

## Water Law in Eastern Washington Conference Agenda







Day 2: May 16th

All Sessions hosted at Gonzaga University School of Law, Barbieri Courtroom, 721 North Cincinnati Street

Session	Time	Description	Presented By
Introduction	8:00 - 8:15am	Greetings and Overview of Day 1	Jessica Kuchan, Confluence Law - Attorney Ben Lee, Landau Associates - Director of Water Resources
Regional Water Level Trends	8:15 - 8:45	Ecology's Water Level Monitoring Program	Patrick Cabbage, Ecology Eastern Regional Office - Senior Hydrogeologist
Municipal Water - Growth	8:45 - 9:30	Municipal Water Law Update; Transferring Water Between Municipalities: The Burbank Case; The Corneillus Case	Rachael Lipinski, Van Ness Feldman Aaron Dunham, Wolf Hislop Crockett
State GWMA	9:30 - 10:15	How the State uses Groundwater Management Areas to Regulate Water Supply	Eric Weber, Landau Associates - Principal Hydrogeologist Sheryl Howe, WA Department of Health - Hydrogeologist
Break	10:15 -10:30	Coffee and snacks provided	
Mid Columbia Adjudication	10:30 -11:30	The Status of the WRIA 58 Adjudication: Lake Roosevelt and Middle Tributaries  The Adjudication Process and Current Status  The Federal Government View  The Irrigation District View	Rachel Roberts, Beveridge and Diamond - Of Counsel Larry Martin, Halverson Northwest Law Group - Attorney Duane Mecham, Department of Interior - Senior Attorney
Irrigated Agriculture Financing	11:30 -12:00pm	Irrigated Farm Economics 101; Farm Credit; Farm Insurance; What is the Conservation Reserve Program; Where is the Farm market headed	Charlie McElligott, Sage Rock Advisors - Owner
Lunch Break	12:00 -1:00	Coffee and snacks provided, no hosted lunch	
Drought Designations	1:00 - 1:30	How is a Drought Declared: Drought Designation Outcomes: 2024 Outlook	Caroline Mellor, Ecology Water Resources - Statewide Drought Lead



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Legal Topic To Be Determined	1:30 - 2:00	TBD	TBD
Shrub Steppe & Water Rights	2:00 - 2:30	Shrub Steppe as a Critical Area; Regulatory Framework; How is Grant County Managing Shrub Steppe	Chris Young, Grant County Development Services - Director
Transfer Headaches	2:30 - 3:15	Publication; Comment period; Legal Descriptions; SEPA; Same Body of Water; Permits vs Change ROEs; SW to GW; Shrub Steppe/Cultural Resources; Place of Use Descriptions; Recording Interest	Jessica Kuchan, Confluence Law - Attorney Eric Weber, Landau Associates - Prinicpal Hydrogeologist Amy Sumner, Spokane County Water Resources - Program Manager
Case Study - New Water Right	3:15 - 4:00	Benchmark Farms - A New Unmitigated Water Right for 1,600 Acres	Ben Lee, Landau Associates - Director of Water Resources