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Snohomish County Public Works Employees to Share Expertise during National Public Works Conference

Employees presenting on the impacts of climate change and for the APWA Futures program

EVERETT, Wash., August 19, 2019 – Sharing knowledge with industry peers is a good way to spread innovative ideas and brainstorm new ones. Snohomish County Public Works employees have been invited to share their knowledge on the impacts of climate change and take part in the Futures program workshops during the annual American Public Works Association (APWA) national conference Public Works Expo (PWX). The conference will be held Sept. 8-11, 2019, in Seattle, hosting more than 5,000 Public Works employees from around the nation.

“Having the national conference in our own backyard is an amazing opportunity for our staff to share our expertise with other Public Works professionals,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Steve Thomsen said. “It is also a great opportunity for us to learn new techniques and gain knowledge that can ultimately help us to improve our services to Snohomish County residents.”

Thomsen and Snohomish County Sustainability and Special Projects Coordinator Manuela Winter will present “Integrating Climate Change Considerations into Public Works Projects and Supporting Sustainable Fish, Farms, and Agriculture in Snohomish County” on Sept. 10 along with Snohomish Conservation District Natural Resources Program Manager Cindy Dittbrenner and Cascadia Consulting Group Senior Associate Andrea Martin. Snohomish County Public Works Design Manager Charlie Green and Senior GIS Analysis Brenden McLane will also be present to answer questions as well.

Snohomish County Public Works Engineering Services Director Janice Fahning and Design Engineer Vera Savenkova will take part in the APWA Futures Program on Sept. 9. The program allows current industry professionals to host engineering, public administration, planning and construction students and recent graduates for workshops and presentations.

“This gives us an opportunity to not only share our knowledge with the next generation but also to make contacts with prospective employees so we can continue to bring the best and the brightest to Snohomish County Public Works,” Fahning said.

Fahning and Savenkova will present and help run workshops on resumes and interviewing for professional public works positions.

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees 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.

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