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**WATER
USERS**
ASSOCIATION

85th Annual Convention

Association Updates

Agenda

- President's Report: Dan Davidson
- NWRA: Aaron Dalling
- Rural & Urban Affairs: Jay Barlogi
- Water Quality
- Legislative: Randy Brown
- Education: Terrell Sorensen
- Resolutions: Ron Platt
- Executive Director's Report: Paul Arrington

President's Report

NWRA Report

Representatives

- Board of Directors:
 - Aaron Dalling & Dan Davidson
- Ground Water Caucus:
 - Heather Rice
- Public Policy Committee:
 - John Simpson
- NWRA Treasurer & Vice Chair of Federal Affairs Committee:
 - Paul Arrington

Event

- NWRA Leadership Forum (January 2021) (Virtual)
- Federal Water Issues Conference (April 2021) (Virtual)
- Western Water Seminar / Table Talk (Aug. 2021) (Virtual)
- Water Tour (Washington State) (Aug. 2021)
- Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ (Nov. 2021)
- NWRA Leadership Forum, Mesa, AZ (Jan. 2022)

Active on Federal Issues

- Infrastructure funding
- NEPA Reform
- Title Transfer
- Federal Budgets
- WIIN Act Extension (infrastructure funding)
- General advocacy with Biden administration

2022 Events

Dates TBD

- April / May: Federal Issues Conference (D.C.)
- August: Wester Water Seminar (Montana)
- November: Annual Conference (TBD)

Rural & Urban Affairs Committee

Ag Water Safety for 2021

- Two intense campaigns
- May 24-28, 2021 & July 26-30, 2021
- Radio, TV, Print & Social Media
- Similar program in 2022

Social Media Update



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- Women in Water
 - Q&A with integral women in the industry
- #wateryoudoing:
 - Behind the scenes look at what our members are doing
 - <https://youtu.be/CkW8gAWbXIA>
- Member Profiles
 - Getting to know IWUA Members
 - <https://youtu.be/knaZJQS8Fjg>

Additional Efforts

- New Resolution: Urban Development & Water Delivery in Idaho (2022-13)
- Realtor / Development Education:
 - Video Series (short, Q&A format)
 - Realtor continuing education

Water Quality Committee

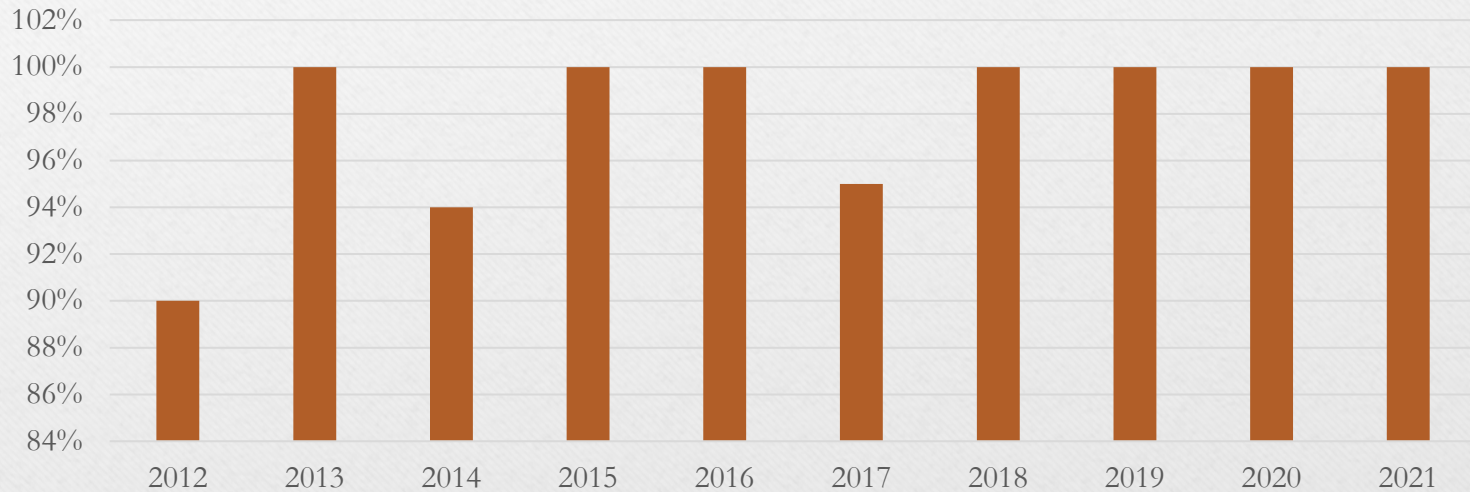
Always Busy

- Thank you, Brian Olmstead!
- Invasive Species
- Legal / Regulatory Issues:
 - WOTUS
 - City of Vacaville
 - County of Maui

Legislative Committee

2021 Legislative Success – 100%

IWUA Legislative Success (2012-2021)



2022 –
Getting
Ready!

