



# MAY 30-31

## WATER SUPPLY **SEARCHING** FOR CERTAINTY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES



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Location is Fox Hall, Bellingham WA. Registration Required.

This free two day symposium will focus on local water supply issues including factors influencing water available for in-stream and out-of-stream uses, and status of water supply in Whatcom County. Each session of the symposium will have a moderated question and answer session. Regional and local experts and speakers will provide information on the laws around water use, perspectives on who and what is at risk if local water issues are not resolved, and other topics.

Event sponsored by: WRIA 1 Watershed Management Project  
Whatcom Farm Friends Whatcom Watersheds Information Network (WWIN)

### ***May 30 Setting the Stage***

**8:30am-5:00pm**

#### Day 1 Sessions:

##### Whatcom County Water Uses

What does the water budget tell us?

What are the out of stream uses of water?

What are the in stream water uses?

##### Legal Uses of Water

What do federal and state laws say about how water can be used and by whom?

Why did the Tribes petition the federal government for a quantification of water rights? What does it mean?

##### Economy, Community, & Water

How is the economy influenced by water supply?

Who and what is at risk if the uncertainties around water supply are not resolved?

### ***May 31 Paths to Solutions***

**8:30am-3:30pm**

#### Day 2 Sessions:

##### Case Studies

What has been done elsewhere? What can we learn from those efforts?

##### Road to Solutions

What has already been done in Whatcom County?

##### Local and Regional Options

What are options that can be taken locally?

##### Applying the Lessons Learned

How do we apply the lessons learned to a plan for moving forward?

## Day 1- Setting the Stage

8:30am-9:00am	<b>Registration-Check-In</b> <i>Check-in early and enjoy some coffee and conversation while viewing posters and displays.</i>
9:00am-9:30am	<b>Key Note- Jay Manning, Partner Cascadia Law Group</b> <i>Jay Manning, a partner with Cascadia Law Group, former Chief of Staff for Governor Christine Gregoire, and former Director of Washington State Department of Ecology, has extensive experience with water supply, water rights, and instream flow topics and knowledge of Whatcom County's water issues.</i>
9:30am-12:00pm	<b>How is Water Being Used in Whatcom County?</b>
9:30am-10:00am	<b>Water and Land Use - Craig MacConnell, Session Moderator</b> <i>How does water figure into land use planning? Mark Personius, Whatcom County Planning and Development What does the water budget tell us about water use? Dr. Christina Bandaragoda, Silvertip Solutions</i>
10:00am-11:10am	<b>What are the current uses of water in Whatcom County? Craig MacConnell, Session Moderator</b> <i>Agriculture-Henry Bierlink, Farm Friends; Industry- Invited; Non-Municipal Supply (private wells, water associations, water districts)- Dave Olson, Cornerstone Management; Municipal Supplies- Bill Vervolf, City Administrator, City of Lynden Question/ Answer Session</i>
11:10am-11:20am	<b>Morning Break</b>
11:20am-12:00pm	<b>Water and Fish - Rebecca Schlotterback, Session Moderator</b> <i>What do fish need, what are the ESA-listed species, how have populations changed? Ned Currence, Fish Biologist, Nooksack Tribe Natural Resources Department Invited Question/ Answer Session</i>
12:00pm-12:45pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
12:45pm-2:10pm	<b>Who Can Use the Water?</b>
12:45pm-1:55pm	<b>Water and the Law - Jay Manning, Session Moderator</b> <i>State Water Law- Speaker to be confirmed Federal Law and Tribal Water Rights- Michael Mirande, Esq. and Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law; Tribal Petition to Federal Government, Diana Bob, Esq., Lummi Nation</i>
1:55pm-2:10pm	<b>Round Table of Legal Perspectives on Water Law- Jay Manning, Session Moderator</b> <i>Michael Mirande, Esq.; Bill Clarke, Esq.; Diana Bob, Esq.</i>
2:10pm-2:20pm	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
2:20pm-4:45	<b>Who and What is at Risk?</b>
2:20pm-2:40pm	<b>The Economy - Dr. Hart Hodges, Director of Western's Center for Economic and Business Research</b>
2:40pm-4:45pm	<b>Land Use, Community, and Cultural Heritage: A Round Table Discussion- Clare Fogelson, City of Bellingham and Bill Clarke, Esq. Session Moderators</b> <i>A moderated round-table discussion of local representatives providing perspectives on what is at risk for their interests and what are their ideas on workable solutions. Included in this round table discussion are: Agriculture-Marty Maberry, Whatcom County Berry Grower; Water Associations-Skip Richards, Catalyst Consulting; Environment-Bert Webber, Retired Huxley College Professor; Municipalities-Save Banham, City of Lynden; Cultural Heritage- Randy Kinley, Jr., Lummi Nation; Land Use Planning-Jean Melious, Esq.; Fish Populations-Ned Currence, Nooksack Tribe Natural Resources Dept. (invited); Land Development-Roger Almskaar, Land Use Consultant and president of the Whatcom Chapter of Citizens' Alliance for Property Rights; Rural Real Estate-Perry Eskridge, Government Affairs Director, Whatcom County Association of Realtors Question/ Answer Session</i>
4:45pm-5:00pm	<b>Wrap-up of Day 1</b>

