

# PROGRAM AND ABSTRACTS

## DAY 2

### 2021 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

#### **Stan Isley receives this year's AWRA-WA Service Award for "Outstanding Contribution to Washington's Water Resources"**

The Outstanding Water Resources Professional Award for 2020 is being presented to Stan Isley at this year's state conference.

Stan's career in Water Resources at the Department of Ecology spanned more than three decades. He served as watermaster in the Teanaway basin (Yakima tributary) where curtailing less senior water right holders was a regular part of the job. In the 2015 drought he had the difficult task of cutting off all but one of the irrigation water rights in the Teanaway.

Stan was detailed to act as Ecology liaison to the Bureau of Reclamation for the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project on what I am told was a 90 day assignment. He retired from that position 25 years later. He provided invaluable service to the Water Transfer Working Group which includes participants from all the major water user groups in the Yakima Basin. In order to maintain the integrity of the water transfer process in the basin, someone had to crunch all the numbers. Stan scrutinized every water transfer in the basin for 20 years, routinely finding and correcting math errors in quantities, seasons, and places of use. All of us looked to him for verification. He had the trust of all participants across the spectrum of water users.

His diligence and integrity have certainly earned him recognition for career accomplishments.