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December 2024 Newsletter

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Hello Members of the Group,

The December meeting was held via Zoom on 12/18/2024 at 10:00 AM.

Attendees:

Kathy Caldwell – City of Snohomish; Don Leland – STOP Inc.; Randy Hude – Arbiter Incorporated; Iliya Andreev – City of Redmond; Wednesday Smith – Batgirl Backflow Testing; Brandon Balliet – City of Bellevue; Alex Gobble – City of Belfair; Matthew Miller – City of Lynden; Carla Snyder – Coal Creak Utility District; Chris Sutton – Backflows Northwest; Will Riley – Northshore Utility District; DeLynn Erickson – Woodinville Water District; Phone 206-446-0401, Tim Cantwell – Woodinville Water District; Candida Granillo-Dodds – WA DOH; Mariano Romulo – City of Lynnwood Public Works; Mickey Hildebrand – Northshore Utility District; Brett Baker – City of Bothell; Justin Smith – City of Wenatchee

Old Business. Iliya expressed concern about making the transition for the treasurer position from Chris Sutton to Iliya Andreev. A separate meeting between them is scheduled.

New Business – Planning! Discussion proceeded about upcoming events and topics in a nonlinear fashion, but for ease of reading the month-to-month discussions are presented in a linear fashion as below:

January meeting on 1/15/2025: last January we had topic planning. It was decided that the BAT Forum Finalization will take place in the January meeting since the BAT Forum is moved up from March to February 2025.

February meeting on 2/19/2025: the annual BAT forum will be held via Zoom from 9 am to Noon PST on 2/19/2025. The expectation is that the BAT Forum in February plus being a Zoom meeting will boost attendance and interest. Eric Shea, the new director of WETRC is proposed as a speaker, as well as Henry Chang of USC FCCCHR.

March Meeting on 3/19/2025: Meeting still taking shape but expected to involve a Fire System Q & A, a robust meeting with purveyors, inspectors, and fire-system testers/installers to boost our understanding.

April Meeting on 4/16/2025: Annual Seminar planning with the officers/committee. Meeting to take place *in person* at Woodinville Water District.

May Meeting on 5/21/2025: Backflow Case Studies and Preventive Actions with DOH are the proposed topics for this Zoom meeting in May. Speakers are being invited and the line-up should be finalized by the January meeting.

June Meeting on 6/18/2025: Alex with the City of Belfair is going to present the program utilized in Belfair that he inherited and streamlined, including a review of the WAC requirements and sharing his experiences with SwiftComply. Bill Bernier and Joe Barbee are also hopeful presenters during this meeting.

July Meeting on 7/16/2025: Field Trip planning – in the past, we've visited treatment sites, factories, WSP Fire Training Academy, etc. Field trips normally have 12-25 attendees. Some hard possibilities will be discussed in the January meeting. The possibilities were narrowed to the following: Amazon Spheres location in downtown Seattle, Brightwater Plant, and Fire Academy. Results of the investigations will be shared on the January 2025 Zoom Meeting.

August Meeting on 8/20/2025: Group Picnic. Sites recommended – Woodinville, Redmond, Wenatchee? Don recommended alternating the conference location with the picnic, i.e., Conference up north, picnic south, Conference south, picnic north. Point was made that Woodinville is free, Redmond is free, and free would be preferable. Site selection might hinge on the site of the October annual seminar.

September Meeting on 9/17/2025: Software update NEWSAM/SEA Changes

October Meeting on 10/15/2025: Location to be researched. Tulalip or other casino location recommended. Delynn volunteered to scope out the Delta Hotel in Everett. 2024 seminar held in Tacoma, so front-runner now is Delta Hotel pending investigation.

November Meeting on 11/19/2025: Elections for 2026 will be held.

December Meeting on 12/17/2025: – 2026 Calendar planning!

Next meeting is 1/15/2025! We will finalize the field trip options, group picnic locations, and annual seminar locations. BAT forum outreach will be conducted for speakers. A formal invitation will be sent via email ~1/7/2025.

Zoom Meeting Link for January 15, 2025:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100205777?pwd=aHBpTXJHWFprRTg2TFkyWnB0MEM3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 861 0020 5777

Passcode: 301047

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kathy approximately 11:23 AM PST.