is still considerable expense associated with sat phones and plans. It is possible to rent sat phones for use during the recovery phase of an incident, but unless it's already in place, it would not be available during initial response.

My preference during an emergency is still two-way radios. Handheld radios can be charged by your vehicle, by grid power, onsite power generation, even low-cost solar panels, if you have enough extra radios to allow the time needed to fully charge.

Citizens Band (CB) radios are an inexpensive and readily available option. CBs operate between 26.965 MHz and 27.405 MHz and are limited to 4-watt power

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output. They are greatly affected by terrain and other physical interruptions. CBs operate in AM and are limited to 40 channels with no privacy codes. Ham, VHF, and UHF operate in FM. There are no FCC licenses required for CB radio use.

General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios operate in UHF frequencies with a maximum power output of up to 50 watts for vehicle mounted and base station radios and 5 watts for handheld radios. There are 22 channels available with 8 additional channels for use with repeaters. There is a requirement for licensing for GMRS radio use. For non-business usage, a single license holder can allow any family member to use a GMRS device under their license. For non-individual use (businesses) each user must be licensed and each license costs around \$70 but is fairly simple to obtain.

Family Radio Service (FRS) radios are the radios you can find at any sporting goods store. They work well, are easily obtained, require no licensing, and they are equipped with “privacy codes.” These codes may not work from one brand of radio to another, but they allow the ability to choose one of 22 channels, each with 10 privacy codes so that your communications won’t be interfered with by others. FRS radios have up to a 2-watt transmitting power. Some brands claim up to a 35-mile range but that’s more of a marketing claim than reality. They, like all two-way radios that don’t

utilize repeaters, are greatly affected by terrain and cloud cover as well as heavy smoke. The only way to achieve that 35-mile range in a real-world scenario would be for one person to be several hundred feet up on an ocean-facing cape talking to someone on a boat 35 miles out on a calm, clear day.

One affiliation that would benefit you prior to a disaster is with your local Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) network. ARES is a group of ham radio operators that offer their services during emergencies. Most County Emergency Operation Centers also coordinate with ARES.

During the 2020 fires, we utilized FRS radios for communications in the burned-out communities that we were assisting. We quickly devised a plan for one of us to exit the burn area at a pre-determined time and pass on any communications with our office as well as the command structure in place for that area.

Regardless of what device you choose, make all communications clear, concise, and request confirmation that your message was received and understood. 💧

The greatest problem in communication is the illusion that it has been accomplished.

—George Bernard Shaw

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System Surveys

by Hans Schroeder, Circuit Rider

I have found many people get nervous when they find out they have a System Survey coming up. No, I don't blame them for that feeling as I always had some anxiety when I had one coming for my old system, but I think just taking some time before the survey and preparing the things that State or County personnel need to see will make this process a bit less painful.

To try and help with that I have listed the main things they will want to see. The first 9 things on the list are for all water systems, number 10 and 11 are only for community water systems. I have added a few recommendations after some of these listed items. Things needed for the surveys will change with system size and complexity, so if you have a surface water treatment plant, you will want to review the Drinking Water Program web site for additional information at <http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/Operations/Pages/osp.aspx>.

1. Written Coliform Sampling Plan. The new total coliform rule took effect April 1, 2016, make sure yours is up to date. Specifically for a well system all sources of water that could have fed the area that had a Coliform or E coli positive will be sampled.
2. A map of the distribution system. You should have one in with the Coliform sampling plan that shows all the test locations as well as repeat locations.
3. Operation and Maintenance Manual and other written procedures. If you don't have one or are looking to write a new one, OAWU puts on a one-day training and provides an electronic template to help systems write the O&M Manual.
4. Emergency Response Plan. All systems should have an ERP and should update it at least once a year and fully go through it ones every 5 years.
5. Chemical dosage records if treatment is applied.
6. Proof of NSF Standard 60 certification for each chemical added to the drinking water.
7. Chlorine residual monitoring records if the system is chlorinated. Even if you only apply chlorine for a residual maintenance program you still need to be taking at least two chlorine readings in the distribution system a week. With larger systems and surface water more frequent sampling is required.
8. Results of any tracer study to verify disinfection contact time, if applicable.
9. Photos or other documents that provide enough detail to determine the current condition of storage reservoir features. Such as: access hatch in open and closed/locked positions, air vents that show all screening is secure with no gaps, and any other openings into the tank interior such as telemetry ports and cathodic protection. Make sure the overflow pipe and/or drain line has a flapper or is screened to keep animals from crawling up it. All of these items should be checked on an annual basis, which would be a good time to take pictures to document for the survey.
10. Cross-connection control program plan, records, latest Annual Summary Report, etc.

