



Northwest Environmental Business Council E-News

From the Executive Director

On the Stimulus "Gold Rush" and Green Jobs

I want to share a few cautions regarding inflated expectations about the federal and state stimulus spending programs. A number of meetings have recently been held in Washington and Oregon (and I would imagine 48 other states) as to how to take advantage of the stimulus programs. Hundreds of people have been gathering like unemployed at a job fair, eager to hear whatever they can about vague programs and rules that haven't been formulated yet. Enormous sums are thrown about – related to energy and efficiency, smart grid, infrastructure upgrades, brownfields redevelopment, R&D, plus health care, education, and the rest – and everyone wants to get in line. Despite the fact that we don't know yet where the line starts, I think that you can expect certain realities to play out.

The money that is made available through tax credits and other "democratic" incentives will be available to all types of users. It will be a very different story for grants and large projects. You can expect that most of the successful bidders for these monies will be large, well-positioned companies or institutions, already well on their way to developing the proposed projects. It's going to be very hard for the small company or startup or small town to get attention. Also, a grant or a loan only goes part of the way. Without access to traditional equity and/or debt funding, the project won't be able to move forward. For example, many cities rely on municipal bonds to finance capital purchases, and that funding source is currently frozen.

As for the funds that will be flowing through federal procurement, it is no secret that federal agencies cannot hire procurement officers fast enough (if they even want to). Instead, funds will be pushed through existing contracts that will be liberally amended. In other words, "them that got, get." If you do not already have a procurement relationship with an agency, you are probably too late. The same holds for research funds. Institutions that already have grants will likely see those channels expanded.

This by no means implies that there aren't tremendous opportunities. It just means that you have to be realistic in your business development efforts. As always, work your relationships. In many cases, your best bet is to find those companies and institutions that are already connected to the pipeline, and propose subcontracting to them. And, if you can, think longer term. While the rush of stimulus dollars is exciting, it can also be distracting. Stick to what you are good at. Now is not the time to lose focus on your strengths and long-term competitive advantage.

Oh, and about those Green Jobs (you have one, you know). I confess that I am something of a contrarian in this regard. In fact, my position is that there is no such thing as a "green job." Rather, there are "green markets." The skill sets are much less of an issue than how they are put to use. For example, an environmental professional who does right-of-way siting doesn't change jobs when they move from pipeline siting to wind turbine siting. Similarly, an electrician doesn't change the color of their collar when they go from a natural gas generation project to a landfill methane project in the same day.

To the extent that calling jobs "green" attracts more funding into job training, or attracts young people into technical professions, I'm all for it. The danger comes when we mislead ourselves. Job training needs to be robust and flexible, and based on fundamental knowledge and skill sets. Anything less is doing workers a disservice, for who knows when markets might shift again and start demanding a new and different color.

Robert Grott

Northwest Environmental Conference Call for Presentations Deadline, April 21

This year, speakers for the 21st NWEBC will be selected through an open "Call for Presentations" process. The conference, to be held in Portland on December 7-8, attracts 500 participants from among regulated industries, service providers, government, and NGOs. This is your chance to showcase your knowledge and ideas in front of a professional audience. Presentations are being solicited in a range of formats and topics, though most that are accepted will be assembled into panel sessions by the conference organizers. For detailed information, and to submit your proposal online, go to www.nwec.org and select the Call for Presentations tab. Tell your colleagues.

NEBC Conferences, Meetings & Trade Shows

April 16. Business of Renewable Energy Conference. Portland. This regional event brings together industry participants to share their perspectives on what it takes to successfully design, finance, and build renewable energy projects in both the electricity and bioenergy arenas. As the Northwest event for those building the new energy economy, it provides an unmatched forum for learning, networking, and business development. [Details.](#)

April 23. Brownfields Forum. Seattle. Join us for a roundtable discussion of issues affecting brownfields redevelopment. Lon Yandell, Kennedy/Jenks and Jessica Brandt, WA department of Ecology will lead the discussion. Meeting is at Hart Crowser, 1700 Westlake Avenue North, Suite 200 from 11:30 – 1:00pm, pizza provided. This is a free event but RSVP is requested by contacting Lauren@nebc.org.

