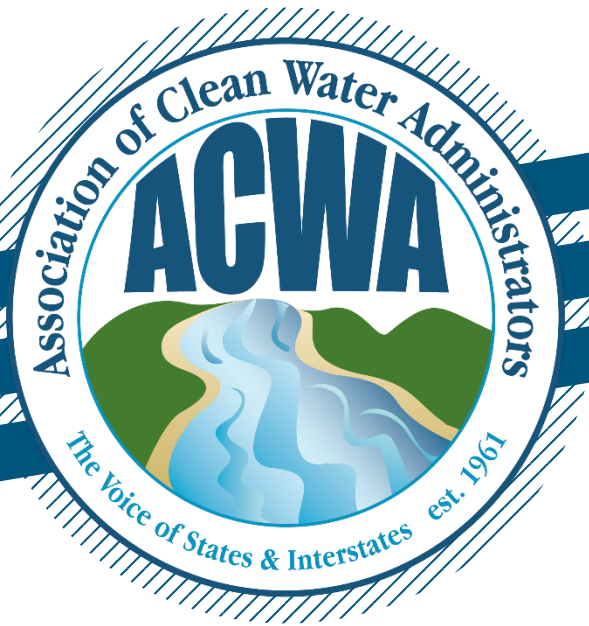


*Association of Clean Water Administrators*

# **Virtual 2021 Mid-Year Meeting**

**March 17-18, 2021**



# MONDAY, MARCH 15

12:00 – 5:00 PM ET

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

*This is a CLOSED meeting. Sessions are only open to states, EPA, other invited federal partners, and state association representatives.*

2:15 – 2:30 PM ET

**WELCOME**

2:30 – 3:45 PM ET

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RADHIKA FOX, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE OFFICE OF WATER** *(invited)*

3:00 – 4:00 PM ET

**TRANSITION TO A NEW ADMINISTRATION**

ACWA partner organizations will join us to share their priorities for clean water in the new Administration.

*Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council*

*Alan Roberson, Executive Director, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators*

*Nathan Gardner-Andrews, General Counsel & Chief Advocacy Officer, National Association of Clean Water Agencies*

*Rebecca Hammer, Senior Attorney & Deputy Director of Federal Water Policy, Natural Resources Defense Council*

4:00 – 4:15 PM ET

**BREAK**

4:15 – 5:00 PM ET

**A VIEW FROM THE HILL: THE 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS & THE CLEAN WATER ACT**

What lies ahead in the new Congress? Does Democratic control increase the likelihood of an infrastructure stimulus? Will water make the short list? Will we see CWA amendments? What will the budget look like for EPA? This panel will touch on the prospects for these and other important issues.

*Christophe Tulou, Senior Minority Counsel, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee*

*TBD, Professional Staff, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*

# THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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**12:30 – 1:30 PM ET**

## **TMDL VISION 2.0**

As the timeframe of the original 303(d) “VISION” comes to an end, ACWA’s Watersheds Committee has been working to present recommendations to support updating and solidifying the 303(d) Vision in its next iteration. Watersheds Committee co-chairs will share an overview of the document “Recommendations for Updating the 2013 Long-Term Vision for the CWA 303(d) Program (2022-2032)” and discuss historic and emerging needs to advance programmatic goals.

*Tracy Iott, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection*

*Jeff Berckes, TMDL Program Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources*

**1:30 – 3:00 PM ET**

## **TOWARDS CWA SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES**

EPA will overview its efforts to understand the universe of lagoon-based treatment systems and NPDES permitting, as well as EPA tools developed for these communities. EPA and states will discuss broader efforts to support and partner with small communities toward CWA goals and requirements.

*Speakers/Presenters TBD*

**3:00 – 3:30 PM ET**

## **BREAK**

**3:30 – 4:45 PM ET**

## **COUNTY OF MAUI V. HAWAII WILDLIFE FUND: QUESTIONS & IMPLICATIONS FOR STATES**

EPA, states, and other stakeholders will discuss implications of the Maui Supreme Court decision and how a groundwater discharge might be the “functional equivalent” of a surface water discharge. Several implementation questions will be raised, as will next steps.

*Speakers/Presenters TBD*

**4:45 PM ET**

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

**5:00 PM ET**

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