11. Written protocols for under-certified operators, if applicable. If you do not have this form filled out the State has a very simple template on the Drinking Water Program web site under Written Protocol for Operators.

If you have a well, check and make sure all openings into that well are sealed or screened like the vent with the screen pointed down. Don't store chemicals (unless used for water treatment) within 100 feet of the wellheads. The system should own or have a restrictive easement for 100 feet around the wellheads that prevents chemicals from being applied or vehicles from being stored, etc. If you have fuels stored within 100 feet, such as a backup generator fuel tank, it must have secondary containment of at least 110% of the tank's capacity.

Please note that whenever you update a written plan it is a good idea to have a piece of paper in that plan that can be signed with the date it was updated. Some of these plans have

set times they must be updated so that is a good way to log that, as well as just a good practice. What I would always do before a survey is lay all these plans out on a table before the State or County staff came to the facility and number them with the corresponding number on their list. This would help to expedite the survey.

At least in my experience, the state and county staff that come out to complete these surveys want to see the system do well in them because if everything is up to date and all the requirements are met for the Outstanding Performer Criteria then we won't need to do another system survey for 5 years.

I hope you have found something useful in this article that will help to prepare for an upcoming sanitary survey and don't be afraid to give a Circuit Rider at OAWU a call, as we can come out and do a mock survey for the system before a survey to help prepare and with that, I will see you down the road. 💧



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by Tim Tice, Projects Manager

Challenges at work, home, or in society can make us feel we're on a non-stop train to nowhere or is that what our brains want us to believe. Perception is how people regard or interpret any given interaction. Perception leads to speculation, and often is way off the target from the truth. Our initial interpretation of something through our senses is only the first step toward understanding the truth.

Step two is discernment, an ability to judge well, sharpen our perception which hopefully leads us toward actions for the betterment of the given situation. The speed in which society is moving convolutes the ability to perceive and discern properly. Experience (time to learn) is best summed up, "you can't put an old head on young shoulders" until we experience a situation, how will we know how to act. Standing on the sidelines only allows us the first step in developing our perception.

Observance from the sidelines is most relevant when we are in the moment, a moment that stops us in our tracks to see what is happening. There are people capable of seeing in slow motion those small changes that move them to better decision making. The UCLA head coach, John Wooden, at the top of his pyramid of "success" is patience and faith. Under patience a short phrase, "good things take time."

How contrary is his phrase when the speed of life seems to be increasing beyond our ability to understand all that we encounter. Quiet time may aid us in seeing small, subtle changes in any given situation, but it is key we prioritize our lives to create this quiet time, whatever it may look for each of us. Sitting on a front porch, going for a short jog, or a hike in the hills can be worthwhile for the personal time.

Some people have an ability to perceive accurately through what is called a gut instinct. It is admirable when a young person shows a high level of discernment when their experience is minimal, and therefore the gut instinct is fortified.

For most people patience comes with age, and perception is focused on the important matters that are arranged according to our time in life. The future is coming at us and the old adage, "time flies when you get older" certainly holds true. So, efforts in our perception, should maybe be focused in the moment, "now here!"

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Heath Cokeley, Programs Manager/Circuit Rider

After traveling our great state of Oregon, I have noticed several things all communities have in common, no matter what the size of the town. This article will give a proactive solution to a very real problem that several of us seem to have.

With many public works departments having employees that are part of the baby boomer generation and many of them thinking about retiring, we need to start proactively seeking out the younger generations about going into our field. Knowledge will be lost. How many systems don't have diagrams of the meters, pipes, valves that were installed in the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s? It is just in the mind of the public works director that has worked there forever and who is now thinking of retiring.

Many schools in the fall have job fairs where many business people show up to influence high school students to start thinking of a career, especially the juniors and seniors. Of course, we all realize there are many branches of the service there; bankers, realtors, and local business people. Have you ever thought of attending your local high school's fall job fair?

