

PNWER Water Policy  
 Monday, July 18, 2016  
 9:30am - 5:30pm  
 Hyatt Regency  
 Bannerman/Walker

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*Co-chairs: Senator Jim Honeyford, Washington State Senate & David Hill, Centres and Institutes and Research Advocacy (CIRA) University of Lethbridge*

Through its Water Policy Working Group, PNWER provides an important dialogue to address water policy issues throughout the Pacific Northwest region. By connecting with legislators, private-sector and universities, we work to identify best practices to improve water security, adaptation of climate change, and storage options.

### Monday Morning 9:30am - 12:15pm

#### Water Use in Industry

This session explores the critical connections between water and industry, with a focus as well on external drivers that are changing the perception of how water management should be integrated into business decision making.

- Water Use in the Oil Sands, Now and in the Future, Connections to Watersheds
  - Dr. Brett Purdy, Acting Executive Director for Water and Environmental Management, Alberta Innovates, Energy and Environment Solutions
- Exploring Possibilities in the Water-Food-Energy-Environment Nexus
  - Kim Sturgess, CEO, Alberta WaterSMART
  - Lindsay Kline, Researcher and Policy Analyst, Alberta WaterSMART
- Clean Water Innovation Initiative for Puget Sound
  - Egils Milbergs, Chairman, Pure Blue Water Alliance

### Monday Afternoon 2:30pm - 5:30pm

#### Everything Watersheds

This session will explore some of the emerging science and practices that can improve environmental performance in watersheds, moving beyond theoretical approaches to practical and in practice approaches.

- The Key Role of Stakeholders and Voluntary Actions
  - Shannon Frank, Executive Director, Oldman Watershed Council
  - Rhonda Clarke-Gauthier, Executive Director, Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance
  - Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh, Board Member, South East Alberta Watershed Alliance
  - Mike Kelly, Chair, Bow River Basin Council
- Functional Environmental Flows, From Science to Action
  - Dr. Stewart Rood, Professor, University of Lethbridge, Department of Biological Sciences
  - Dr. John Mahoney, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development; University of Lethbridge adjunct faculty Biological Sciences Department
- U.S.- Canada cooperation on boundary issues
  - Chris Sandrolini, Director, Office of Canadian Affairs, U.S. Department of State
  - Greg Lermeyer, Deputy Director, U.S. Transboundary Affairs, Global Affairs Canada