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Upcoming Events

Department of Ecology
Centennial Clean Water Program, Clean Water Act Section 319 Non-point Source Program, and Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program Application cycle opens Sept. 1 and closes Oct. 31. For more information, check out website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/indexfunding.html>.

2008 Washington Finance Officers Association

Annual Conference will be held Sept. 16-19, 2008, in Yakima, Wash. For more information, check out website at <http://www.wfoa.org/>.

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IACC Quarterly is produced by the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC), which promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local programs; works to enhance efficiency and coordination in the delivery of financial and technical assistance; acts as a forum to discuss issues that get in the way of helping local governments meet their infrastructure needs; and sponsors training workshops and conferences in these arenas throughout the year.

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Beneficial and Clarktown Consolidate for Safe Drinking Water

The Beneficial and Clarktown Water Associations no longer exist, which is actually a good thing.

Beneficial and Clarktown were two "Group A" water systems located in Franklin County, with approximately 30 members (households) each. For more than six years, wells providing drinking water for Beneficial and Clarktown consistently showed nitrate levels above 22 milligrams per liter. Washington's drinking water quality standard for nitrate is 10 milligrams per liter.

As a single entity, Clark Addition Water Association will be able to cost-effectively construct a new domestic water system that provides safe drinking water to its customers. Clark Addition has secured \$1.1 million in design and construction funding through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan program. The new domestic water system

should be in operation by November 2008.

In addition to ongoing assistance from the eastern regional office of DOH, early on, USDA Rural Development provided technical assistance to the Clarktown and Beneficial water associations. Since 2006, more intensive technical assistance has been provided by the Small Communities Initiative Program (SCI). SCI is a technical assistance program funded cooperatively by the Washington State Departments of Health, Ecology and Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED).

This successful project highlights the collaborative efforts of multiple state and federal programs that routinely work together to solve health, safety and environmental issues. In the words of one Clark Addition Board member, "When [SCI] became involved, it gave us the neutral outsiders we needed. We have not had to back track



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IACC Conference...Just Around the Corner!

The 2008 IACC Conference will be held November 5-7 at the Wenatchee Convention Center.

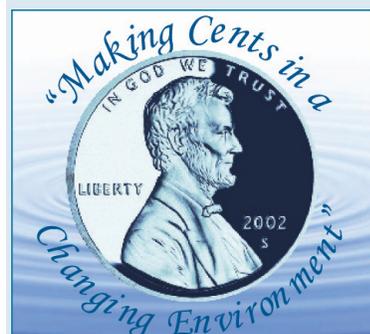
The conference is a great way to network. Representatives from state and federal funding programs, local governments, consultants, and trainers, will be in attendance, and can help you.

If you have questions about the conference, or are interested in sponsoring the conference, please contact Janea Eddy by calling her at (360) 725-3006; or email her at janea@cted.wa.gov.

To reserve a vendor table, contact Bill Cole at (360) 725-3006 or billc@cted.wa.gov.

Registration will be available in August through the Association of Washington Cities' website, www.awcnet.org/iacc.

Tech team requests will be handled through registration.





More Upcoming Events

2008 Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts

Fall Conference and Trade Show will be held Sept. 17-19, 2008 in Spokane, Wash. For more information: https://www.waswd.org/c_conference.asp.

Washington Chapter APWA

Fall Conference will be held Oct. 14-17, in Walla Walla, Wash. Call (509) 527-4463 or email DHamilton@ci.walla-walla.wa.us.

Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities

2008 State Revolving Fund Workshop will be held Oct. 19-21, 2008; Rhode Island; for information call (401) 598-8000 or check out website at <http://www.cifanet.org/conferences.html>.

Washington State Association of Counties

Fall Conference will be held Nov. 17-20, 2008, in Pasco, Wash. For information call (360) 753-1886 or check out website at <http://www.wacounties.org/wsac/>.

Washington Public Utility Districts Association

Annual Meeting will be held Dec. 3-5, 2008, at Sea-Tac, Wash. For more information check out website at <http://www.wpuda.org/calendar.htm>.

USDA Rural Development Awards Emergency Grants

USDA Rural Development recently awarded the Boisfort Valley Water Corporation (BVWC) in Lewis County with a \$352,000 Water and Waste Disposal Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG) to make emergency repairs to damage caused by the devastating storm that blew through Southwestern Washington in early December 2007 to their Wildwood Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

The ECWAG awarded to BVWC in late June will restore the Wildwood WTP's infrastructure and equipment to the level existing prior to the floods.

An additional ECWAG of \$154,000 was awarded to the Drug Abuse Prevention Center in Castle Rock after

their only well was vandalized and contaminated with an oily chemical substance. Rural Development funding will help pay for the clean up of the well and reservoir and help fund a security system.

As part of USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Programs, ECWAGs are specifically structured to address threatened water source or water supply projects and can be made to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations serving rural areas, including Native American tribes on Federal and State reservations and other Federally recognized Indian Tribal groups in rural areas.

The objective of the ECWAG Program is to assist the

residents of rural areas that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of water, or in which such a decline is considered imminent, to obtain or maintain adequate quantities of water that meets the standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act .

Grants through this program are limited to \$500,000 per project, although a single applicant may make multiple grant requests if there are multiple and separate water source issues.

For more information about this program, please contact the USDA Rural Development Community Programs Office at (360) 704-7733 or visit the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

Financing for Environmental Compliance

In the next twenty years cities, counties and tribes will need to spend billions of dollars to improve capital assets and remain in compliance with federal environmental laws.

New technologies and asset management techniques may help local governments create a plan to finance major capital assets, ensure compliance with environmental statutes and

regulations and minimize health and environmental risks.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has published a new municipal finance resource.

The Financing for Environmental Compliance (FEC) website provides a step-by-step process to help municipalities create an environmental infrastructure

financing plan. This site also provides multimedia resources such as financial and technical tools and federal and state environmental contacts.

Financing for Environmental Compliance Website: <http://www.epa.gov/Compliance/assistance/financing/index.html>

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Denise Clifford, director of the

state Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water, cited the efforts of Jonathan Galow and Cathi Read of the Small Communities Initiative Program and Steve Troendle of USDA Rural Development as key to moving the consolidation project forward. "Without their help, we believe the consolida-

tion would not have happened," Clifford said. "Jon and Cathi kept the purveyors focused on the end goal of consolidation and its benefits. They identified the best funding mechanisms available and provided a step-by-step process for meeting the requirements of multiple funding sources."