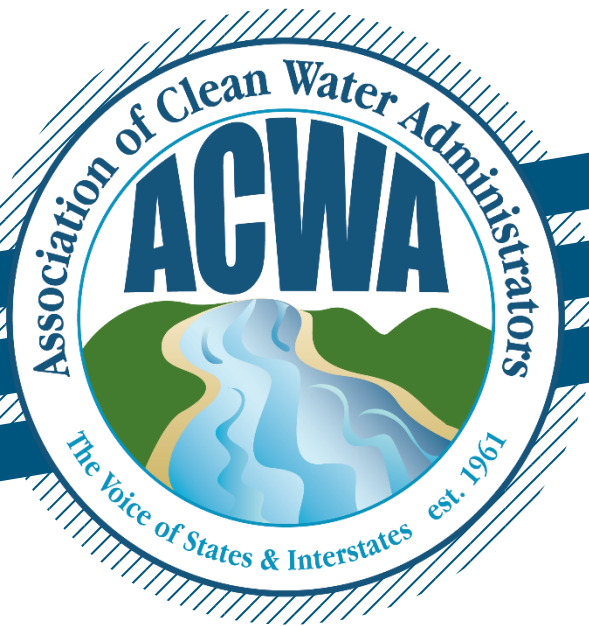


Association of Clean Water Administrators

2025 Mid-Year Meeting

March 12-13, 2025

Navigating Policy & Regulatory Change Together



TUESDAY, MARCH 11

1:00 – 5:00 PM ET

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 PM ET

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEADERSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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

7:30 – 8:30 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:00 AM

WELCOME & KEYNOTE

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Aligning Priorities: EPA Office Director Updates

The Office Directors from OWM, OST, and OWOW will join us to discuss their priorities for the coming year and highlight areas for collaboration and coordination with the states and interstates.

Brian Frazer, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Office of Water *(Invited)*

Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water
TBD, Director, Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water

10:15 – 11:15 AM

Updates from ACWA's State Partner Organizations

Representatives from ACWA's state partner organizations – The Association of Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA), the National Association Wetland Managers (NAWM), Western States Water Council (WSWC) and the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) will join in a moderated panel discussion focusing on key issues and areas ripe for collaboration.

Ben Grumbles, Executive Director, ECOS

Anthony DeRosa, Interim Director of Operations, ASDWA

Deirdre Finn, Executive Director, CIFA *(Invited)*

Marla Stelk, Executive Director, NAWM *(Invited)*

Michelle Bushman, Deputy Director & General Counsel, WSWC

11:15 – 12:00 PM

Looking Ahead: Water Policy, CWA Amendments, and Infrastructure in Congress

What lies ahead in the new congress? Will water make the short list? Will we see CWA amendments? A new infrastructure fund? How will the budget look for EPA? This panel will touch on the prospects for these and other important issues.

Joe Brown, Professional Staff Member, Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito, U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works *(invited)*

Ryan Hambleton, Staff Director, Water Resources and the Environment, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (*invited*)

12:00 – 1:30 PM

LUNCH

1:30 – 3:45 PM

Regional State/ Interstate to State/Interstate Discussions

Attendees will be broken out into small groups organized by EPA Regions and ACWA staff will lead state/interstate to state/interstate discussions.

R1 & R2	Julia Anastasio
R3 & R4	Lexy Bailey
R5 & R6	Jasper Hobbs
R7 & R8	Sean Rolland
R9 & R10	Ward Scott

*Interstate representatives can join the regions they cover.

Breakout Session Questions:

1. What is the single most pressing water quality issue facing your state/interstates today?
 - a. What resource(s) could help you solve/address this issue?
2. Assuming your most pressing issue gets solved, what two major trends in water quality management do you foresee significantly impacting your state/interstate in the next 2-5 years?
3. If EPA's staff and other resources are cut (including STAG funding), how would your program be impacted?
 - a. What plans do you have to try and fill the gap(s)?
4. In what ways could your relationship with the EPA Regional Office be improved? (No attribution here)
5. In what ways can ACWA assist your state as you work to address your most pressing challenges?
6. Name one or two federal statutory or regulatory changes you think would improve water quality management in your state.
 - a. What is working/ not working? What needs to be modernized?

3:45 – 4:00 PM

BREAK

4:00 – 5:00 PM

REGIONAL REPORT OUT (12 minutes each)

Each breakout group will provide an overview of the discussions held in their group.

5:00 PM

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7:30 – 8:30 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Environmental NGO Challenges and Recommendations

Representatives from ACWA’s environmental organizations will join in a moderated panel discussion focusing on organizational challenges and recommendations for moving forward.

Jon Devine, Senior Attorney & Director, Freshwater Ecosystems Nature Program, Natural Resources Defense Council

Gary Belan, Senior Director, Clean Water Supply Program, American Rivers
TBD, EPIC

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Industry Challenges and Recommendations

Representatives from industry will join in a moderated panel discussion focusing on organizational challenges and recommendations for moving forward.

Adam Krantz, CEO, National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)

Steve Dye, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Water Environment Federation

Courtney Briggs, Senior Director, Government Affairs, American Farm Bureau Federation and the Agriculture Nutrient Policy Council

Michael Mittelholzer, AVP, Environmental Policy, National Association of Home Builders

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 PM

Open discussion, partnering, potential regulatory or statutory updates, common themes, areas of follow up or action.

12:30 PM

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SAFE TRAVELS HOME & WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN AUGUST 2025 AT THE 64TH ACWA ANNUAL MEETING!

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