

Association of Clean Water Administrators

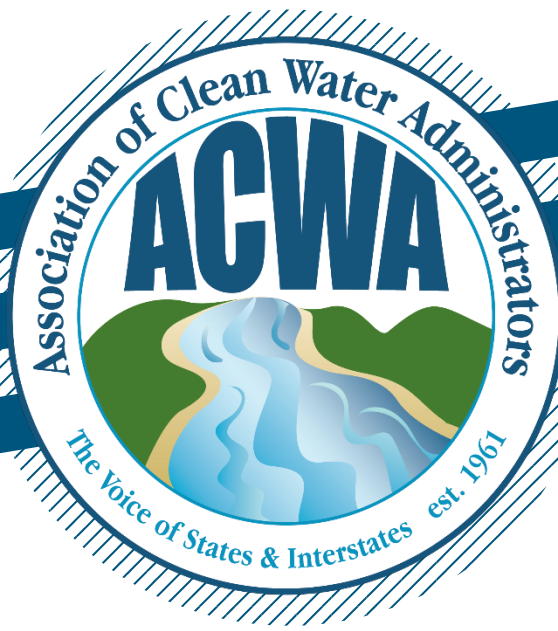
63rd ANNUAL MEETING

Water's Future: Challenges and Next Steps for CWA Policy

Renaissance New Orleans Pere Marquette French Quarter Area Hotel

New Orleans, Louisiana

August 21st – 23rd , 2024



SPECIAL THANKS TO

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee Members Amanda Vincent (LA), Trevor Baggione (AZ), Jennifer Feltis (NJ).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

ALL TIMES CENTRAL DAYLIGHT

12:00 – 5:00 PM **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Storyville III

6:00 – 9:00 PM **LEADERSHIP DINNER**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

ALL TIMES CENTRAL DAYLIGHT

This is a Closed Meeting – State/ Interstate Program Staff, Office of Water Partners and Other Invited Guests Only

Storyville I and II

7:30 – 8:30 AM **REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE**
Storyville Foyer

8:30 – 9:00 AM **NEW MEMBER / FIRST TIME ATTENDEE BREAKFAST**
New members and/or first-time attendees to the Annual Meeting are invited to join ACWA Board of Directors members for breakfast and learn more about the association and ways to get involved.

Sean Rolland, Deputy Director, Association of Clean Water Administrators

9:30 – 10:00 AM **WELCOME AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
ACWA President Amanda Vincent will kick off the 2024 Annual Meeting and introduce the keynote speaker Acting Assistant Administrator Bruno Pigott. Mr. Pigott will provide an overview of current initiatives and priorities for the remainder of the year.

Amanda Vincent, ACWA President, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Bruno Pigott, Acting Assistant Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water

10:00 – 11:00 AM **303(d) PROGRAM STATE OF THE STATES**
This session will provide an update on the newest iteration of the 303(d) Program State of the States project. Throughout this process, ACWA staff and Watersheds Committee Chairs held calls with staff from each state to discuss and answer a series of questions regarding the status and future efforts of the 303(d) Program at the state and national levels. This session will highlight trends and changes seen across the program over the last 5 years, and look ahead at how it will change as Vision 2.0 comes into effect.

Jasper Hobbs, Environmental Program Manager, Association of Clean Water Administrators

Traci Iott, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

11:00 – 11:15 AM **BREAK**

11:15 – 12:30 PM **NPDES PROGRAM UPDATES**
During this session EPA will provide updates on several draft and yet to be proposed NPDES guidance polices and rulemakings including discharges through groundwater (Maui), future permits for CSOs, market-based approaches, PFAS Requirements in NPDES Permit Applications, and updates on national general permits. EPA OECA will also talk about important state/EPA collaborative efforts focused on ICIS-NPDES Modernization

and the future of violation analysis and response. Ohio will also share information about relatively recent formal permit objections from EPA that they are addressing in their state NPDES programs. ACWA staff will share recent discussions regarding 10-year NPDES permits.

