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Columbia Section Monthly Meeting

Date: September 26, 2012, Lunch will start at 11:30, and the presentation will begin at 12:00

Place: O'Callahan's Restaurant—[Directions](#)
Shilo Inn, 50 Comstock Street, Richland WA 99352

Meal: Buffet (Chef's Choice) - \$15 for members and non-members. Please pay cash or check to treasurer at meeting.

Topic: American Energy Initiative-H.R. 6247—Saving Our Dams and New Hydropower Development Act

Speaker: Congressman Doc Hastings

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President's Remarks

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a fun filled summer! Now that our summer construction projects (and well deserved vacations) are winding down, it's time to begin another year of informative luncheons, seminars, technical tours, and maybe a useful free webinar. Your newly elected Section officers and I have been planning a number of interesting, useful, and informative presentations and topics.

Some of you have asked about starting a structural group within our Section. Fortunately we already have a very active and local Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW) South Central Chapter. On page 2, on this and future newsletters we will also publish their events in the event our members would like to cross-pollinate.

The newsletter has also undergone some changes this year you might notice. The Yakima Branch will now publish a Yakima Branch page for the Section newsletter!

I'm very delighted to have this month's speaker as none other than Doc Hastings. Doc has served in the House of Representatives for Washington's 4th congressional district since 1995. He currently serves as chairman on the Committee on Natural Resources <http://naturalresources.house.gov/> and one particular local reaching initiative is the American Energy Initiative. Doc will address our group on this Initiative and explain how it impacts our local dams, and civil engineering profession.

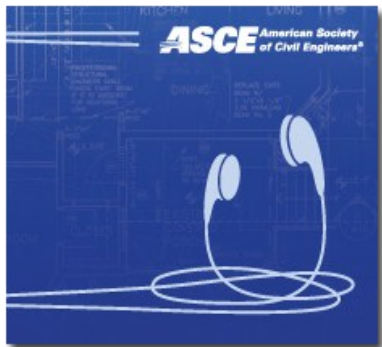
In October to supplement what Doc will address our group about, we have the great privilege of having a technical tour of the inside of McNary Dam. Due to the national security status of this landmark, this tour will require significant more advance notice for security precautions. All interested in attending, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 31st from 11:30-1:00, please RSVP with Teresa Peterson. Once the time is confirmed, we'll pass along the complete details!

Regards,

Paul Knutzen, PE, LEED AP BD+C



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SEAW South Central Chapter Meeting This Month

This month's Structural Engineers Association of Washington, South Central Chapter Program features Erika Holmes with a presentation on Hanford's Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) and some other aspects of the Hanford environmental cleanup effort. Meetings are typically held in the evening of the third Thursday of each month. This month's meeting is on Thursday, September 20th at Snipes Mountain Brewery at 905 Yakima Valley Hwy in Sunnyside. Dinner starts at 6pm and the program begins at 7pm. For any questions regarding SEAW contact president John Tate at (509) 972-3079.

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Gregoire, McKenna urge USDOE to adhere to Hanford cleanup timelines

Gov. Chris Gregoire and Attorney General Rob McKenna urged Department of Energy (USDOE) Secretary Stephen Chu to take all reasonable steps to adhere to the court-ordered timeline to clean up nuclear waste at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. [For the full story click here](#)

Engineer of the Year Award

The Tri-Cities Chapter of Washington Society of Professional Engineers is taking nominations for Engineer of the Year Award. Presentation of the award will be at the Engineers Week Banquet in February. Contact Ben Volk at 509-783-2144 or bvolk@jub.com for details.

Visit ASCE's newly created online community!

With *my* ASCE, you can voice opinions, participate in discussions, post blogs, and share photos and documents. To watch a video on how to get started log on today at www.asce.org/myasce.