- 3 Committee Meetings
- Legislation Supported:
 - IDWR / IWRB Budget
 - Qualifications of Voters
 - Water Investment Plan
- Bi-Weekly calls begin Jan. 28 @ 3:00 p.m. (mtn.)
- Visit www.iwua.org for regular updates

Education Committee

2021

- Convention & Applicator Workshops virtual
- Ditchrider Workshops: Cancelled
- Water Law & Issues Seminar:
 - In Person
 - Record registration
- Headgate: Idaho's Water Leadership Academy

2022 – Mark your Calendar

- Feb. 8-10: Ditchrider Workshops (registration open)
- Feb. 22-24: Applicator Workhsops (registration open)
- June 6-7, 2022: Water Law & Resource Issues Seminar (Sun Valley, ID)
- June 21, 2022: Headgate Class 1 Graduation
- November 2022: Headgate Class 2 begins
- Dates Coming: H2Know

Resolutions Committee



Review Revised Resolutions

- www.iwua.org
- Membership vote during business meeting today

Executive Director Report

Topics

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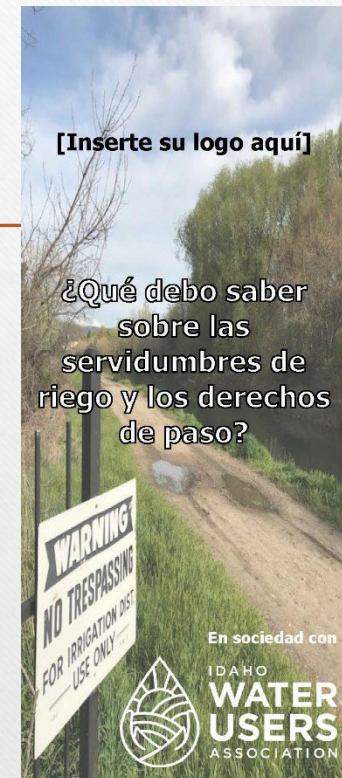
- IWUA Members ROCK!
- Association's Strong Position (Members & Finances)
- Headgate: Idaho Water Leadership Academy

Issues:

- Federal: Infrastructure Funding, Recharge Legislation, New Administration
- Regional: Columbia River Issues
- State: Education & Advocacy

Member Resources

- Media Library
 - Videos
 - Pamphlets (including Spanish)
 - Presentations
- Information on Rights of Way / Easements
- Newsletters
- Much more!
- www.iwua.org – “Resources”



What is Headgate?

- Leadership development workshop for Idaho's water user organizations.
- Headgate: “a gate for controlling the water flowing into a channel (such as an irrigation ditch).” *Merriam-Webster*
- Leaders are a part of a larger system and all parts of that system are vital to the ultimate success.

Developing the next generation of water leaders

- Communication skills: giving / taking feedback, instructing employees, media training, etc.
- Water in Idaho: history, law, politics, management, etc.
- Budgeting, working with boards
- Team building

Headgate Committee

- Michael Comeskey
- Harold Mohlman
- Aaron Dalling
- Dan Davidson
- Carl Hayes
- John Lind
- Terrell Sorensen
- Dylan Lawrence
- Kathryn Hartman
- Paul Arrington
- Alex Wolford (CSI)









Do you want to build a snowflake!



Politics & Water

Class 2

Start thinking now about you organization and who would be a good candidate for Headgate!

Remember: Headgate is NOT limited to current supervisors or managers. If there is an employee that shows great potential (regardless of position) they are encouraged to apply to Headgate.

- Registration begins late summer 2022
- Sessions start November 2022

Federal Issues

- Work closely with NWRA and Family Farm Alliance
- Infrastructure Funding – big issues on federal & state level
 - More information later today during Infrastructure Funding Workshop
- Other issues:
 - Recharge Legislation (Thank you Senator Risch!)
 - New WOTUS Rules and other regulation
 - Conversations to ensure continued collaboration on issues

Memorial Resolutions

Harvey “Jack” Bell

- Passed Away: April 29, 2021
- Farmed for 48 years in the Jerome area
- Jerome County Farm Bureau president and on the Farm Bureau State Board of Directors.
- Idaho Bean Commission; and
- 1981 IWUA Water Guardian Award

Derek N. Vermeer

- Passed Away: June 1, 2021
- Wilder Irrigation District board for 12-years
- Active in community: Caldwell policy department, Greenleaf Friends Academy board & Lions club
- Loved steelhead fishing

James Lee Payne

- Passed Away: September 24, 2021
- Passionate farmer – growing almost every seed variety and crop (except trees!)
- Active in water issues: Water District #63 Advisory Committee, Middleton Mill Ditch Company, Canyon County Water Company and Flood Control District #10
- Great sense of humor – never met a stranger

Max Van Den Berg

- Passed Away: December 26, 2021
- 30+ years with Bureau of Reclamation:
 - Acting chief of the River and Reservoir Operation Section,
 - Operation and Maintenance Group,
 - Dive team,
 - Chief of the Safety of Dams Branch,
 - Project Superintendent for the Minidoka Project in Burley, Idaho,
 - Regional supervisor of water, power and lands in Boise
- Many found Max to be “their favorite Reclamation employee”

Marty Galvin

- Passed Away: May 24, 2021
- Farmed for over 70-years
- Active of in the treasure valley:
Water District #63 Advisory
Committee; Idaho Cattlemen's
Association; the Newman,
Middleton Mill, Mason Creek
and Franklin Ditch Company
Boards; the Elks; and Canyon
County and Idaho State
Republicans
 - Many of these for over 60
years!!
 - Life of the party



Jim Hudson

- Passed Away: August 26, 2021
 - Diverse career: Idaho Department of Transportation, Little League baseball, Diamond International Lumber Mill, JUB engineering, Ron's Grocery Store and Traffic Core.
- A Passion for Water: East Green Acres Irrigation Board (25 years), IWUA Board (15+ years), local Aquifer Protection District (6-years)
- IWUA president: 2016-2018



Thank you for *Attending!*

Excited for a successful 2022!