April 28. Energy After Hours. Portland. Hosted by the NEBC Energy Forum, these "cocktail hour" gatherings alternate with the more formal breakfast meetings. This is a great opportunity for those who can't do the "before work" thing. Open to all, no host, no fee, no registration. Greek Cuisina, 404 SW Washington, Portland. 5:00 pm – 7:00pm.

May 6. New Water Supply Options. Luncheon. Seattle. Concerns over future water supply and the drive for resource efficiency are leading us to consider alternative supply options such as rainwater harvesting (collecting and storing rainwater) and water reuse or recycling (using treated waste water where drinking quality is not required). These are not new concepts, but over time barriers have grown up regarding their use. Speakers Chris Pitre of Golder Associates and Kurt Unger of the Washington Department of Ecology will discuss these approaches, their resource potential; legal, regulatory, and cultural hurdles; and examples of successful projects.

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May 6. NEBC Rocky Mt. Chapter: Reception.

Boise. Mark your calendars for NEBC's reception the evening prior to the LSI, Idaho Water Law Conference in Boise. Join fellow NEBC members and environmental professionals gathering in town for the conference. We invite you to join your colleagues for light refreshments and a short presentation by Terry Scanlan, Principal Engineer/Hydrogeologist, SPF Water Engineering, He will give us a taste of what is to come at the conference. This is a free event but please RSVP. [Click Here](#) or contact Karl Unterschuetz (karl@nebc.org).

May 14. The Living Building Challenge - Why and How? Luncheon. Portland.

Designers face significant challenges in reducing ecological and carbon footprints of buildings. Going well beyond LEED, (think LEED on Steroids) the concept of a Living Building will be discussed by examining technical limitations, regulatory constraints, construction methods and issues surrounding building occupancy. Our speaker, Lisa Petterson, SERA Architects, brings a wealth of experience regarding these issues from over 18 years in the architectural field that addresses the issues faces in both private & public projects living building challenges.

June 3. Puget Sound Initiative Baywide Sediment Investigations. Luncheon. Seattle.

A leading source of pollution to Puget Sound is contaminated sites around its shorelines. Ecology is taking a baywide approach to cleaning up numerous

sites within a geographic area. Chance Asher manages the Aquatic Lands Cleanup Unit (aka Sediments Unit) in the WA Department of Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program. She will discuss what the baywide sediment investigation results mean and how they will influence Ecology's cleanup work, along with the larger policy issues concerning the PSI cleanup work and the program's next steps.

June 11. Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology. Luncheon. Portland. Nanotechnology is heralded as advanced technology to make our lives better – now found in all types of products including cleaning/laundry products and makeup. What is nanotechnology? What are the implications of nanotechnology in our environment? What are the risks to the waste stream and fresh drinking water? Learn about the state of nanotechnology today. Find out what testing procedures are in place that can capture them and how regulators are developing policies to deal with them. Speakers include Anders Liljeholm, OMSI.

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June 18 & 19. Ecosystem Markets. Portland. Using markets to protect and restore ecosystems – and the many services they provide – is gradually becoming a reality. But what are the critical elements for success, what progress has been made, what still needs to be done, and what are the remaining challenges? Experts, innovators, and hands-on users of these evolving market models will join together in a dialogue about recent progress, what transactions can be done now, how these markets will affect family forests and other property owners, and how state and regional efforts can merge into a common model. This conference returns for its second year, and is expanding into a national forum through the partnership with the Washington, D.C. based American Forest Foundation. The program is being extended to 2 days and will be followed by a working meeting of a national consortium of project managers – thereby attracting key industry participants. Sponsorship Opportunities are available online or contact Sue@nebc.org or 503-227-6361.

July 8. NEBC Golf Tournament – Langdon Farms Golf Course. Auroa, OR. The annual NEBC Golf Tournament at Golf Langdon Farms Golf Club is a relaxed fun event for all. A shotgun start and playing the best ball, this tournament is designed for all levels - whether your up on your game or a duffer. The course was designed by award-winning architects John Fought and Robert Cupp

and puts a premium on accurate iron shots for low scores, yet remains very playable for the recreational golfer. Not a player? Then come join the fun at the BBQ after the tournament! Sponsorship Opportunities are available online or contact Sue@nebc.org or 503-227-6361.

