

*Association of Clean Water Administrators*

# **63<sup>rd</sup> 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 Baggio (AZ), Jennifer Feltis (NJ).

# TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

## ALL TIMES CENTRAL DAYLIGHT

12:00 – 5:00 PM	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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

7:30 – 8:30 AM	REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE
8:30 – 9:00 AM	<b>NEW MEMBER / FIRST TIME ATTENDEE BREAKFAST</b>  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.  <i>Sean Rolland, Deputy Director, ACWA</i>
9:00 – 9:30 AM	<b>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</b>  <i>Amanda Vincent, ACWA President; Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality</i>
9:00 – 9:30 AM	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>  Acting Assistant Administrator Bruno Pigott will provide an overview of current initiatives and priorities for the remainder of the year.  <i>Bruno Pigott, Acting Assistant Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water</i>
9:30 – 10:30 AM	<b>303(d) PROGRAM STATE OF THE STATES</b>  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.  <i>Jasper Hobbs, Environmental Program Manager, ACWA</i> <i>Traci Iott, Supervising Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP</i>
11:00 – 11:15 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
11:15 – 12:30 PM	<b>NPDES PROGRAM UPDATES</b>  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.

**Chris Kloss**, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Barbara Van Til**, Office of Compliance, Office of Compliance and Enforcement Assurance, United States Environmental Protection Agency, **(Invited)**

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

**12:30 – 2:00 PM**

**LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES**

**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.

**BIL/CWSRF Updates**

**Andrew Sawyers**, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, United State Environmental Protection Agency

**WaterTA Overview and Examples:**

**Morgan Brown**, Office of Wastewater Management, United State Environmental Protection Agency

**Cathy Allen**, Office of Wastewater Management, United State Environmental Protection Agency

**David Giglio**, Washington State Department of Ecology, **(Invited)**

**Barbara Van Til**, Office of Compliance, Office of Compliance and Enforcement Assurance, United States Environmental Protection Agency, **(Invited)**

**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.

**Nushat Thomas**, Cybersecurity Branch, Office of Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Lauren Wisniewski**, Water and Wastewater Sector Liaison, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security 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**

**AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION FOR ATTENDEES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**

## ALL TIMES CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME

### This is a Closed Meeting – State/ Interstate program staff, Office of Water Partners and Other Invited Guests Only

<b>8:00 – 9:30 AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:45 AM</b>	<b>OFFICE OF SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY: PFAS UPDATES</b>
<b>10:45 – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>STATE PANEL ON THE TRIBAL RESERVED RIGHTS RULE</b>  This session will feature a panel discussion from state members, discussing how the final Tribal Reserved Rights Rule may effect 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.  <i>Dana Vanderbosch</i> , Assistant Commissioner for Water Policy and Agriculture, MN PCA <i>Vince McGowen</i> , Water Quality Program Manager, WA DOE
<b>12:30 – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH FOR ATTENDEES</b>
<b>2:00 – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>OWOW'S APPROACH TO SUPPORTING STATES ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION</b>  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.  <i>Brian Frazer</i> , Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>3:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:30 – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>COLLABORATING TO ADDRESS NUTRIENT POLLUTION</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>DAY 2 CONCLUDES</b>

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**

**ALL TIMES CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME**

**This is a Closed Meeting – State/ Interstate program staff, Office of Water Partners and Other Invited Guests Only**

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE**

**9:30 – 10:30 AM**

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

**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**

**12:00 PM**

**DAY 3 CONCLUDES**

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