

John W. Keys III Partnership Program (Pacific Northwest)

With an ever changing workforce in the Pacific Northwest, Reclamation has worked to ensure that its new employees swiftly gain a full understanding of the challenges faced by irrigation district managers. This training program was developed by Reclamation, the Oregon Water Resources Congress, and several Oregon and Idaho irrigation districts to enhance Reclamation employees' understanding of the operation of an irrigation district. The irrigation districts in turn gain a better understanding of Reclamation. Overall, the program is working to break down barriers and foster better working relationships between Reclamation and the districts.

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