December 7 & 8. NWEA Trade Show. Portland. Early Bird Pricing is now available! NEBC invites you to exhibit at the 2009 NWEA Trade Show; one of the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and trade shows in the Pacific Northwest. The Trade Show gives companies a platform for offering advanced environmental technologies and services. Exhibiting at NWEA is an opportunity to interact with decision makers in a highly competitive and sometimes hard-to-reach industry, reaching attendees with purchasing authority. NWEA offers a wide variety of opportunities to increase your company's visibility among its target audience. Priority for space assignment will be based on the order in which applications are received and availability of space requested. So for the best chance of getting your favorite booth – send your completed application in as soon as possible.

Industry News, Meetings & Events

2009 Blue Sky Fund Award Process Begins. Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power invite applicants to apply for potential renewable energy project funding. Through the Blue Sky program, Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power are offering help to advance small and medium sized community-based renewable energy projects across the company's service territory. For the fourth consecutive year we are once again able to not only purchase more renewable energy credits on behalf of customers participating in the Blue Sky program equal to their Blue Sky purchase, but also devote a portion of what customers pay to help advance the next generation of renewable energy projects. Since the funding award process was initiated in 2006 Blue Sky customers across the company's six state service area have helped advance 25 projects, which are now on-line and another 34 local renewable energy projects are in development. Application Period Starting March 9 the company will begin accepting applications from parties seeking financial help to get their project off the ground. Only projects that complete an application available on-line

www.rockymountainpower.net/blueskyfunds and www.pacificpower.net/blueskyfunds) along with supporting materials by 5 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2009 will be considered for possible funding.

Oregon Department of Energy will have a role in allocation and/or administration of some stimulus funding for energy efficiency, conservation and renewable resource projects. Several of you have informally provided project suggestions or lists. A formal project funding request is now required. You are encouraged to submit your site specific or program specific ideas as soon as it is convenient. We can not input project suggestions that were unsolicited or received through informal channels. Go to:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/Recovery/index.shtml> and choose "Request Stimulus Funds For a Project"

Also, to keep abreast of updates on the Oregon Energy Stimulus Funds sign up for the list-serve at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/Stimulus2009.shtml>.

Washington State University Extension Energy Program has published their 187th issue of the Solicitations News Letter. Between the FY09 Federal Appropriations Bill and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (aka the Stimulus Bill) there are currently 60 RFPs in the energy sector published in the this issue. Many of these ask for qualifications outside the traditional energy arena. [Click Here for the full list](#). Also the ARRA homepage has a great list of Federal Agency Recovery websites. It's at:

<http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/agencies>. Additionally, the Office of Management and Budget's first set of guidance on the implementation of the ARRA is posted at: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/omb-releases-detailed-recovery-act-guidance-agencies>.

Funding for Brownfields through the Washington State Recovery Program. Please see the link below for a newly released website <http://recovery.wa.gov/programcontacts.asp>.

Final Report - Linking Toxics Cleanup and Redevelopment Across the States: Lessons for Washington State. This report is the result of a comprehensive study of the state government role in facilitating brownfields redevelopment in Washington State conducted by the University of Washington under a grant from the Toxics Cleanup Program (TCP) in Washington State's Department of Ecology. In this study, we develop the concept of "third generation programs", which incorporate features of first and second generation programs but emphasize community-wide planning and stakeholder involvement, state-level strategic planning for brownfields reclamation, as well as integration within a broader sustainable development agenda. [Click here for the full report](#).

Federal Stimulus Money Awarded to Oregon and Washington for Underground Storage Tank Cleanups. The federal Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has announced how it will divide up among the states the \$200 million in the stimulus bill allocated for cleaning up leaking underground storage tank sites around the county. EPA is awarding nearly \$2.7 million to Oregon and \$3.4 million to Washington. Part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 contains an appropriation for the EPA's Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund. The money will be used to pay for the agency's oversight of assessment and cleanup of underground tank leaks or directly pay for assessing and cleaning up leaks from federally regulated tanks where the responsible party is unknown or is unwilling or unable to pay for cleanup, or if there is an emergency situation requiring immediate cleanup. [For more information click here](#).

