

**All Meeting Times Listed in Eastern Time**

**Monday, November 9, 2020**

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm      **NWRA Board of Directors Meeting**

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3:00 pm - 4:00 pm      **NWRA Irrigation Caucus Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm      **NWRA Municipal Caucus Meeting**

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12:30 pm - 1:00 pm      **Commissioner Burman Keynote**  
Brenda Burman is the 23rd Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau of Reclamation is the nation's largest wholesale water provider and its second largest producer of hydropower. Hear how Reclamation has taken meaningful steps over the last four years to engage and empower water users and how it will continue building on these efforts.

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1:00 pm - 2:30 pm      **Congressional Outlook: Elections, Committees, and the End-of-the-Year Infrastructure Push**  
Congress will have major issues to tackle after the election. This panel will feature subject-matter experts who will break down all the key issues that need to be addressed before the end of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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3:00 pm - 4:30pm      **Water Management Around the World**  
You may not be able to travel internationally, but we will do the next best thing and bring fascinating speakers and international water leaders to you. Leading water experts from around the world—including Australia, Chile, Israel, and New Zealand—will discuss efforts in their home countries to provide water to cities and farms.

- Mr. Darvin Fales, Secretary-Manager, Columbia Basin Hydropower
- Ms. Mel Brooks, Chief Executive, MHV Water (New Zealand)
- Mr. Alan Shea, GM Operations, Murrumbidgee Irrigation (Australia)
- Mr. Alon Ben-Gal, PhD, Agricultural Research Organization Gilat Research Center (Israel)

## Tuesday, November 10, 2020 continued

8:00 pm

### Whiskey and Water Virtual Whiskey Tasting

Network with fellow water users in an informal virtual environment that will include a guided whiskey tasting. This fun event will be of interest to all NWRA members, whether they imbibe or prefer to enjoy non-alcoholic refreshments. Whiskeys sampled will include [Jameson Irish Whiskey](#) and [Basil Hayden Dark Rye](#). Tasting principles can be applied to all whiskeys. Please note, due to state liquor laws, each registrant is responsible for providing their own whiskey. Not a fan of whiskey? You can still join in the fun and learn interesting whiskey/water facts, laugh, and network with fellow water professionals.

## Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veterans Day, no sessions)

### All Meeting Times Listed in Eastern Time

## Thursday, November 12, 2020

11:00 am - 12:00 pm [NWRA Groundwater Caucus Meeting](#)

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12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

### Western Water and Wildfire

This year, 48,858 fires have burned over 8.6 million acres of land in the United States. Fire has taken lives, destroyed property and ecosystems, and created lasting challenges for water managers. Speakers will discuss impacts to water systems and also examine federal, tribal, and state efforts to address the growing threat of catastrophic wildfire.

- Mr. Dave Edgerton, President, Association of California Water Agencies, Moderator
  - Ms. Holly Hinojosa, Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senator Steve Daines
  - Mr. Bruce Hallin, Director of Water Supply, Salt River Project
  - Mr. Nils Christoffersen, Oregon Board of Forestry, Executive Director, Wallowa Resources
  - Ms. Jacque Buchanan, Deputy Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, USDA Forest Service
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3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### Inside Washington

Get one-of-a-kind insight from both the left and the right. Hear from former members of Congress, policy experts, and Washington insiders as they discuss both the politics and the policies that will affect water users following the 2020 elections.

- The Honorable Dennis Cardoza (D-CA, Ret.)
  - Ms. Christine Arbogast (Moderator)
  - Mr. Marcus Faust, President, Marcus G. Faust, P.C.
  - Mr. Sean Taylor, Senior Director, Van Ness Feldman
  - Ms. Ana Schwab, Director of Governmental Affairs, Best, Best & Krieger
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