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Columbia Section Meeting

Date: November 14th, 2007

Place: Walla Walla Community College, Water Center Rotunda
Walla Walla Community College
500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Meal: Buffet (by WWCC Culinary Arts program) \$12 per person
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at the meeting

Topic: Fish Passage Structures on the Lower Snake and Columbia Rivers

Speaker: Jack D. Sands, PE, PMP, Walla Walla Corps of Engineers

Lunch will start at 11:30, and the presentation will begin at 12:00.

RSVP: Paul Harmsen, pharmsen@mackaysposito.com or
509-374-4248 by November 12th, 2007.

President's Remarks:

Dear Members:

We had great attendance at the ASCE lunch meeting last month. We will continue our tradition of having interesting and relevant monthly presentations, so please plan on attending the monthly meetings throughout the year. At the meeting, new officers were inducted for the 2007-2008 term. The Columbia Section officers are: President: Dr. Bill Kinsel, P.E., Washington State University; Vice President: Jay Marlow, P.E., City of Richland; Secretary/ Treasurer: Paul Smith, EIT, MacKay & Sposito, Inc.; and Past-President: Paul Harmsen, P.E., MacKay & Sposito, Inc. Please welcome your new section officers!

The ASCE Columbia Section serves an area of Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon including Yakima, Walla Walla, Tri-Cities, Pendleton, and La Grande. In an effort to raise participation from other members within the section, this month's meeting will be held in the Walla Walla area. We will have several speakers this month. Our first speaker will be Maury Fortney, P.E. with Walla Walla Community College; he will give a brief presentation on the Civil Engineering program at Walla Walla Community College. Our second speaker will be Jack Sands, P.E. a Project Manager with the Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla. He will be giving a presentation on Fish Passage Structures on the Lower Snake and Columbia Rivers.

President's Remarks (cont.):

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this month's Columbia Section lunch meeting; I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Paul Harmsen, P.E.
Columbia Section, Past-President

SPEAKER:

Jack D. Sands, PE, PMP

Project Manager

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Jack has been with the Corps of Engineers/Walla Walla District since graduating from the University of Idaho in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He is licensed as a Professional Civil Engineer with the State of Washington and recently became certified through the Project Management Institute as a Project Management Professional. For the first 12 years of his career, he worked primarily in the areas of Hydrology and Open-Channel Hydraulics. For the last 15 years, he has served as project manager for a variety of Corps projects, including Continuing Authority Program studies, Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Statements, dredging-related O&M projects, and fish-passage-focused design/construction projects. His areas of professional interest include planning, environmental compliance, ESA coordination, and Columbia River Fish Mitigation. When he can escape work and lawn maintenance, he likes to spend time with his wife, play basketball, read, and hike or backpack when the opportunity arises.