



# Nor'wester newsletter

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## Welcome new member Cascadia Law Group

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[Cascadia Law Group PLLC](#) provides clients with the most effective representation available in our region. We represent clients in litigation and regulatory matters that include complex, sometimes controversial environmental, land use, and natural resource issues. Our partners come from some of the largest international firms in the country, senior policy positions within government, and regulatory agencies.

Chambers USA, Best Lawyers in America, and other leading research firms and publications recognize us as a top regional firm. Our clients cover the spectrum of players in the environmental arena, including government agencies, Fortune 100 companies, and small businesses.

Our clients come to us because we solve problems. We set out first to understand each client's objectives. We then apply our knowledge of the law, persuasive skills, political acumen, and creative thinking to attain those goals. We have successfully helped our clients resolve many of our region's most difficult environmental issues.

Cascadia Law Group's representative to PNWA will be Matt Love. Matt can be reached at 360-786-5057 or [mlove@cascadialaw.com](mailto:mlove@cascadialaw.com).

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## Thank you to our Annual Convention Sponsors

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[Registration for our 2020 Annual Convention is now open](#). We will bring you elements

of our traditional annual convention virtually via Zoom meetings and webinars October 6-8. We are excited to bring you several keynote speakers and panels, as well as the opportunity to vote on leadership positions and our 2021 Policies and Projects. We will also honor the very best of PNWA, plus our 2020 Legislator of the Year.

Registration is free and open to PNWA members, partner agency staff members, and elected officials and their staffs.

**Reminder:** Please submit your nominations for our Distinguished Service and Walter H. Evans Memorial Awards to [Randi Besser](#) by Friday, August 21st.

*We would like to thank our latest 2020 Annual Convention sponsors for their support:*

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*Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at the [Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels](#). Request a sponsorship when you register for the convention, or contact [Randi Besser](#) [by email](#) or at 503-234-8550 for more details.*

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## Rural placemaking funding available - includes broadband

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development has announced its Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge, which provides planning support and technical assistance to foster placemaking activities in rural communities. Funds will help enhance capacity for broadband access; preserve cultural and historic structures; and support the development of transportation, housing, and recreational spaces.

USDA is making \$1 million in grants available.  
The maximum grant award is \$250,000.

[Learn more about the program and application process here.](#) Applications are due Sept. 10.



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## Comments requested on draft Coastal Zone assessment and strategy

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**OREGON**  
Department of  
Land Conservation  
& Development

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development is accepting comments on the draft Coastal Zone Management Act §309 Assessment and Strategy 2021–2025. This document represents the Oregon Coastal

Management Program’s proposal for funds available under Section 309 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

### [Public Notice](#)

#### [Draft Coastal Zone Management Act §309 Assessment and Strategy 2021–2025](#)

Comments must be submitted by the close of business on Monday, September 7, 2020 to [Heather.Wade@state.or.us](mailto:Heather.Wade@state.or.us) or mailed to 635 Capitol St NE # 150, Salem, OR 97301.

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