



Water on Whidbey

Whidbey Island Water Systems Association

Newsletter

May 2022

Welcome to the WIWSA May 2022 Newsletter!

Please note that the date of the June Member Meeting has changed to **Wednesday June 15th**. We will meet in person at Coupeville Library with a zoom option. See below for details.

During these challenging times when we cannot meet in person, Whidbey Island Water Systems Association is sending a monthly newsletter to keep our community up to speed with water news. We send this newsletter to our email list and post it on our website. We aim to provide an easy place to find all the month's news and upcoming events.

Please share this newsletter with your fellow water system board members, commissioners, operators, members, friends, neighbors, and anyone who drinks water on Whidbey and beyond, and encourage them to [subscribe](#).

News from Whidbey Island Water Systems Association

Newsletter

- **We have reached 300 subscribers to this newsletter! Thank you all for your continued interest in drinking water on Whidbey Island!**

Billing

- 2022 invoices have been sent by regular mail. Thank you to those who have already paid. Let us know if you have not received your invoice. If your water system's contact information needs to be updated, please use the [Membership Application/Renewal/Update](#) form.

Scholarship/Apprenticeship Program

- WIWSA is partnering with ERWoW/RCAC and SMAs and water systems on Whidbey Island to offer a scholarship and apprenticeship for persons interested in pursuing a career in drinking water. Please contact us for details. We have received some applications for this program and will be interviewing soon!

Dates and plans for 2022 member meetings:

- The topic of the March member meeting was Water System Security. Here are the [Presentations from the March member meeting – Whidbey Island Water Systems Association \(whidbeywatersystems.org\)](#)
- Our next Member Meeting will be **Wednesday June 15th, 2022, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. COVID and technology willing, we will meet in person at Coupeville Library with a Zoom option. Topics will be Lead and Copper rule changes, including compliance testing, service line responsibility, funding – Steve Hulsman from the Office of Drinking Water and others. Remember that to receive the invitation email with the meeting link you need to [subscribe](#) to this email service.

News from our Partners

- [Office of Drinking Water | Washington State Department of Health](#)
 - **Consolidation Feasibility Study Grant (CFSG)**

Online applicants are accepted June 1–30. The guidelines and documents used to complete the application include:

 - [2022 Consolidation Feasibility Study Grant Guidelines 331-559-F \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Washington Loan Tracking External User Guide 331-614 \(PDF\)](#)

A CFSG Program Overview webinar will be held **May 25** and a follow up Q&A session on **June 15**, both from 10am – Noon. Please join by clicking on the link below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - **Intended Use Plan (IUP) Comment Period Open Until June 3**

We are pleased to announce the availability of the [DWSRF Draft Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#) for the Twenty-Sixth Federal Capitalization Grant. DWSRF is a federal/state partnership program whose purpose is to, (1) provide loans to public water systems for capital improvements aimed at increasing public health protection, and (2) provide a source of funds for other Safe Drinking Water Act activities. Please submit any questions or comments on the IUP by June 3, 2022, to <mailto:DWSRF@doh.wa.gov>.
 - The Office of Drinking Water March Newsletter is out. [ODW Newsletter :: Washington State Department of Health](#). We recommend that you subscribe to this newsletter.
- [PNWS-AWWA | Drinking Water Management Resources for Northwest Professionals](#)
 - Latest newsletters: [PNWS-AWWA Newsletters - PNWS-AWWA - Drinking Water Management & Resources for Northwest Professionals](#). We suggest you subscribe to the AWWA-PNWS newsletter [here](#).
 - [The Northwest Washington Subsection of PNWS-AWWA](#) is offering several training opportunities.
 - [2022 Reverse Osmosis Workshop](#)
 - [2022 Western Washington Short School & Trade Show "Live in Lynnwood" & Virtual](#)
- [Evergreen Rural Water of Washington > Home \(erwow.org\)](#)
 - [Evergreen Rural Water of Washington > Conferences > 2022 Fall Conference > Call For Presentation \(erwow.org\)](#)

The fall conference will be at the Yakima Convention Center Aug 30 – Sep 1, 2022
 - [Calendar \(erwow.org\)](#)
 - [Top 10 Emergency Response Plan Elements \(erwow.org\)](#)
- [Water and Wastewater News | WWD \(wwdmag.com\)](#)

- [EPA Seeks Input from Small Businesses, Towns & Organizations on Lead & Copper Rule | WWD \(wwdmag.com\)](#)
- [PFAS Regulations' Impact on Water & Wastewater Facilities | WWD Weekly Digest Video \(wwdmag.com\)](#)
- [Environmental Working Group – Know your choices | Environmental Working Group \(ewg.org\)](#)
 - [EWG Updates Tap Water Database](#)
 - [Interactive map: 'Erin Brockovich' chemical taints tap water of 251 million Americans \(ewg.org\)](#)
- [BC Water News](#) is a great resource. We suggest you sign up for a [free subscription](#).
- [NRWA's](#) Rural Water Wire is another great resource. Click the subscribe link at the top of the email.
 - [EPA Announces Key PFAS Actions | NRWA](#)
 - NRWA runs many great webinars. All their webinar trainings are archived here: [Webinar Trainings | GoToStage.com](#)
 - Upcoming: [Preparing for Lead Service Line Inventory \(1 hour\)](#)
 - [Uncharted waters \(todaysfarmermagazine.com\)](#) Nitrates
- [Wateroperator.org](#) is also well worth a subscribe. Click the subscribe link at the top of the email.
 - All their Newsletters and Innovations for Small Water Systems can be found in the [WaterOperator > Newsletter](#)

Podcasts

Podcasts are a great way to catch up with news while giving your eyes a rest. Here are some of the best water podcasts. You can also find the links on the resources page of our web site.

- **Circle of Blue** [What's Up with Water](#) “What’s Up With Water” condenses the need-to-know news on the world’s water into a weekly snapshot.
- **Water Environment Federation** [Words on Water](#) A podcast featuring conversations with influential and interesting people from the water sector and news from the Water Environment Federation.
- **The H2duO** [Water in Real Life](#) Award-winning communication professionals, Arianne Shipley and Stephanie Corso, aka The H2duO, chat with thought-leaders from both inside and outside of the water industry to serve as a resource for both personal and professional growth. Water in Real Life was created for water professionals who believe that if you desire to build the right relationships with your community, and thereby overcome many of the challenges you face, then your ability to connect with them through storytelling is essential.
- **(Don't) Waste Water** weekly water podcast covers case studies, market trends, and technology breakthroughs.
- [talkingunderwater | Water & Wastes Digest \(wwdmag.com\)](#) Talking Under Water is the premier podcast for the water industry, including municipal and industrial water and wastewater, residential water treatment, storm water management and erosion control. It is produced in coordination between [Water & Wastes Digest \(WWD\)](#), [Water Quality Products \(WQP\)](#) and [Storm Water Solutions \(SWS\)](#).

Do you have news you want to share?

If you have water news you'd like to share with the water drinkers of Whidbey Island, please send a message to mail (at) whidbeywatersystems.org

Subscribe!

Please [subscribe](#) to receive our emails including this monthly newsletter and quarterly meeting invitations.

Join!

We encourage water systems, private well owners, and companies serving water systems to become members of WIWSA. Please use the [Membership Application/Renewal/Update](#) form to apply.