

WAID

Tentative Conference Agenda **2nd Annual Meeting of WAID** **Hilton Garden Inn, Casper Wyoming** **November 11 & 12 2024,** **M/C: Steve Lynn**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 9:00am Welcome / Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions
- 9:05am Meeting is called to order
A) Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
B) Treasurer Report
C) Review Updated By-laws
D) Member Comments
- 9:30am **Brian Brown CPA- Summit West CPA Group – Annual Auditing**
- 10:00am Break sponsored by **Western Heritage Consulting & Engineering**
- 10:10am **April Snell Executive Director – Oregon Water Resources**
System Improvements, battling Lawfare
- 11:00am Breakout Sessions-
A) Easements – Historic use
B) Handling subdivisions- Brian Duyck
C) Conserved Water & Special Use Permits
- 12:00Noon Lunch sponsored by **HDR Engineering** **Videos: Cynthia Lummis,**
- 1:00pm **Kris Polly President & CEO – Water Strategies LLC**
The state of irrigation and water use?
- 1:30pm **Keith Denos, PE, MS, MBA – GK Denos Consulting**
Large Project planning, resources, execution
- 2:30pm Open forum on Current issues being addressed
A) Moving water rights within a District-update
B) State Statutes 41-7- update
C) Saving irrigated farmland- update

- 3:15pm Break sponsored by **Western Heritage Consulting & Engineering**
- 3:30pm Ric Herman
- 3:45pm **Dan Keppen – Family Farm Alliance – Washington DC report**
- 5:00pm Adjourn for Social Hour – sponsors- **Agri Industries, EA Engineering,**
- 6:30pm Evening Banquet, sponsored by- **JUB Engineering**
Keynote Speaker: Brandon Gebhart, Wy State Engineer
Board of Control, Challenges, Successes

“LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 8:00am Open with Pledge of Allegiance
State Legislative update- Cheri Steinmetz
- 8:30am **“Wyoming’s Weatherman” Don Day Meteorologist**
Long Range Forecast – What to expect
- 9:00am Funding for Rehabilitation, Presented by:
A) BOR programs- **Stacey Johnson**
B) NRCS programs- **Katelyn Vaporis**
C) WWDC programs- **Chace Tavelli**
D) Wyoming Grants Management Office- **Christine Emminger**
- 10:00am Break sponsored by **Western Heritage & Engineering**
- 10:15am **Mark Pepper, Executive Director – Wy Assoc of Rural Water Systems**
- 10:45am **Chris Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General - Water and Natural Resources Division – The status of Wyoming’s Water**
- 11:30am Elections of Officers
- 12:00noon Meeting will adjourn
- 1:00pm Irrigation District Managers Meeting (all are welcome to attend)