This would be a great way to reach out to the community that pays your wages and benefits and might get our younger generation thinking about going into either the wastewater or drinking water industry. What kind of things would we talk to the students about? Well, what about a student who likes to work outside, work with their hands, good at math, repairing things, welding, and/or mechanically inclined? We also want to talk to them about building a retirement, having benefits like health, dental and vision insurance and accruing vacation and sick days; point out to them that if they have that when they take time off work, they can use their leave and keep their paycheck the same and not lose any pay. Most students haven't thought about those things, not to mention the rewarding hours worked and the paid holidays.

Did you know that all high school students that graduate in Oregon are required to do a senior project? Most of the students spend 9 to 18 weeks to accomplish this requirement. What a great way to give back to the community again—by letting a student or even a few students job shadow you or your coworkers. They can learn what would be required of them to go into our great field and what kind of classes they would need to take if/when they attend college. Plus being a mentor is a great way to give of ourselves and show the community how much we truly love and appreciate our career.

Another thing to plan is to offer an internship for the student who took the most interest in the job shadowing program. It needs to be put in the budget, so making a plan early is key to finding a way to put this in the budget or obtain a grant to help pay the expense of the students' wages. We all know we need extra help with mowing the parks, cemeteries and doing cleanup for the many functions that happen during the summer months in our towns. Why not offer just a little bit more? Have them help at the sewer plant, water plant, reading meters, communicating with the city hall staff, mayor, councilors and most of all, the people of the community. This will keep them motivated to pursue a career in the public works field.

I hope this helps to get you thinking of something other than everything that was already on our list to accomplish during the summer, and we didn't quite get them all done, or hoping we don't have another winter with no snowpack and having to deal with another drought-stricken summer in 2023. 💧

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Why Forgive?

by Mike Collier, Deputy Director/Source Water Specialist

This is an update to an article I had originally written in 2011; wow does time fly. With the current state of our union, I figured that this article could be a good reminder for many of us. As we try to manage the many different opinions flooding into our lives, how we feel during the different interactions that we are either part of, hear about, or see on the sensationalized news that continually comes at us every day.

Doesn't it feel good to harbor resentment toward, give dirty looks to, and even hate someone who has wronged us? The empowerment we feel from these attitudes may be right, even justified. However, is it worth it in the end? These little seeds of hatred and bitterness will grow and will begin to rule our life. To forgive is to give ourselves freedom from the agony and anguish that wells up inside when we think of the person or event that has caused so much pain.

Even when the perpetrator does not acknowledge our forgiveness or continues to act poorly toward us, the forgiveness that we have conveyed toward them will begin to free us from the self-inflicted torture. The internal release of these bad feelings may not happen immediately, but as true forgiveness takes place we will feel more and more at peace. We will realize that it is the other's problem not ours and may even begin to see that they may have a deeply rooted pain and are just reacting or have, for some reason, been harboring hurt feelings from soothing we have previously done.

As Jesus once said in Luke 23:34, "forgive them; for they know not what they do." In case you don't know the history behind this statement, Jesus was asking God to forgive those that had decided to punish him (even to his death) for crimes he had never committed. His anger would have been justified, but he chose to show the example of forgiveness to us, even when wrongly accused and punished. This is true forgiveness.

Some people need forgiveness continually, they always seem to be hurtful or pushing our buttons on purpose. These people are especially hard to forgive, after we have decided to forgive them, it would be good to talk with them about how we feel. If they still do not change it would make sense to try to avoid them and continue to try to forgive them. Removing ourselves from their presence (including online) will give them less of an opportunity to be harmful. At this point we have done all that we can to remedy the situation and it is time to move on. Sometimes getting such a person out of our lives may be the best option and at that point the forgiveness we have been attempting can be further realized.

When we don't think that we have the will or desire to forgive someone for a wrong they have committed against us think about these stories of forgiveness:

- Several years ago, there was a shooting of several Amish. The bishop whose granddaughter had been killed visited the wife of the killer a few hours after the shooting and told her that the Amish had already forgiven her husband of this horrible crime. It must have been very difficult for these families to forgive the killer of their children and grandchildren, but they managed to do so just hours after seeing their dead relatives.

