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## MEET SHAVON HAYNES

The Oregon Water Resources Department is excited to introduce Shavon Haynes, District 13 Watermaster in Medford; he became Watermaster February 2017. Shavon began his employment at OWRD as the Southwest Region Assistant Watermaster in 2007. During his time as an assistant Watermaster he worked under Larry Menteeer and Travis Kelly which afforded him the opportunity to assist

with many well inspections. Mr. Haynes feels that the work he and the staff at OWRD do is important, and as an agency, we work hard to make a difference in our great state of Oregon. In addition, he feels fortunate and privileged to work with people he considers friends.

When Shavon is not busy with Watermaster tasks, he likes to spend time outdoors with his family, including winter time when he enjoys snowboarding and cross-country skiing. Other favorite hobbies include playing basketball, surfing, and he is also skilled in the art of bubble making. Shavon may be reached at (541) 774-6883 or [Shavon.L.Haynes@oregon.gov](mailto:Shavon.L.Haynes@oregon.gov).

## WELL CONSTRUCTION STAFF UPDATE



Please join the Oregon Water Resources Department in welcoming Linda Walker to the Well Construction & Compliance Section as the new Well Log Review Coordinator.

Linda, who is taking over for Buffy Gillis, started on February 1, 2019. She brings with her extensive experience in federal and state funding programs, enforcement, and compliance, to include providing direct administrative support to regional project and portfolio managers, inspectors, and field staff.

Linda received her bachelor's degree in integrated studies from Eastern Oregon University, incorporating three minors including communication, anthropology, and sociology.

She notes that she is passionate about the wellbeing (pun intended) of the planet and those that dwell on it. While Linda is transitioning into her new position, please continue to contact Buffy Gillis at (503) 986-0856 or [Buffy.M.Gillis@oregon.gov](mailto:Buffy.M.Gillis@oregon.gov) for your amendment and geotechnical invoicing concerns. Linda can be contacted at (503) 986-0850 or [Linda.K.Walker@oregon.gov](mailto:Linda.K.Walker@oregon.gov).

## NEW DISTRICT 14 WATERMASTER

Please join the Oregon Water Resources Department in congratulating Scott Ceciliani for his recent promotion to District 14 Watermaster in Grants Pass.

Scott brings loads of regional knowledge from his time as both a Well Inspector and a Regional Assistant Watermaster for the Southwest Region. Mr. Ceciliani has shown a commitment to his work, accountability to the team and exceptional time management skills in balancing multiple responsibilities.

Scott may be reached at (541) 261-2213 or [Scott.C.Ceciliani@oregon.gov](mailto:Scott.C.Ceciliani@oregon.gov).

## EAST REGION WELL INSPECTOR RETIRES

After 17 years working as the East Region Well Inspector, Bob Maynard has retired.

Bob, a licensed and bonded Water Supply and Monitoring Well Constructor, brought a wealth of knowledge and experience about the construction of water supply and monitoring wells to the Department. Bob was issued his driller's license in 1995, and had worked as a well constructor while at the same time owning his own well construction company. Bob's vast knowledge of the well construction industry and his relationships with the well constructors in his region have been very valuable.

Bob will be missed by those that he worked with, due in part to his ability to educate others, his conscientiousness, and his boundless sense of humor. Please join us in wishing him all the best as he begins a new adventure.

Please direct all East Region well construction issues to Joel Jeffery, who can be reached at (503) 986-0852 or [Joel.W.Jeffery@oregon.gov](mailto:Joel.W.Jeffery@oregon.gov).

## WELL CONSTRUCTOR LICENSE EXAM

The next well constructor license exam is scheduled for April 8, 2019 at the Salem office of the Oregon Water Resources Department located (in Room 124A) at 725 Summer St NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Individuals interested in taking the exam should submit a completed application, along with exam fee of \$20, to Buffy Gillis, the licensing coordinator, in advance. The exam will commence promptly at 9:00 am and conclude at 1:00 pm.

Buffy can be reached for questions or comments at (503) 986-0856 or [Buffy.M.Gillis@oregon.gov](mailto:Buffy.M.Gillis@oregon.gov).



## DRILLING OPERATOR KILLED AT PHOENIX SITE

The following information is meant as a reminder to follow all site safety protocols and to always remember that safety comes first.

On May 21, 2018, in Phoenix, Arizona, an employee was operating an IMT drill rig (Model AF300) drilling shafts ranging in depth of 12 to 45 feet and 10 feet wide for overhead light rail track concrete caissons. The employee finished drilling a 32 foot deep by 10 foot wide shaft and was moving the drill rig to the next drill location. A track on the drill rig came too close to the completed shaft and the ground beneath the drill rig gave way. The drill rig fell sideways and the operator fell out of the rig and into the shaft. The employee was covered by dirt and suffocated.

## Drilling Operator... cont'd



The employee had been operating the rig with the door open, and was not wearing a seatbelt.

Because the drilling machine collapsed into the shaft, the operator was trapped and immediate rescue was not possible. It was not until the next day that two 300 ton capacity lifting cranes were brought to the accident site and were able to remove the drilling machine from the shaft and recover the body of the operator.

(Source: OSHA; Inspection Detail. Accessed February 14, 2019. [https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/establishment.inspection\\_detail?id=1317846.015](https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1317846.015).)

## UNDERGROUND UTILITIES KNOW YOUR COLORS

What is the first thing you should do before you drill or dig a hole in the ground? Call 811 to make sure that you aren't digging into a buried natural gas, electric, telecommunications, water, or sewer line.

When you drill or dig a hole in the ground, you have made an excavation, and by law you must call 811 before you drill or dig. There is one exception for private property owners and tenants: You do not have to request a locate if you own or live on the property, *and* the excavation is less than 12 inches deep, *and* is not in an established easement. Do not rely on old drawings or maps to locate buried utility lines, either. They may not be reliable.

In 2017, the Oregon Public Utility Commission reported 600 utility strikes throughout the state. An average of almost 2 utility strikes per day!

The Oregon Utility Notification Center (OUNC) is the state agency that administers the statewide notification system. When you call the 811 number, your call will be routed to the OUNC.

Here is how the 811 Notification System Works:

(1) Call 811 at least two business days before you plan to dig; (2); tell the operator where you are planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing. The OUNC will notify the affected local utility companies about your intent to dig; and (3) within two business days, the utility will send a locator to mark the approximate location of the underground lines, pipes and cables with color coded paint so you will know where they are.

APWA Uniform Color Code	
White - Proposed Excavation	Pink - Temp Survey Markings
Red - Electric, Conduit, Cables	Yellow - Gas, Oil, Steam
Orange - Communication/CATV	Blue - Potable Water
Purple - Reclaimed Water, Slurry	Green - Sewer & Drain Lines



# PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD



Drilling in the snow.



Setting up to repair a well.



Preparing to drill dewatering wells.



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