April 14. Inside the Ballot Initiative. Seattle.
 Presenter: Brendon Cechovic - WA Environmental Council.
 Description: Ballot Initiatives can be the most effective ways to create change at the state and federal level. Brendon Cechovic will show attendees the most effective way to create a ballot initiative, unraveling the complex process of creating one and the best method to run a successful campaign. [Click here to RSVP](#)

April 15. Puget Sound Brown Grease Symposium. Seattle. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Puget Sound Brown Grease Symposium gathers stakeholders to discuss how brown grease can be better managed and potentially used as feedstock for biodiesel; how brown grease can be used as a boost to methane production in wastewater treatment plants, and how preferred pumper programs can facilitate the productive use of brown grease. To learn more or register, visit www.pprc.org/BrownGreaseSymposium.

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April 21. EARTH DAY pre-party with ECOSS. Seattle. You are invited to join the staff and board of ECOSS a for Non-Profit Comedy night at Comedy Underground! Half of all proceeds from this show will be donated to ECOSS, so this is an easy and fun way to support a great organization – bring all your friends! Learn more about Non-Profit Comedy [here](#).

April 22. CCA's Annual Real Estate Trends & Forecasts. Portland. If it's April, it's time for our annual Trends & Forecasts Breakfast Forum - our most popular forum of the year! Don Ossey of Capacity Commercial and his ragtag team of commercial realty CEO's will update you on the latest transactions in the Columbia Corridor and peer into their crystal ball for the best real estate advice this side of the Willamette. [Reserve Online](#) or contact Marissa King: **503.287.8686** mking@columbiacorridor.org.

April 22. Agency Action and Rule Making. Seattle. Jim Nolan from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency will guide you through the Agency Action process and the general rule-making process. This workshop will show attendees the points at which you are able to influence the agency rule-making process. [Click here to RSVP](#)

April 22 – 24. Introduction to Applied Hydrogeologic Site Characterization & Monitoring Well Construction for Environmental Professionals. Seattle. This three day training course is intended to introduce environmental professionals to Applied Hydrogeologic principles and prepare the attendee to manage and develop Site Characterization activities. These principles will be presented by the trainer in a clear manner to students who have little to no previous knowledge of hydrogeology. Conceptual real-world discussions and visual aids will help in dispelling common misconceptions of groundwater. Hands on exercises will allow the student to apply this conceptual understanding to practical use. [Register Online](#) | [Course Catalog](#) | [Course Brochure PDF](#)

April 29. Seattle City Council Process Demystified. Seattle. Learn how to effect change within the City of Seattle. City Council President Richard Conlin will present an overview of the City Council process and how to provide input on city ordinances and resolutions. The workshop will discuss the formal and informal rules of taking part in the City Council process. [Click here to RSVP](#)

April 28-May 3. NW Solar Professional Training Conference & Solar Expo. Portland. (Professional & Dealer Training 4/28-5/1, Public Expo 5/1-5/3) Presented by OSEIA. The 4th annual event features three days of Professional Solar Training and certification. The Expo is the premier solar event in the Northwest. Bringing together all aspects of the solar industry, the NW Solar Expo serves as both a great venue for professional networking, lead generation, and product demonstrations - as well as providing consumer information and workshops. For more information and to register, go to www.nwsolarexpo.com.

April 28-30. International BIOMASS Conference & Expo. Portland. Presented by BBI International, this 2nd annual event is redefining the way bioenergy professionals learn, network and connect. The conference is designed to foster public and private partnerships that unite current and future producers of biomass-derived power, fuels and chemicals. For more information and to register, go to www.biomassconference.com.

April 29 – 30. Making Sustainability Stick & Strategies for Sustainability. Seattle. Organizations and communities need to define a sustainability strategy, and there is no need to start from scratch. This course will provide methods, strategies, and tools to implement sustainable principles and practices in an organization, or community. NEBC members receive reduced registration. www.nwetc.org.

April 30 – May 1. Restoration and Mitigation in Washington Conference. Seattle. This seminar brings together a group of distinguished and expert speakers from regulatory agencies - including the newly created USDA Office of Ecosystem Services and Markets - and the regulated community, as well as leading scientists and attorneys, to give you an insider's view into current opportunities and challenges in restoration and mitigation. Register [here](#) or call us at (800) 854-8009.

