



## April 2024 Newsletter

Please submit questions/comments to [admin@sallal.com](mailto:admin@sallal.com).

<p><b>Annual Members Meeting</b></p>	<p>Thirty members participated in Sallal’s annual member meeting on March 26 and 232 members submitted valid ballots for the election of board members. This constitutes 11.8% of the eligible voting members participating either in person, by proxy, or through a mail-in ballot. Per Article III, Section 4 of the bylaws, votes from at least 5% of the members that are entitled to cast votes must be represented at the annual meeting in person, by proxy, or by mail-in ballot to establish a quorum to transact association business.</p> <p>You did it again! Sallal sends its appreciation to those that submitted their ballot. We met the required quorum to hold the required meeting. Two incumbent board members, Eric O’Brien and Shawn McKone, were re-elected for another 3-year term. Don Wise was elected to serve out the remaining 1-year term of his appointment.</p> <p>We are grateful for your continued support of the Association and encourage all members to participate through their votes and attendance.</p>
<p><b>State Pays for Sallal’s Connection to City</b></p>	<p>The updated projected cost of constructing the intertie for Sallal to receive water from the City of North Bend is \$1,879,000. In the 2024 legislative session, Senator Mark Mullet successfully sponsored a bill to fund the full amount for Sallal through a Department of Health grant. Sallal Water Association wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the efforts and support from Senator Mullet to ensure Sallal can continue to provide safe, dependable, and affordable drinking water to current and future Sallal members.</p> <p>The intertie project is on schedule to meet the June 30, 2025 due date.</p>
<p><b>General Manager Resigns</b></p>	<p>Sallal’s General Manager, Kristina Parker, resigned in February of this year. She brought significant improvements to the business side of Sallal since mid-2021 both in hiring great office staff and streamlining processes. Her departure is a tremendous loss for Sallal. The board is in the process of hiring a new General Manager.</p>
<p><b>Board Vacancy</b></p>	<p>A board seat has become vacant due to the resignation of Daylin Baker. Daylin has served as Vice President of Sallal’s Board for several years, working tirelessly towards leaving Sallal in a better position than when she joined the Board in 2018.</p> <p>The Board will appoint a member to Daylin’s vacancy who shall hold office until the next annual member meeting in March of 2025, at which time the members will vote to elect a trustee for the unexpired term of 12 months. If you are an individual member in good standing, would like to be considered by the Board to fill the vacancy, and can dedicate at least 10 hours a month to Board service, please submit a bio to <a href="mailto:admin@sallal.com">admin@sallal.com</a> or mail to Sallal Water Association Attn: Board Elections, PO Box 378, North Bend, WA 98045. Your submittal must be received by Sallal no later than 4 p.m. on May 17, 2024. Interviews will be held by the Board at the May 21 Board Meeting.</p>

<b>Backflow And Cross-Connects</b>	<p>It's backflow prevention inspection time again!</p> <p>If you are required to have an annual backflow prevention inspection, you will receive notification from Sallal in the mail. They are due by July 31.</p> <p>A cross connection is any connection to the public water supply that can allow contaminants to enter the system. This can happen if water from a facility, home, or irrigation system flows backwards into the distribution system. Properly operating backflow devices prevent this flow reversal and protect Sallal's water from contamination.</p> <p>The Safe Water Drinking Act of 1974 and the Washington Administration Code 246-290-490 require all public water systems in Washington State to conduct an on-going Cross Connection Control Program to protect the public water supply from contamination from cross-connections. The Sallal Water Association adopted a cross-connection control program in 1998 with the goal of premise isolation. The Association is not responsible for eliminating or controlling cross-connections within the customer's water system.</p> <p>The goal of the Association's Cross-Connection Control Program is to prevent non-potable water from returning into the public water system.</p> <p>Sallal staff evaluate all residential and commercial connections we serve to determine whether backflow protection is required based on regulatory requirements as well as the appropriate type of backflow prevention. The Association has the right to deny service to any member who does not install a required backflow device or if the member does not complete annual testing of the backflow device. Annual notices are sent to all property owners that have or are required to have a premise isolation backflow device, reminding them of the annual testing requirements.</p> <p>More information on Backflow and Cross-Connections as well as a list of certified testers is available on the Sallal Website at: <a href="https://sallal.com/backflow-and-cross-connect-information/">https://sallal.com/backflow-and-cross-connect-information/</a></p>
<b>Eastside Fire &amp; Rescue Wildfire Home Assessment</b>	<p>Eastside Fire &amp; Rescue's (EF&amp;R) Emergency Management Division is offering homeowners a home assessment for external ignition risks.</p> <p>See the program flyer at: <a href="https://sallal.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Wildfire-Safe-Eastside-Pub-Info-Handout-2024.pdf">https://sallal.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Wildfire-Safe-Eastside-Pub-Info-Handout-2024.pdf</a> or find the link on our home page at <a href="http://www.sallal.com">www.sallal.com</a></p>
<b>New Field Operator</b>	<p>Please join us in welcoming Scott Hemingway to Sallal's field operator position. Scott comes to us with extensive water system management experience and certifications. Give him a wave when you see him out in one of Sallal's field trucks!</p>