## Day 2- Paths to Solutions

8:30am-9:00am	<b>Registration-Check-In</b>	
	<i>Check-in early and enjoy some coffee and conversation while viewing posters and displays.</i>	
9:00am-9:10am	<b>Welcome - Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws</b>	
9:10am-9:30am	<b>Key Note- Kelli Linville, Mayor of Bellingham and Former State Legislator</b>	
	<i>Kelli Linville, Mayor of Bellingham, spent 18 years representing the 42nd District as a representative on the Washington House of Representatives and as a member of the House Agriculture and Ecology Committee was actively involved in legislative efforts to find solutions for the complex water issues that faced Whatcom County.</i>	
9:30am-12:00pm	<b>The Road to Solutions</b>	
9:30am-10:45am	<b>Learning from Case Studies - Carl Weimer, Session Moderator</b>	
	<i>Lummi Peninsula Groundwater Negotiations- Harry Johnson, Esq. invited</i>	
	<i>Tulalip Tribe and City of Everett Mediation- Michael Mirande, Esq.</i>	
	<i>Dungeness Water Management Rule- Ann Wessel, Washington Department of Ecology</i>	
	<i>Question/ Answer Session</i>	
10:45am-11:00am	<b>Morning Break</b>	
11:00am-12:00pm	<b>What has been done to date in Whatcom County? - Bill Knutzen, Session Moderator</b>	
	<i>Technical Studies, Planning, Instream Flow Negotiations, and Tribal Request for Declaratory Action- Jeremy Freimund, Water Resources Manager, Lummi Nation Natural Resources</i>	
	<i>Question/ Answer Session</i>	
12:00pm-1:00pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
1:00pm-3:15pm	<b>Applying the Lessons Learned</b>	
1:00pm-2:00pm	<b>Local and Regional Options - Rep. Vincent Buys, Session Moderator</b>	
	<i>Working in the Existing Framework- Chuck Lindsay, Associated Earth Sciences</i>	
	<i>State Water Trust- Amanda Cronin, Washington Water Trust</i>	
	<i>Natural Resource Marketplace- Heather MacKay, FHB Consulting Services</i>	
	<i>Water Supply Planning- Jon Hutchings, City of Bellingham</i>	
	<i>Willamette's Workable Solutions- Bruce Roll, Clean Water Services</i>	
	<i>Question/ Answer Session</i>	
2:00pm-3:15pm	<b>The Fork in the Road - Jon Hutchings, Session Moderator</b>	
	<i>Are we at a fork in the road toward different paths to resolution? A moderated panel discussion to help chart out the different paths forward considering what has been done to date, lessons learned, community interests, and local economy. Panel includes: Michael Mirande, Esq., Bruce Roll, Clean Water Services, Ann Wessel, Washington Dept. of Ecology, Other panelists invited</i>	
3:15pm-3:30pm	<b>Wrap-up of Day 2</b>	