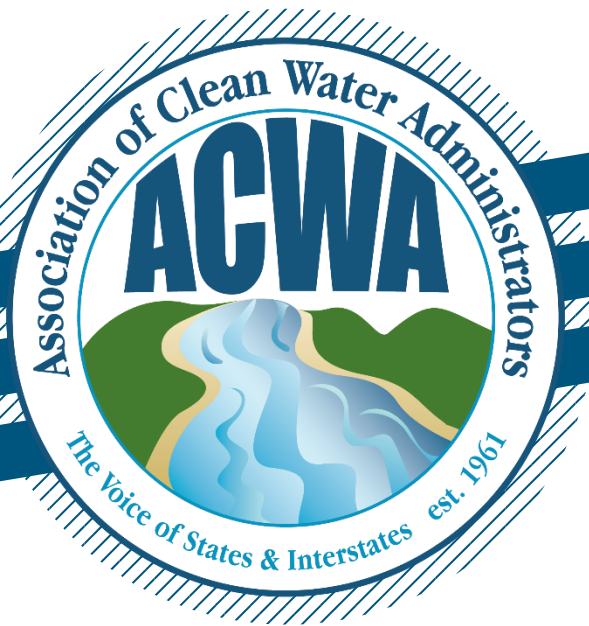


Association of Clean Water Administrators

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.

2:30 – 2:45 PM ET

WELCOME

Tom Stiles, *Director, Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health & Environment, ACWA President*

2:45 – 3:15 PM ET

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RADHIKA FOX, ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR EPA'S OFFICE OF WATER

3:15 – 4:15 PM ET

TRANSITION TO A NEW ADMINISTRATION

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

Tom Stiles, *Director, Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health & Environment, ACWA President*

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*

4:15 – 4:30 PM ET

BREAK

4:30 – 5:30 PM ET

A VIEW FROM THE HILL: THE 117TH 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.

Richard K. Friesner, Ph.D., *Director of Water Quality Programs, NEIWPC, ACWA Funding & Congressional Relations Committee Chair*

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

Ryan C. Seiger, *Staff Director/Senior Counsel, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, Committee on Transportation, and Infrastructure*

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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12:30 – 1:30 PM ET

CWA Section 303(d) 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” and discuss historic and emerging needs to advance programmatic goals.

Tom Stiles, *Director, Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

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

Jeff Berckes, *TMDL Program Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources*
James Havard, *Chief, Watershed Branch, US EPA Office of Water*

1:30 – 3:00 PM ET

TOWARDS CWA SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

States will share CWA experiences and approaches related to small communities, and EPA will overview its efforts to support small communities in meeting CWA requirements. This includes understanding the universe of lagoon-based treatment systems and NPDES permitting, as well as EPA-developed tools. EPA and states will discuss broader efforts to support and partner with small communities toward CWA goals.

Tom Stiles, *Director, Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

Nicole Rowan, *Clean Water Program Manager, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*

Scott Twait, *Water Quality Section Manager, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency*

Walter Ariss, *NPDES Supervisor, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency*

Shari Barash, *Chief, National Branch, US EPA Office of Water*

Catherine Allen, *Chief, Sustainable Communities and Infrastructure Branch, US EPA Office of Water*

Deborah Nagle, *Director, US EPA Office of Science and Technology*

Andrew Sawyers, *Director, US EPA Office of Wastewater Management*

3:00 – 3:30 PM ET

BREAK

3:30 – 4:00 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.

Facilitator:

Sean Rolland, Deputy Director, Association of Clean Water Administrators

Presenters:

*Fred Andes, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP
Meg Parish, Permit Section Manager, Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
Chris Kloss, Director, Water Permits Division, US EPA Office of Water*

4:30 – 4:50 PM ET

CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCE

Like other critical infrastructure, the drinking water and wastewater sectors can be targeted for cybersecurity threats and hazards. Implementing cybersecurity best practices is critical for water and wastewater utilities. Latest news on Floridan incident and how states can prepare for the future.

Presenters:

*Alan Roberson, Executive Director, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
Dave Travers, Director, Water Security Division, US EPA Office of Water (Invited)*

4:50 PM ET

CLOSING REMARKS

5:00 PM ET

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