



**The American Water Resources Association  
invites you to attend the  
45th Annual Water Resources Conference  
November 8 -12, 2009 ~ Seattle, WA**

The AWRA conference provides a unique opportunity for water resources professionals from all disciplines to meet, exchange information, and find inspiration and friends.

The Washington State Section of the American Water Resources Association is proud to host the 2009 AWRA Annual Conference at the Red Lion Hotel in beautiful Seattle, Washington. With magnificent Puget Sound at its doorstep and Mount Rainier and the towering Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges visible in the distance, the Emerald City is second to none in terms of scenic splendor. The Conference venue is located in the heart of downtown Seattle. It is also adjacent to our vibrant Waterfront, myriad art galleries and museums, flamboyant Capitol Hill and world famous Pike Place Farmers Market. There are a multitude of shopping opportunities, sights and experiences to enjoy when not engaged in conference activities. You'll want to extend your stay to allow time to visit some our islands and other fabulous nearby destinations.

The 2009 Annual Conference will provide a forum for participants to explore the many multidisciplinary aspects of water resources. In addition to the diverse mix of technical sessions offered at all AWRA conferences, we will focus attention on a broad range of technical, social and legal topics that are of national and international interest, including conflicts over water and efforts to resolve them; recent advances in water resource monitoring, modeling and analysis; effects and responses to drought, floods, and other natural calamities; and collaborative efforts to address transboundary and international water issues. Regional topics will highlight efforts to protect and clean up Puget Sound, and address emerging issues on the Columbia River, salmon recovery and stormwater management. Of special interest to AWRA members, the 2009 conference will comprise many special topic sessions, including a presentation and panel discussion of the findings of AWRA's ongoing "Water Resources Concerns in the Next Decade" project, an in-depth survey of AWRA members by IMPACT editors that will elucidate the most important water-related issues facing our country, and identify actions necessary to address them.

A number of technical workshops and general interest field trips are being arranged, including a ferry tour of Puget Sound, Lake Washington's Ballard Locks, local stream and lakefront restoration projects, and Seattle's Cedar River municipal watershed and fish passage facilities located in the heart of the beautiful Cascade Mountains. Student activities and special events designed to engage conference participants with regional water resource managers, watershed planners, and community representatives in a facilitated "public discourse" are planned.

If you have questions, would like further information or want to volunteer to help, contact the Conference Chair, Cleve Steward at [cleve.steward@amec.com](mailto:cleve.steward@amec.com) (Tel. 425-921-4029). Volunteers willing to review abstracts and help us develop the conference program are especially needed. We are also interested in hearing from individuals who would like to serve as session moderators or organize special sessions or panel discussions that address specific topics of interest. For those wishing to make presentations at the conference, the Call for Abstracts opens in February and ends in early May.

We look forward to your participation in the 2009 AWRA Conference. We guarantee your experience will be a memorable one.

**For more information, please visit [www.awra.org](http://www.awra.org)**