- This time we have killings of a family by another family member:

“The killings in my family were so senseless and wasteful; I hated the killer. A life sentence with the possibility of parole was way too good for him. I wanted him dead, just like my aunt and three cousins. Most of all, I wanted him to pay for hurting us so much. Bitterness ate me alive, and I knew I could no longer go on as if I were over it. I realized my hatred was no better than the hatred that caused this young man to pick up a gun and blow away his family. Hatred did nothing to bring them back; it only hurt me more. I could either let it consume me or let it go... I no longer harbor venomous thoughts toward the young man who murdered my relatives, nor do I wish him dead. Since he has still not expressed any remorse, I do feel he should be in jail and that justice must be served. But I am free from the bondage of bitterness.” —*Smith, Lynetta L.*

To forgive is a choice, and it will help relieve anger, hatred, and feelings of ill will. It is not easy, especially if we have been truly wronged, but by not forgiving we are allowing the person or situation that is behind our struggle to maintain power over us. Forgiving others is a difficult, but important choice.

Often it is even more difficult but is equally important to forgive ourselves for the things we have done. As with others, we are only human, and make mistakes. If we are unable to forgive ourselves of the things that we have done in the past it can easily consume our time and continue to be a painful reminder, even pushing us to dull the pain in other destructive ways.

Forgiveness is not to forget. We will probably never forget our past failures, but we can move on from them, learn from them, and grow from these experiences. We don't have to allow them to depress or stress us out for the rest of our days. We cannot run from ourselves and cannot hide from our feelings; it is much easier and better, in the long run, to choose to forgive. Sometimes it is necessary to seek professionals to help us begin to forgive ourselves and others. 💧

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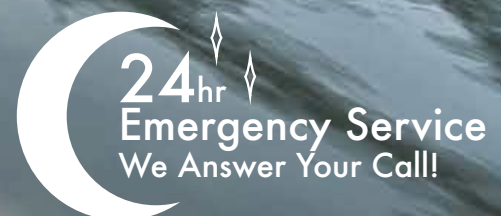
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B. Coarser sand
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D. Media not as thick
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A. Bed expansion, weekly
B. Sieve analysis, monthly
C. Bed expansion, quarterly
D. Sieve analysis, annual
- At what temperature does water vaporize?
A. 218 degrees F
B. 212 degrees F
C. 200 degrees F
D. 50 degrees F
- How long can a person live without food?
A. A week
B. 15 days
C. More than a month
D. 45 days
- How long can a person live without water?
A. Approximately one week, depending upon conditions
B. 3 days
C. One month
D. 15 days
- How much water is used in the average five-minute shower?
A. 5-10 gallons
B. 10-15 gallons
C. 15-25 gallons
D. 25-35 gallons
- How much water does it take to process a quarter pound of hamburger?
A. Approximately 1 gallon
B. Five gallons
C. 8 gallons
D. 15 gallons
- 1 part per billion would be the first 16 inches in a trip to the moon.
A. True
B. False

ANSWERS: 1-A, 2-B, 3-B, 4-C, 5-B, 6-C, 7-A, 8-C, 9-A, 10-B

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Requesting Public Records from OWRD

Water utilities and municipalities should have a water rights inventory and keep it updated. The best place to start with a public records request is with the Oregon Water Resources Department (“OWRD”). This article will introduce OWRD online resources and explain “how to” file a Public Records Request to the OWRD.

Defining Public Records

Subject to a few exceptions, all government records of any kind are considered public records. A public record is any writing with information about the conduct of public business that is prepared, owned, used, or retained by a public body. See ORS 192.311(5) (a). *Writing* is broadly defined in ORS 192.311(7) and can include information stored on virtually any medium, including information maintained in “machine-readable or electronic form.”

As a state agency subject to the Public Records Laws, OWRD is obligated to provide any such public record to an inspector who makes a request. Those public records can include documents such as water right Applications, Permits, Certificates, Transfers, Decrees, Court Orders, and related correspondence.

Searching for OWRD Online Resources

In Oregon, first check to see if such information is available on the OWRD website, published in a WRD document, or on the State of Oregon’s Transparency Website and Open Data Portal. For example, when it comes to a water rights inquiry, the Water Rights Information System (“WRIS”) that can be found on the OWRD’s website is a helpful resource that provides information pertaining to water right applications, permits, certificates, transfers, leases, and related information. If you cannot find the needed information online, filing a Public Records Request is the next step.

