



# Nor'wester Newsletter

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## October 27th kicks off WRDA 2018 discussions

Members of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's (T&I) Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment (WRE) are hosting a roundtable this Friday to officially start discussions for a 2018 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). WRDA is the legislative vehicle for authorizing Corps projects and guiding Corps policy. This event, titled "America's Water Resources Infrastructure: Concepts for the Next Water Resources Development Act", will take place from 9:30 am to 11:30 am EDT at the Port of Miami, and will focus on water infrastructure needs and the broad challenges faced by ports and other stakeholders. A webcast will be available at the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee [website](#).

The roundtable will be led by T&I Chairman Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA), WRE Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA), and WRE Ranking Member Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA). [Additional Members of Congress will also be attending](#), along with industry stakeholders including colleagues from the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), National Waterways Conference (NWC), and American Waterways Operators (AWO).

WRDA has enjoyed longtime bipartisan support and Chairman Shuster, along with T&I Ranking Member Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), have been very successful in educating their colleagues on the importance of this legislation and keeping to a two year schedule. PNWA was very active with House and Senate Committees, as well as Members of our Northwest Congressional delegation, leading up to WRDA 2014 and 2016, and we continue to have conversations with Congressional staff

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and industry partners about how to effectively move our regional priorities forward in the next round of water resources legislation. PNWA will continue to be a strong advocate for our Northwest infrastructure projects as WRDA 2018 activities ramp up, and we will be working with our members to develop our priorities for the coming year. For questions about WRDA or to discuss the upcoming process, contact [Heather Stebbings](#).

## PNWA Spotlight: Port of Woodland

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[A unique project](#) sponsored by the [Port of Woodland](#) has officially opened this fall. Inside the Port's future Guild Road Industrial Park is a 139 year old orchard which was purchased along with land for the industrial park. Rather than bulldoze the historic orchard, the Port worked with local Boy Scout Troop 531 to restore the orchard. Over the summer, the scouts replanted trees, removed overgrowth and added trails, benches, and information placards. The Port and other community organizations contributed \$5000 to help with the project. The newly refurbished orchard is open to the public who can pick apples, walnuts, pears, plums, cherries and other fruits at no cost.

## Port of Long Beach Job Posting

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The Port of Long Beach is looking for a new Harbor Marine Manager who will be responsible for managing a 10 person team and ensuring the safe and efficient operations of the Port's marine vessel assets. Qualified candidates will have five years minimum vessel maintenance experience, seven years of management experience, and at least five years of project management experience. Knowledge of necessary regulatory compliance documents and operations and vessel regulations is also particularly important. The port is offering an annual salary range between \$130,000 and \$140,000 with a generous benefits package. Click [here](#) for more information on how to apply. The deadline to apply for this position is November 15th.

