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Senate resumes WRDA work

After returning from the August recess, the Senate has set a deadline of noon tomorrow to receive amendments to the [Senate version](#) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). In order to limit the number of amendments, Senate leadership agreed that all amendments will need the approval of Chairman Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and Ranking Member Barbara Boxer (D-CA). The final bill could move as early as next week.

PNWA staff is currently in Washington, D.C. discussing WRDA with the Northwest Congressional delegation. We will continue to monitor the process and will update our members on any additional developments. For more information contact [Heather Stebbings](#).

Port of Longview announces new CEO

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The Port of Longview appointed Norm Krehbiel as the Port's new CEO last week. PNWA would like to congratulate Norm and we look forward to working with him. More details are available in the Port's press release:



Longview, WA-Port of Longview's Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed Norm Krehbiel to lead the Port of Longview as Chief Executive Officer. Krehbiel has served as the Interim CEO since January.

"While serving as Interim CEO, it was apparent that he was the clear choice to lead the Port of Longview into the future," said Commission President Bob Bagaason. "Norm is well-respected by the staff and the community at large, and we are delighted he will lead the Port as our official CEO."

Krehbiel joined the Port in 1993 as the Director of Facilities and Engineering, managing the construction and maintenance of nearly 850 acres of infrastructure and property development. In 2008, he was appointed Deputy Executive Director and later Chief Operating Officer before being named Interim CEO this year.

"This is an exciting step in my career and I thank the Board of Commissioners for their confidence in my ability to lead our organization," stated Krehbiel. "I am honored to be leading a team that is so strongly committed to the success of our Port and our community."

Krehbiel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University. He is active in many industry industry-related organizations and serves on the local Public Facilities District Board. He resides in Longview with his wife, Denise.

Port of Chelan County completes airport runway extension

The Port of Chelan County celebrated the completion of their runway extension project last month. The new runway is now 7,000 feet long and will allow increased air service at the Port's Pangborn Memorial Airport. Congratulations to the Port on their successful completion of this important project. The Port's press release is below:



Federal and State Senators and Representatives, County and Port Commissioners, Chambers of Commerce, and many guests attended the Pangborn Airport Runway Extension Project Celebration on August 11. With over 10 years of planning, partnerships, and collaborations, we now have a 7,000 foot runway. This increased length allows continued economic development growth for North Central Washington and long term viability of this great aviation transportation asset for Washington State. On August 11, 75 years ago, it was approved to build Pangborn Memorial Airport. We have come so far in those 75 years, and we look forward to what the future holds for growth in air service destinations and prosperity for the region.

Port of Chelan County seeking Executive Director

The Port of Chelan County has announced an opening for a new Executive Director. The Port is looking for a candidate with at least five years of general management experience, ideally with some public sector experience, solid leadership skills, and strong real estate knowledge. More information about the job, requirements, and application details can be found in the [job listing](#). The deadline for applications is September 23rd.

East Columbia Basin Irrigation District job posting

The East Columbia Basin Irrigation District is accepting applications for a [development coordinator](#). Ideal candidates will have a Bachelor's Degree and five years experience in project

planning experience. Interested applicants will need to fill out an application which is available at the main office at 55 N 8th Ave, Othello, WA or can call 509-488-9671 ext. 115 with questions. The position deadline is September 19th.

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