Filing an OWRD Public Records Request

As indicated on the OWRD website, to make a Public Records Request, the Request must be submitted in writing through mail or email and include the following information:

- Name of the Requester
- Organization of the Requester, if applicable
- Address of the Requester
- Email address of the Requester
- Telephone number of the Requester

OWRD also asks the Request be as specific as possible, including:

- Types of records requested
- File name and/or number
- Subject matter
- Approximate date(s) to search

It is recommended that whatever information you obtained online be included in the request to give OWRD a starting point and avoid unnecessary searches or costs.

Acknowledging the Request by OWRD

Once OWRD receives a Public Records Request, OWRD must acknowledge receipt in five business days. See ORS 192.324(2). The acknowledgment must also notify the requester whether the public body is the custodian of the requested records. Id.

Completing the Response to a Request

A requester who files a Request with OWRD can generally expect a response from OWRD within 15 business days after OWRD receives the Request. The law establishes a baseline expectation that public bodies will complete their responses within 15 business days after receiving the request. See ORS 192.329(5).

However, OWRD must still complete its response as soon as practicable and without unreasonable delay. See ORS 192.407(1) (c). Requesters who have made particularly straightforward requests can appeal a public body’s inaction before the 15 business days elapses. A public body unable to meet the 15 business-day deadline must notify the requester in writing that the request is still being processed and provide the requester with a reasonable estimated completion date. ORS 192.329(5)

If OWRD denies a Request for Public Records, the Requester can file an appeal to the Oregon Attorney General using the Petition for Public Records Order. ORS 192.411(1)

Receiving the Requested Public Record

In general, a public body must provide a copy of a nonexempt record if the record is susceptible to copying. See ORS 192.324(1) (a). Public bodies must provide electronic records in the form requested, if available. If the requested form is unavailable, the public body must make the record available in the form it is kept. See ORS 192.324(3).

Fees

Filing a Public Records Request to OWRD may incur fees. ORS 192.324(4)(A) allows public bodies to establish fees “reasonably calculated to reimburse [it for the] actual cost of making public records available.” This includes the “costs for summarizing, compiling or tailoring the public records, either in organization or media, to meet the person’s request.” If the fee estimate for a request exceeds \$25, the public body must first provide a written estimate to the requester and receive confirmation that the requester is willing to pay.

ORS 192.324(7)(b) requires public bodies to make available to the public the amounts of and the manner of calculating fees for responding to public records requests.

OWRD’s fee schedule is published on its website for the public to review. As a practical matter, when filing the Request, we recommend the requester include an amount such as “up to \$100, she is

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willing to pay for requesting materials” and request OWRD to advise if the cost may exceed that amount. ORS 192.324(4)(c).

Conclusion

Once the Public Records are received, the utility can prepare an inventory and document any deadlines when they are reviewed. Confirming that OWRD has the correct entity name and address associated with the water rights is also an important final step to make sure that the utility or municipality can receive correspondence from OWRD related to its water rights. 💧

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____

County: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____

Number of Hook-ups: _____

Were you referred? By whom _____

Type of System:

☐ Water ☐ Wastewater ☐ Both

Membership Category

☐ Regular Member

☐ Associate Member

☐ Individual Member

Membership Dues

\$ _____
See schedule below

\$500.00

\$100.00

Regular Member Dues Schedule

1 to 100	\$75 + 42 cents per connection
101 to 500	\$85 + 42 cents per connection
501 to 1,000	\$90 + 42 cents per connection
1,000 and up	\$100 + 42 cents per connection
Maximum dues is	\$1,200.00

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An Associate Member shall be any organization, individual or corporation, supplying services or equipment to water and wastewater utilities. An Associate Member shall have one vote. Annual Dues \$500.00 per year

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An Individual Member shall be an individual involved in the water/wastewater industry or a user of such utilities. The membership is informational in nature and shall be non-voting. Annual Dues \$100.00 per year

Benefits of Membership

- On-site technical assistance
- Various free training programs
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- Access to on-site training program
- Subscription to quarterly H2Oregon magazine
- Direct mailings about upcoming training courses in your area
- Summaries of legislative issues
- Legislative representation at state and federal level
- Associate Member Services and Products Guide
- Access to technical assistance library
- Access to technical and testing equipment for loan
- Voting rights in Association affairs
- Positive contacts with other organizations
- Camaraderie with water and wastewater professionals
- Operator Of Record services
- Job referrals, announcements and searches
- Well testing, plan review, rate studies, WMCP plans
- System performance evaluation and options
- Additional programs and services
- Disaster response assistance and planning



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