May 5-7. Northwest Facilities Expo. Portland. This is an exclusive event designed to attract building management decision-makers. For 14 years, attendees have relied on Facilities Expo to help them access products and services to emphasize facility best practices. Managing Green Buildings is a newly added feature of Facilities Expo. This new addition was created in response to the ever-growing push for facility managers to “green” their buildings. These decision makers are looking for products that are sustainable, energy-efficient, effective and low-maintenance. All NEBC members with a booth in the Northwest Facilities Expo will receive a [FREE dedicated e-minder](#) to our attendee database as well as a FREE post-show attendee list. For exhibiting information or to register to attend, visit www.FacilitiesExpo.com.

May 6 & 7. Pacific Salmonid Spawning Habitat Restoration. Portland. Designed for practitioners and agency personnel involved with field data collection, detailed design and/or review of river restoration projects, this course provides general training in design, implementation and monitoring of in-stream habitat improvement projects in regulated streams and rivers, with an emphasis on the issues surrounding salmonids. You will learn techniques for assessing existing habitat and collecting and analyzing field data. [Register Today!](#)

May 6 – 8. Living Future. Portland. The event convenes the continent's deepest-green building professionals for two days of kinetic dialogue and unbridled imagination to catalyze revolutionary change. Some highlights will include: inspirational keynote speakers, such as Janine Benyus, Rick Fedrizzi, Thomas Crum and our very own Jason McLennan; sessions focused on the Living Building Challenge, livable communities, and leadership; the Red List Ready Tradeshow, our vetted tradeshow that features only companies that are truly striving for sustainable products and practices; community projects and unique networking opportunities that help to create a sense of connection around the conference. Detailed information about Living Future can be found at this link: www.cascadiagbc.org/living-future/09

May 7 & 8. Idaho Water Law 2009. Boise. Conference Special! NEBC members receive \$150.00 discount on conference registration, call 1-800-854-8009 to register and mention the "NEBC member discount"! This conference brings together experts from a variety of perspectives and disciplines, including representatives from federal, state and local governments, to share their experiences, challenges and success stories regarding this evolving landscape, as well as other pressing issues. The program also provides critical updates and thought-provoking discussions for water law practitioners, water users and resources managers. **Conference Special! NEBC members receive \$150.00 discount** on conference registration, call 1-800-854-8009 to register and mention the "NEBC member discount"! For more information about the conference, [click here. Register.](#)

May 8. Fish Passage. Portland. This workshop will introduce participants to the field of fish passage, a subsidiary of the broader stream restoration community drawing on a diverse array of traditional disciplines such as civil engineering, hydrology, geomorphology, biology, and ecology. The workshop will provide participants a working framework to approach fish passage projects, with a practical emphasis on lowhead (less than 10 meters) barriers at road crossings. We will cover several aspects of fish passage in this course, ranging from barrier assessment to design to construction. [Registration](#) | [Course Catalog](#) | [Course Brochure PDF](#)

May 11. CERCLA & MTCA Advanced Sediment Conference. Seattle. At this year's conference we have once again assembled an impressive line-up of knowledgeable speakers to explore the complex policy, legal, regulatory and technical issues in the world of environmental cleanup and contaminated sediment. With the downturn in the economy, speakers will focus specifically on funding, liability and measuring the success of the money spent on these projects.

May 15. Solar & Sustainability Science Fair. Portland. Presented by PHCNW. The event celebrates people of all ages and abilities working together to develop a cleaner, more sustainable world. Solar and renewable energy companies will exhibit along side social service nonprofits. Local students will also exhibit their creative solar and sustainability projects at the high school science fair. The event site houses the largest single-roof solar array in the Pacific Northwest. Consumers and businesses alike will see innovative people building a more socially and environmentally responsible community. Exhibit booths are free but space is limited. For more information and to exhibit and sponsor, go to <http://www.phcnw.com/solar/solarinfo.html>.

June 24-26. [Ninth AEES Annual Meeting: Engineering for Ecosystem Services - Design at the Interface of Human and Natural Systems.](#) Corvallis, OR This meeting will feature research, assessment and design for a variety of ecosystem services at across multiple scales, including: Engineering design and analysis ecosystem services assessments; Design of the landscape for regional planning and ecosystems management; Ecological design and restoration for streams, riparian areas, floodplains, and other landscape features; Ecological design of urban systems, including low-impact development, green infrastructure design; Research and design of phyto- and bio-remediation systems Instrumentation systems and sensors for ecological engineering applications; and Teaching and curriculum development for Ecological Engineering education. For more information and to register, go to <http://aees2009.bee.oregonstate.edu/>.

