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Columbia Section Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 20th, 2010

Place: **Shilo Inn, George Washington Way, Richland**

Meal: Buffet (Chef's choice) - \$15 per person
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at meeting

Topic: Real Time in Olympia "Water Policy in the 2010 Session"

Speaker: Darryll Olsen, Ph.D., Pacific Northwest Project

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

RSVP to: Paul Smith, Psmith@mackaysposito.com or 509-374-4248
by January 18th, 2010.

President's Remarks:

Dear Members:

Thank you to everyone who braved suspect weather and road conditions to attend our December meeting. I am sure that many of our members in the consulting world were interested in hearing about the pending Columbia River Crossing Study that is being conducted by the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments and the possibility of a second round of economic stimulus funding. Thanks again to Mark Kushner.

I also wanted to give you a quick reminder the ASCE renewals were due January 1. Thank you for your continued support of the Civil Engineering profession by making sure your membership is current. If any of you has ideas on how the Columbia Section could provide additional benefits to its member, please let me know.

I hope you can join us this month and as always thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jay Marlow, P.E.
Columbia Section, President

Presentation

Real Time in Olympia Water Policy in the 2010 Session

Speaker

Darryll Olsen, Ph.D.
Principal-in-Charge

Affiliation:

Dr. Olsen is principal-in-charge for The Pacific Northwest Project (PNP), a regional planning-resource economics consulting firm. The firm specializes in water, energy, and natural resource management and development issues, and economic impact assessments. The firm conducts and manages technical evaluations, administrative and legislative projects, and complex litigation actions affecting resource management.

He has about twenty-seven years of experience working on resource development and management projects for federal, state, and local agencies and private sector clients.

Education:

Dr. Olsen holds the degree of Ph.D. in Applied Energy Studies from Washington State University (WSU) (1983). The degree is an inter-disciplinary degree sponsored by the Office of Applied Energy Studies, the Program in Environmental Science and Regional Planning, and The Departments of Agricultural Economics-Rural Sociology at WSU. Dr. Olsen received his M.A. (Quantitative Analysis-History) and B.A. degree from Central Washington University (History and Philosophy, double major, with Environmental Studies minor).

Professional History:

In previous years, Dr. Olsen has worked directly with: The Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee and Northwest Irrigation Utilities (Portland, Oregon); Battelle Human Affairs Research Centers (Seattle, Washington); Argonne National Laboratory (Portland, Oregon); The Office Of Applied Energy Studies, WSU (Pullman, Washington); and the Agricultural Research Service, USDA (Yakima, Washington). Also he holds an Adjunct Graduate Faculty appointment with WSU Tri-Cities for Environmental Science/Regional Planning-590, special topics and projects in water resources economics and management.