

NATIONAL

Election Results Make a Difference in our Business and our Lives

November 6th gave the US population yet another chance to either change or maintain our destiny. At the National level, the Senate majority went unchanged but the House of Representatives will now be controlled by the Democratic party. Soon we will know if California's Nancy Pelosi will return as House Chair. Within our region, here is a brief recap of the Federal and State election results by State.

Idaho, has not elected a Democrat to the federal level since 2008. Both incumbent Simpson and newcomer Fulcher received over 60 % of the votes. Brad Little won the governor's position also with 60% of the vote. How did the FWAA PAC support do? 100% of the candidates we supported were elected so we could not be more pleased.

Oregon is where the Blue Wave hit leaving the Democratic party with control of the Governor's office, House and Senate. The Republican party failed to pick-up a single seat. Unless recently counted ballots cause a change, a super majority may exist in both chambers.

Washington State re-elected Senator Maria Cantwell by 58%, Representative Rick Larsen also re-elected by 72%, both Democrats. The other house positions closely watched for their agricultural interests were re-elected. For other federal positions check out this [website](#). On the state level with some votes yet to be counted we can plan on the Democratic party to control the Governor's office, the House and the Senate. An important Initiative was 1631 (the energy tax) which was defeated by 56%. This was an initiative that was strongly supported by FWAA and many television and print advertisements displayed the FWAA name and logo. To see how the other State Wide Measures did click [here](#).

In Utah, Mitt Romney was elected to the Senate on the Federal level and the Senate seat on the State level of interest was won by incumbent Scott Sandall who was supported by FWAA.

Nevada, Steve Sisolak was elected Governor and ran as a Democrat. Congratulations to the winners and we look forward toward working with each of them to create and ensure a favorable business environment.

-Jim Fitzgerald

WASHINGTON

Washington State Department of Agriculture will Consider a Regulation Modification Requested by FWAA

This week we received a phone call from WSDA in response to our October 18, 2018 letter asking for a revision regarding the maintenance and inspection of anhydrous ammonia piping. The regulation currently states that *"The inspection shall include a visual observation for any evidence of leaks, spills, cracks, solar decay or wear"*.

As we shared with WSDA that technology has changed and so have the alternatives to detect faults especially in the area of pressure testing. Some companies have already voluntarily adopted a new standard for pressure testing which mirrors an existing ANSI standard and in addition, they have adopted their own intervals that work for their specific company.

As a result, FWAA has recommended that 16-201-240 (1) should read as follows: *"The inspection shall include a visual observation or a pressure test for any evidence of leaks, spills, cracks, solar decay or wear"*.

We believe this addition will more accurately reflect what is occurring within the industry and allow an improved method of testing to be incorporated into the department's responsibilities to make certain no leakage or ruptures occur. WSDA stated that they are receptive to the change and are willing to work with us on this request in the future.

-Jim Fitzgerald

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