The 2013 Member Renewal Contest is on; you can win \$101

For a limited time, members who [renew their ASCE membership](#) for 2013 will have the chance to win \$101. Fifteen winners will be randomly selected between now and Dec. 14, with new winners announced each week. The earlier you renew, the more chances you have to win! Renewals must be received by Dec. 14 to be eligible. Being an ASCE member demonstrates your commitment to addressing the challenges that are affecting our profession, including sustainability and infrastructure. Why \$101? See the 2012-13 Member Resource Guide sent with you September *Civil Engineering* magazine for the answer.

Get 20/20 vision on ASCE's Vision 2025 in free eLearning Webinar

Learn how you can use ASCE's Vision for Civil Engineering in 2025 to steer your Section, Branch, Institute, or Institute chapter into the future, while enhancing your and your fellow members' careers, in a free, new eLearning webinar coming in September. "[Build Your Future with Civil Engineering's Vision 2025](#)" will help you and your peers rise to a new level of leadership and professionalism. Vision 2025 calls for civil engineers to be entrusted by society to achieve a sustainable world and raise the global quality of life. Webinar instructors Mark W. Woodson, P.E., L.S., F.ASCE, and Blaine D. Leonard, P.E., D.G.E., Pres.10.ASCE, will show you how to achieve that level of trust. Set aside an hour on Thursday, Sept 27, at 1p.m. ET for this beneficial session—[register at the course page](#)

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Branch News

We would like to expand community service this year beyond Engineering Day. E-Day will remain a large part of the branch's community involvement but we think we can accomplish even more. Ideas for additional events include Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-A-Street/Highway Program, or Construction food drive programs. If you would like to help grow one of these programs in our branch, or just let us know your preference, please contact any member of the Board. Thank you!

New Yakima Branch Newsletter!

This page will be devoted to news and events specifically related to the Yakima Branch of the Columbia ASCE Section.

We would appreciate any comments or requests you may have regarding this page.

Please contact Dustin Posten at dposten@hlcivil.com.

Yakima Branch Monthly Meeting

Date: September 20, 2012
Place: WSDOT South Central Region Office (Board Room)—[Directions](#)
2809 Rudkin Road Union Gap, WA 98903
Meal: Pizza or Sandwiches - free for members and \$5 for non-members. Please pay cash or check to treasurer at meeting.
Topic: **Washington Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**
(PE License Overview, Ethics, Enforcement, Cont. Education & more)
Speaker: **Neil Norman, PE (Past Board Chairman)**
Lunch will start at 12:00 pm. The presentation will begin shortly thereafter.
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Monthly Meeting Presentation Summary

We are excited to have Mr. Norman speak at this month's meeting. As a past chairman of the Washington Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, Mr. Norman has a broad understanding and unique perspective on the current issues facing engineers and land surveyors in the State of Washington. We have asked that Mr. Norman present on a variety of topics including the role of the Board, ethical issues, enforcement actions by the board and potential future legislature including continuing education.

Because the topics are broad and the lunch hour is short, Mr. Norman encourages questions so we can spend time discussing what is important to our branch. So please be prepared with questions and we look forward to seeing everyone September 20th!

Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (YBIP)

State and local authorities met on September 10th to work on a plan to allow new groundwater uses without affecting senior water rights. This is a delicate situation that requires balancing the needs of multiple landowners in the present and future. Additionally, the Plan has received attention from Gov. Chris Gregoire.

See complete articles from the Yakima-Herald here: [Groundwater interests look to address future needs](#) and [Governor touts water plan for Yakima River Basin](#)

See detailed information from Washington Department of Ecology here: [YBIP](#)

Give 'Em a BRAKE on Snoqualmie Pass

To promote safe driving and protect the construction crews WSDOT will use cameras to record the license plates of drivers speeding on I-90 near Snoqualmie Pass. The cameras will begin enforcing the speed limit Monday September 17th.

See the WSDOT brief here: [Automated speed-enforcement cameras coming to Snoqualmie Pass](#)