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Snohomish County Public Works Employees to Share Expertise at International and Regional Industry Conferences

Topics to be presented: SR 530 mudslide response and recovery, healthier lakes, leadership development and knowledge transfer

EVERETT, Wash., September 12, 2016 – In the next few months, four Snohomish County Public Works employees will be sharing their knowledge and expertise with their peers at three different industry conferences. As presenters, the employees will be discussing organizational topics in the workplace such as knowledge transfer and leadership development. Other topics to be covered include, ways to motivate people towards positive choices for healthy lakes, and the county's experience in the response and recovery of a natural disaster, the SR 530 mudslide. Presenters will also attend sessions at each of the conferences to learn from other organizations and gain outside perspectives.

Past and future presentations given by county employees can be viewed at:

<http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/3703/Public-Works-Presentations>

Snohomish County Public Works Upcoming Presentations:

Power of Leadership Development in Advancing Organizational Project Management

Date: September 25, 2016

Conference: Project Management Institute (PMI) Global Congress North America, San Diego, CA

Presenters: Gina Hortillosa, Interim Engineering Manager, Transportation & Environmental Services, and Zahid Khan, Managing Engineer, King County Solid Waste Division

Beyond effective project management skills, organizations need strong leadership to be successful. This session will inspire attendees to develop and deploy their own customized leadership improvement strategies by learning from a case study.

Tackling Knowledge Transfer at a Project Level While Aiming for Operational Impacts

Date: September 27, 2016

Conference: Project Management Institute (PMI) Global Congress North America, San Diego, CA
Presenters: Gina Hortillosa, Interim Engineering Manager, Transportation & Environmental Services, and Zahid Khan, Managing Engineer, King County Solid Waste Division

Attendees will learn various knowledge transfer organizational approaches based on real world cases. This session will inspire attendees to effectively integrate knowledge transfer into their day-to-day project management responsibilities and encourage the removal of organizational knowledge transfer barriers.

Response and Recovery of SR 530 Landslide

Date: September 28, 2016

Conference: 54th Annual Road and Street Maintenance Supervisor's Conference, Yakima, WA
Presenters: Doug McCormick, Interim Transportation and Environmental Services Director and Dave Schonhard, Solid Waste Operations Manager

Presenters will share their personal experiences from during and after the response and recovery efforts of the SR 530 mudslide in 2014. Attendees will learn how Snohomish County Public Works coordinated with other agencies, including the reimbursement of federal funds through FEMA and the Washington State Military Department, as well as the development of debris-removal plans and strategy.

LakeWise: Motivating and Inspiring Clear Choices for Healthy Lakes

Date: November 3, 2016

Location: 36th International Symposium, North American Lake Management Society, Banff, Alberta, Canada

Presenter: Marisa Burghdoff, Water Quality Specialist II

In this session, attendees will hear about the successes and lessons learned from Snohomish County's LakeWise Program. Established in 2012, the program's goal is to achieve long-term phosphorus reduction in the county's lakes caused by residential activities, including yard care practices, poorly maintained septic systems, stormwater runoff, and pet waste. By educating lake community residents, the county has been able to build awareness of water quality impacts that residents have on their lakes and effects of behavior change through incentives and partnerships to implement best management practices.

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About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department employs approximately 600 staff members that develop and maintain county roads; control and manage surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversee the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks.