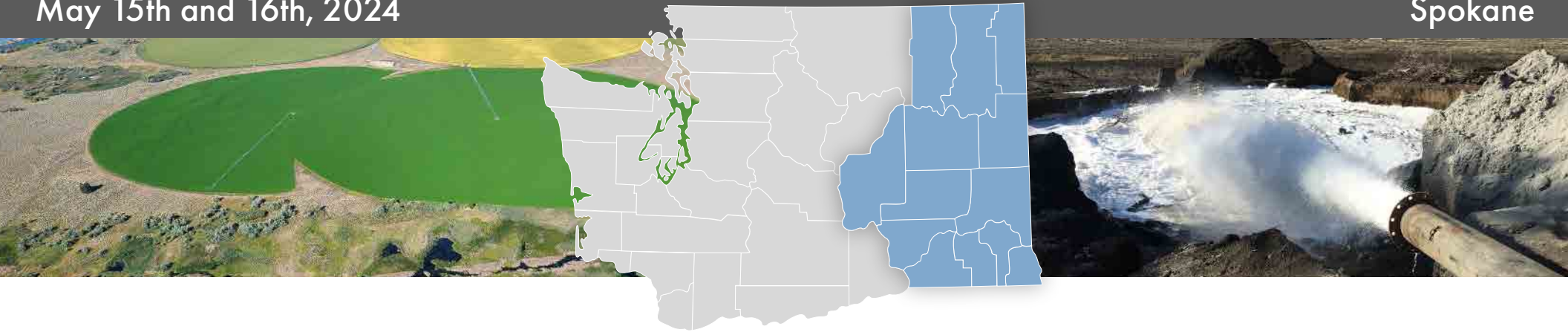


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1st Annual Water Law in Eastern Washington Conference

May 15th and 16th, 2024

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Join us for the 1st Annual Water Law in Eastern Washington Conference!

The conference will include a combination of technical, legal, and water resource management topics presented by some of the region's leading water experts. The legal and regulatory landscape around water management is changing – come learn about it!

Conference Theme:

Water Right Authorizations and Water Resource Planning

The conference will provide state of the practice information regarding:

- Laws, rules, policies, and practicalities of managing water rights in Eastern Washington
- Current status of water resource efforts to efficiently manage water in Eastern Washington

The conference will provide:

- Continuing Legal Education credit
- Certified Water Right Examiner credit
- Water Conservancy Board training credit

Registration:

Price: \$195 | Students: FREE

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Keynote Speaker:

Tom Tebb, Director of Ecology's Office of Columbia River

Conference Co-chairs:

Jessica Kuchan, Confluence Law, PLLC
Ben Lee, PE, CWRE, Landau Associates, Inc.

Venue:

Gonzaga University School of Law

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Day 1: May 15th

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	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Jessica Kuchan, Confluence Law - Attorney Ben Lee, Landau Associates - Director of Water Resources
Morning Keynote	8:15 - 9:00	Water Management in Eastern Washington	Tom Tebb, Ecology Office of Columbia River - Director
Water Rights 101 - State	9:00 - 9:30	An Overview of the State Water Code	Matt Janz, Washington State - Assistant Attorney General
Water Rights 101 - Federal	9:30 - 10:00	The Federal Government's Role in Washington State Water	Norm Semanko, Parsons Behle & Latimer - Partner
Break	10:00 - 10:15	<i>Coffee and snacks provided</i>	
Water Rights Processing	10:15 - 10:45	Options for Processing Water Right Applications: The Long Form; Standard Queue; Conservancy Boards; Cost Reimbursement	Jaime Short, Ecology Eastern Regional Office - Water Resource Section Manager
Accessing Water Rights Information	10:45 - 11:15	Researching Water Rights Extent and Validity: Public Agency Databases, Public Records Requests; WagNet; Aerial photographs	Nicole Mehr, Landau Associates - Senior Project Geologist
Water Banking 101	11:15 - 12:15pm	Case Study - Stevens County Water Bank	Alyssa Moir, K&L Gates - Partner Eric Johansen, Stevens County - Land Services Director Gene St. Godard, Water and Natural Resources Group - President
Lunch Break	12:15 - 1:15	<i>Coffee and snacks provided, no hosted lunch</i>	
Bringing New Land into Cultivation	1:15 - 2:00	New Permits; Seasonal Permits; Temporary Permits; Mitigated Permits; Short-term Use Permits (POL 1037); Spreading and ACQ; Federal Water; CWREs; PSA Dos and Don'ts	Gene St. Godard, Water and Natural Resources Group - President Andy Dunn, RH2 Engineering - Principal Hydrogeologist

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Regional Water Planning	2:15 - 3:45	Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition	Kristina Ribellia, Columbia Basin Conservation District - Executive Director
		Palouse Basin Regional Planning	Robin Nimmer, Alta Science & Engineering - Senior Hydrogeologist
		Walla Walla 2050 Water Management Plan	Anton Chino, Confederated Tribes of the Umitilla Indian Reservation - Habitat Conservation Program Leader Chris Kowitz, Oregon Water Resources Department North Central Region - Manager
		Spokane County Regional Planning	Rob Lindsay, Spokane County - Environmental Services Administrator
Break	3:45 - 4:00	Coffee and snacks provided	
Water Rights Roundtable	4:00 - 5:00	Discussion Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving Application Processing Consistency Between Regions Litigation versus mediation How does Ecology see the secondary market Ecology regional planning initiatives Need for more Policy Documents Changing Publication Requirements 	Moderator Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting, Principal Water Resources Engineer Participants Gene St. Godard, Water and Natural Resources Group - President Tom Tebb, Ecology Office of Columbia River - Director Jaime Short, Ecology Eastern Regional Office - Water Resource Section Manager Andy Dunn, RH2 Engineering - Principal Hydrogeologist Matt Janz, Washington State - Assistant Attorney General

Day 2: May 16th

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Day 2: May 16th (continued)

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Session	Time	Description	Presented By
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 - Principal 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