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2020 Northwest Regional Meeting/Workshop Agenda

October 27, 2020

Northwest Regional Meeting/Workshop

08:30 – 09:00 AM

Virtual Coffee Chat

Brenna Vaughn, Northwest Hydroelectric Association (NWAHA)
Malcolm Woolf, National Hydropower Association (NHA)
Crystal Enkvist, Alaska Power Association (APA)

09:00 – 09:10 AM

Introductions

Brenna Vaughn, NWAHA

09:10 – 09:30 AM

Updates: National and Regional

Moderator: Heidi Wahto, Stantec

- Updates from the Hill: A joint statement with environmentalists, a congressional update, and Clean Currents – Malcolm Woolf, NHA
- Regional Update – Mary Gail Sullivan, NorthWestern Energy, NWAHA President

09:30 – 10:40 AM

Hot Topics

Moderator: Finlay Anderson, Kleinschmidt

- *401 Final Rule – A Year is a Year* – Matt Love, Cascadia Law Group
- *Hydropower Communications Toolkit Update* – Matt Pevarnik, GE
- *Don't Get Burned Twice! Planning for and Mitigating Fire Impacts* – Paul Meeks, Worthington Products

10:40 – 12:00PM

Markets – Double Panel

Keeping the lights on with hydropower – How can resource adequacy in the NW and CA fully value hydropower?

Moderator: Cameron Schilling, NHA

- Gregg Carrington, Northwest Power Pool
- Scott Flake, Scott Flake Consulting

Recent Policy and Market Trends

Moderator: Cameron Schilling, NHA

- Opportunities and barriers for marketing small-scale hydropower development in Oregon – Dave Moldal, Energy Trust of Oregon
- Managing High-Growth Retail Risks – Baxter Gillette, Grant County PUD

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Networking Break



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- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** **Power Plant Tour of Bonneville Project**
Mike Adams, Operations Project Manager for Bonneville Project
Ray Guajardo, Chief of Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Greg Webb, Natural Resource Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM** **STEM to Hydro Dialogue Workshop with The National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL and the Hydropower Foundation) Complimentary**
Are you interested in growing the hydropower workforce in an innovative and virtual way? Join the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) and the Hydropower Foundation as they take participants on a journey through the recently launched STEM Hydropower portal. There, participants will be presented with the portal structure and content at a high level. Dialogues will focus on expanding and enriching the portal content and identifying gaps and needs for additional information to foster the linkage between academia and industry. Participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback on its relevance, breadth of information and its ability to disseminate information and attract workers to strengthen the U.S. hydro industry. This workshop is a great opportunity to collaborate with industry and academia and contribute to a tool that is building the hydropower workforce of tomorrow. (Max participants = 25) ***This will be held on the Microsoft Teams platform. [Please visit this link to attend](#)***

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