Maria Lopez-Carbo, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, United States Environmental Protection Agency

Kevin Weiss, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, United States Environmental Protection Agency

Ashley Ward, Division of Surface Water, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Sean Rolland, Association of Clean Water Administrators

12:30 – 2:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES

Storyville Foyer

2:00 – 3:30 PM

CWSRF UPDATES & A DISCUSSION OF HOW STATES ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF WATER TA OPPORTUNITIES

This session will focus on several national updates including an overview and status update on BIL/CWSRF funding, along with technical advisor related updates including lagoon tools, emerging contaminants, nonpoint source environmental financing, decentralized systems, and compliance advisors.

Facilitator: Cathy Allen, Office of Wastewater Management, United States Environmental Protection Agency

BIL/CWSRF Updates

Andrew Sawyers, Office of Wastewater Management, United States Environmental Protection Agency

Emerging Contaminants Update and the South Thornton Drainage Project

David Giglio, Washington State Department of Ecology

WaterTA Overview

Morgan Brown, Office of Wastewater Management, United States Environmental Protection Agency

New Collection System Training Initiative

Richard Friesner, New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

Water TA and Compliance Advisor Case Studies

Jenny Dodd, Eastern Research Group

New Lagoon System Tools

Sara Hisel-McCoy, Office of Science & Technology, United States Environmental Protection Agency

3:30 – 3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45 – 5:00 PM

WATER AND WASTEWATER CYBERSECURITY: RESEARCH, RESOURCES, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND RESILIENCE

Representatives from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Agency (CISA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the drinking water program and the clean water program will discuss current and future efforts to improve water and wastewater cybersecurity resilience.

Lauren Wisniewski, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Nushat Thomas, Office of Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency
Anthony DeRosa, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
Shellie Chard, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

5:00 PM

DAY 1 CONCLUDES

6:00 – 8:00 PM

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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8:00 – 9:30 AM

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9:30 – 10:45 AM

OFFICE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY: PFAS UPDATES

During this session members of EPA OST will share recent and upcoming efforts related to PFAS. This session will also provide an opportunity for questions and discussion from ACWA Members.

Deborah Nagle, Director, Office of Science and Technology, United States Environmental Protection Agency

10:45 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 PM

STATE PANEL ON THE TRIBAL RESERVED RIGHTS RULE

This session will feature a panel discussion from state members, discussing how the final Tribal Reserved Rights Rule may affect their programs going forward. Panelists will share their thoughts on the changes included in the final rule, as well as potential positives and challenges that may come from it.

Dana Vanderbosch, Assistant Commissioner for Water Policy and Agriculture, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Vince McGowan, Water Quality Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology

Jennifer Zygmunt, Water Quality Division Administrator, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

12:30 – 2:00 PM

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OWOW'S APPROACH TO SUPPORTING STATES ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION

Representatives from OWOW will provide attendees with an overview of their efforts to support states in protecting water resources. The presentation will cover nutrients, Integrated Reporting, NARS, monitoring, and How's My Waterway.

Brian Frazer, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, United States Environmental Protection Agency

3:30 – 5:00 PM

COLLABORATING TO ADDRESS NUTRIENT POLLUTION

This session will provide updates from EPA, the State of Louisiana, and representatives of the agricultural sector on collaborative nutrient reduction efforts and the development of new tools and resources to track and assist in the implementation of state nutrient reduction strategies.

Update on EPA Nutrient Dialogues Story Map

Jaime Gaggero, Deputy Water Division Director, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 7

Amanda Reed, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 7, Water Division

State of Louisiana Efforts to Address Nutrient Pollution

Amanda Marshall, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Nutrient Reduction Collaboration with the Agricultural Sector

Shawn Richmond, Agricultural Nutrient Policy Council

5:00 PM

DAY 2 CONCLUDES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

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HOT LEGAL TOPICS: A ROUNDUP OF THE LATEST LITIGATION SHAPING CWA POLICY

The session will focus on the latest legal developments and challenges in the field of clean water law and federal administrative law.

Ward Scott, Environmental Program Manager, Association of Clean Water Administrators

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BUSINESS MEETING

Members of the Executive Committee will provide attendees with an overview of the Association's accomplishments and financial health.

11:00 – 12:00 PM

STATE LESSONS LEARNED ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO DRIVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

This session will feature a panel discussion on how state programs can and currently are incorporating environmental justice across the different programs in their state agencies.

Barbara Bennett, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Nicole Rowan, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Shelly Lemon, New Mexico Environment Department

Jane Sawyers, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

12:00 PM

DAY 3 CONCLUDES