

Water on Whidbey

Welcome to the WIWSA January/February 2022 Newsletter!

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 will be going out during the first quarter of 2022. We have added an option to pay by credit card through PayPal. You don't need a PayPal account to use this feature. 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. We are still seeing interest in this program. We are looking at ways to broaden the impact of this program in 2022. We'll have an update at our March Member Meeting.

Dates and plans for 2021 member meetings:

- Our next Member Meeting will be the March 17th, 2022, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm via Zoom. Please save the date. The topic will be water system security, including physical security, cybersecurity, and fraud. We will send an agenda and an invitation email with a zoom link closer to the meeting. Remember that to receive the invitation email with the meeting link you need to [subscribe](#) to this email service.
- We hope to return to in person meetings later in 2022.

News from our Partners

- **DOH Office of Drinking Water**
 - The Office of Drinking Water January Newsletter is out. [ODW Newsletter :: Washington State Department of Health](#). We recommend that you subscribe to this newsletter.
 - The ODW and UW Climate Impacts Group are offering a [Workshop: Resilience planning for small water systems in Washington \(uw.edu\)](#)
- **AWWA Pacific Northwest Section**

- [The January PNWS-AWWA Section E-newsletter \(constantcontact.com\)](#) and [Winter 2021/2022 Water Matters](#) are out. We suggest you subscribe to the AWWA-PNWS newsletter [here](#).
- **The Northwest Washington Subsection of PNWS-AWWA** is offering [Quarterly Virtual Trainings](#)
- [PNWS AWWA | Section Conference Information & Registration \(pnws-awwa.org\)](#) will be held in person in Tacoma April 27-29
- **AWWA**
 - Links to the latest AWWA publications can be found [here](#)
 - [Webinar Digest- Feb/March 2022 \(contentsharing.net\)](#)
- **Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWoW)**
 - [ERWoW 28th Annual Conference – Call for Presentation Reminder](#)
- **Water & Wastes Digest**
 - [EPA Announces Action Plan to Accelerate Cyber-Resilience for the Water Sector | WWD \(wwdmag.com\)](#)
- **Environmental Working Group (EWG)**
 - [EWG Updates Tap Water Database](#)
- **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.
 - NRWA with WaterISAC is running a series of webinars on water system cybersecurity. Part 1 is Feb 17. A perfect preparation for our March meeting! [Pt. 1 - Security Culture: Small Systems Aren't Small Potatoes-Why Rural Water Utilities Need Cybersecurity & What to Do About It](#)
- [Wateroperator.org](#) is also well worth a subscribe. Click the subscribe link at the top of the email.
- [Sound Waters University](#) 2022 is coming up Saturday. Please check out [WIWSA's virtual booth](#).

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.