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Next member/partner webinar: WRDA update

Given the evolving nature of the COVID-19 situation, we've canceled our 2020 Summer Conference, but don't want you to miss out on the information we all need to help our organizations address and understand the issues of the day. So we are delivering that information online instead!

WRDA 2020: AN UPDATE

Edward McGlone

**Director of Pacific Northwest Policy for Chairman Peter DeFazio
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**

**Thursday, June 4
10 a.m. PDT**

[Register here](#)



Funding our region's waterways infrastructure projects is of vital importance to PNWA

members, and the Water Resources Development Act - the legislative authorizing vehicle for U.S. Army Corps civil works projects and policies – is one of the key components. Please welcome Edward McGlone as he provides us an update on the provisions, status and path forward of this year's WRDA.

In his role, Edward is the policy lead on issues affecting the Pacific Northwest and the primary point of contact for local governments, state agencies, and private sector companies in the region. Edward also leads the Committee's efforts to combat climate change and adapt the transportation sector.

Edward brings more than a decade of experience in public policy and transportation, including work as a senior executive at public transit agencies on the west coast. An alumnus of Willamette University and a native Oregonian, Edward enjoys pinot noir, hoppy beers, and global travel.

Corps names Norton division navigation program manager

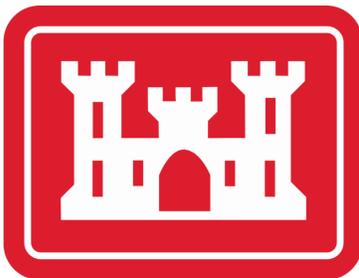
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Northwestern Division has selected Jarod Norton as their new Senior Navigation Program Manager, replacing now-retired Sheryl Carrubba.

Jarod is presently the division's Investigations and Continuing Authorities Program Manager, and has held many positions in division and district program management, operations and construction, including Mouth of the Columbia River project manager. Additionally, Jarod served as the Corps' National Dredging Program Manager on a four-month detail in 2019. His background includes development and execution of regional and national scale navigation strategies, and regularly meeting with industry leaders to discuss Corps capabilities and industry challenges.



His experience and professionalism make him an excellent fit for the role. We are delighted to welcome Jarod back to the navigation world, and look forward to working with him again. He begins his new position on June 7.

Portland District names Speer coastal project manager



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Portland District has named Greg Speer Coastal Project Manager for their Channels and Harbors Project, replacing Kate Groth, who has moved to Mouth of the Columbia River project management.

Greg is the former Channels and Harbors Project manager. He left Portland District to be closer to his family in Newport, Ore., and is excited to return to the Corps' Navigation Program and serve the Oregon coastal community.

His understanding of the Channels and Harbors mission and familiarity with the coast and local issues, project locations and needs, stakeholders, and ports will be great assets in his new role. We welcome Greg back, and look forward to working with him again!

Port of Toledo shipyard expansion continues

JH Kelly ironworkers are close to half way through the job of constructing the Port of Toledo's towering new work building. When completed later this year the \$5.1 million, 90-foot tall structure will provide the yard with a contained, all-weather environment to conduct painting, sandblasting, welding and other work.



"It's designed to take our large 660-ton mobile lift," said Port Manager Bud Shoemake, "allowing it to move large commercial fishing vessels and other craft in and out easily. The building provides environmental controls for maintenance and construction work."

[Read more here](#)

Meira named to WSDOT freight stakeholder group



PNWA Executive Director Kristin Meira has been asked to serve on a Washington State Department of Transportation freight stakeholder group to develop recommendations for a Washington freight advisory committee.

The recommendations will include defining the committee's purpose and goals, roles and responsibilities, reporting structure, and proposed activities. They will also include how the committee can address improving freight mobility including, but not limited to, addressing insufficient truck parking in Washington State, examining the link between preservation investments and freight mobility, and enhancing freight logistics through the application of technology.

WSDOT plans to facilitate three to five freight stakeholder group meetings chaired by Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar, beginning in June.

[Learn more here](#)