Employment Opportunities

Student Internship Matching Service. The Business Education Compact (BEC) provides companies with access to student interns from high school to doctoral candidate levels. The year-round program makes internship easy, with a turnkey service that includes screening and recruiting strong candidates that fit your job requirements, interview scheduling, orientation, payroll, as well as management support throughout the internship. BEC is a nonprofit serving Oregon and SW Washington, connecting the classroom and workplace for the past 24 years. Contact Mark Read at the BEC: mread@becpdx.org; 503.646.0242 x37.

Internship Program – Oregon State University. Students from the Oregon State University School of Chemical, Biological, and Environmental Engineering are looking for internships. Students majoring in chemical engineering, bioengineering or environmental engineering are looking for internships. As part of our mission to graduate 'work ready' engineers we encourage our students to pursue summer industrial or government

internships. Most students are looking for summer internship positions (mid-June through mid-September) although a few employers request 6 month internships. Students work on projects which require applications of their engineering skills. The internships are paid internships; pay scales are typically from \$11.00/hr to \$18.00/hr, but the compensation is between the intern and the employer. For more information about the program or to list your opening on our website please contact Tracy Rothwell at Tracy.Rothwell@oregonstate.edu. More information about the School of Chemical, Biological, and Environmental Engineering can be found at <http://cbee.oregonstate.edu/>.

Member Discounts

Washington NEBC Members Have New Benefits Available. It has been a long time coming, but after several years of work we have secured a great plan for NEBC members in Washington. Medical coverage is provided through United Health Care. A wide range of plans are available to companies with 2-400 employees. On average companies are saving \$100 -\$150 per employee, per month. Dental, Life & Disability are also available. Additionally, some products include COBRA administration and Cafeteria plan administration at not cost to you. Click here to learn more: [http://www.cooleremail.net/users/tcversoza/FirstMailingList_Howtoget\\$a\\$quote.html](http://www.cooleremail.net/users/tcversoza/FirstMailingList_Howtogetaquote.html).

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Northwest Environmental Training Center. NEBC has partnered with NWETC to offer our member companies an exceptional opportunity to provide continuing education to its employees at a 20% discount off the published rate on all of NWETC's technical training workshops, conferences, and seminars. For more information, visit their website <http://www.nwetc.org/> or contact Erick McWayne at 206-762-1976.

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Sustainable Industries (SI). The premier magazine for sustainable business news on the West Coast. The NEBC member discount for the Sustainable Industries is better than imagined – it's still a \$10 discount, but the new annual subscription rate is only \$39 that means that NEBC members can receive this new publication for only \$29/year! For more information look to: <http://www.sustainableindustries.com/>

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NEBC Events Calendar

April			
16	The Business of Renewable Energy Conference 2009	All Day	Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center. Portland, OR
23	Brownfields Forum	11:30am – 1:00pm	Hart Crowser, Seattle, WA
28	Energy After Hours – Energy Forum	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Greek Cuisina, Portland, OR
May			
6	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: New Water Supply Options (reclaimed water & rainwater harvesting)	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
6	Rocky Mt. Chapter Reception	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Watercooler, Boise, ID
14	Cascade Chapter Luncheon: Retrofitting Buildings for Efficiency	11:30am – 1:00pm	Governor Hotel, Portland, OR
June			
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: Shoreline Cleanup (PSI Baywide Aquatic Lands Study)	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
11	Cascade Chapter Luncheon: Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology	11:30am – 1:00pm	Governor Hotel, Portland, OR
18 & 19	Ecosystem Markets Conference	All Day	Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center. Portland, OR
July			
8	Cascade Golf Tournament	Afternoon Tee Time	Langdon Farms Golf Course, Auroa, OR
16	Rooftop Mixer	5:00pm – 7:30pm	K & L Gates, Seattle, WA
September			
2	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
17	Summer Mixer	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Perkins Coie, Portland, OR
24	Climate Change Conference	All Day	Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center, Portland, OR
October			
7	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
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Dec. 7 & 8	Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show	All Day	Red Lion Hotel, Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR
Dec. 9	Hazwopper Training	All Day	Red Lion Hotel, Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR