

## Virtual Breakfast



### Water Takes Center Stage

During the Spokane River Forum's H<sub>2</sub>O Virtual Breakfast Wednesday, the president of the Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative and director of the Coeur d'Alene Water Department, Terry Pickel, described practices the community is employing to preserve the Spokane River while meeting the needs of a rapidly growing area.

[Click here](#) to learn more from the Coeur d'Alene Press.

### Virtual H<sub>2</sub>O Breakfast Available on YouTube

Attended by over 130 participants, the March 31st Spokane River Forum 2021 Virtual H<sub>2</sub>O Breakfast was packed with information and dialog. [Click here](#) to view on YouTube.



Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, CEO of Clean Water Services (CWS) was our keynote. Located west of Portland in the Tualatin River Watershed, CWS serves over 600,000 customers.

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Diane's keynote spanned a 50-year history that begins with a building moratorium due to pollution and a river so impaired you could straddle it with your legs. With her "one water" message, she shares the innovations and collaborative spirit that has led to a diverse gray and green infrastructure that keeps their waterways clean and flowing.

Regional water report speakers then made ties to meeting water supply needs in the Little Spokane Watershed (Mike Hermanson, Spokane County), over the Spokane Valley – Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer (Terry Pickel, Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative), and the principles of sustainability guiding the City of Spokane's work (Cadie Olsen).

Thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible and providing leadership we count on to keep our water clean, flowing and available.



**The Spokane River Forum is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that creates materials, events and activities that promote sustaining a healthy river system while meeting the needs of a growing population.**