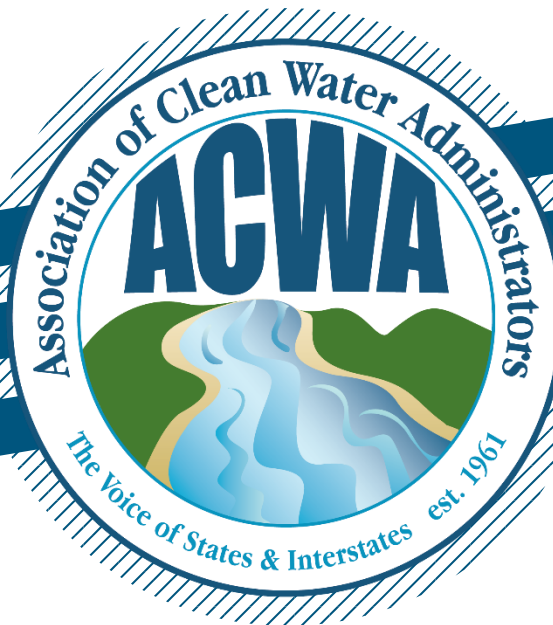


*Association of Clean Water Administrators*

# **57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**The Courtyard by Marriott – Portland City Center  
Portland, Oregon  
August 13-15, 2018**

# ***The Confluence Of State Expertise And Partnership***



## **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee: Richard Friesner (NEIWPC), Erica Gaddis (UT), Peter Goodmann (KT), Adam Schnieders (IA), Jennifer Wigal (OR), Allison Woodall (TX), Karen Mogus (CA)

# SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

## Washington Park Room

12:00-5:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00-9:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP SOCIAL ACTIVITY

# MONDAY, AUGUST 13

## CLOSED SESSIONS

7:30-8:30 AM

**Original/Mezzanine Pre-function Space**  
REGISTRATION

7:30-8:30 AM

**Laurel Hearst/Original Room**  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

8:00-8:30 AM

**Park Ballroom**  
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 to learn more about the association and the ways they can get involved.

8:30 AM-8:45 AM

**MEETING KICK OFF**  
Jennifer Wigal, *Deputy Water Quality Administrator, ODEQ, ACWA President*

8:45-9:00 AM

**WELCOME REMARKS**  
Richard Whitman, *Director, ODEQ*

9:00-9:30 AM

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
David Ross, *Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA*

9:30-10:45 AM

**KEY FALL RULEMAKING EARLY OUTREACH WITH STATES: WOTUS AND SECTION 401**  
This two-part session will include brief presentations by EPA and open discussion among ACWA members regarding: 1) status and approach for State outreach on the proposed EPA and Army new definition of "Waters of the U.S." and 2) status and key issues for States on Clean Water Act Section 401 certification.

Moderator: Jennifer Wigal, *Deputy Water Quality Administrator, ODEQ, ACWA President*  
Speakers: David Ross, *Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA*  
John Goodin, *Acting Director, Office of Wetlands and Watersheds, EPA*

**10:45 AM**

**BREAK**

**11:00-12:15 PM**

**EPA'S NUTRIENTS PRIORITIES AND ACWA NUTRIENTS POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

EPA's Anna Wildeman will discuss her role as the newly-appointed Deputy Assistant Administrator for the EPA Office of Water and highlight specific EPA priorities and efforts on nutrient pollution reduction. State panelists will discuss the ongoing projects of the Nutrients Policy Committee and Nutrients Working Group and how they contribute to overall nutrient reduction around the country.

Moderator: Mark Patrick McGuire, *Environmental Program Manager, ACWA*  
Speakers: Anna Wildeman, *Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA*  
Adam Schnieders, *Water Quality Resource Coordinator, Iowa, Department of Natural Resources*  
Trisha Oeth, *Administrator, Water Quality Control Commission, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*

**12:15-2:00 PM**

**Park Ballroom**

**LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES**

Ted Kulongoski, *Former Governor of Oregon (2003–2011)*

**2:00-3:00 PM**

**Forest Park Room**

**A: INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS UPDATES**

During this session, presenters will discuss infrastructure finance programs including updates to WIFIA. Participants will be asked to share insights as to how they have been able to creatively direct SRF funds to those program areas most in need.

Moderator: Sean Rolland, *Deputy Director, ACWA*  
Speakers: Raffael Stein, *Director, Water Infrastructure Division, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA*  
Heather Bartlett, *Water Quality Program Manager, Washington Department of Ecology*

**Washington Park Room**

**B: EPA & NRCS UPDATES ON NATIONAL WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE**

EPA and NRCS will update states on the National Water Quality Initiative, providing an overview of what changes states can expect and take advantage of as the successful watershed management program moves forward with the assurance of multi-year funding for the first time. States will also share perspectives on their involvement in NWQI, discussing successes, obstacles, and implementation advice.

Moderator: Julian Gonzalez, *Environmental Program Manager, ACWA*  
Speakers: Lynda Hall, *Chief, Nonpoint Source Control Branch, EPA*  
Kent Woodmansey, *Feedlot Permit Program Director, South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources*

Erica Gaddis, *Director, Division of Water Quality, Utah Department of Environmental Quality*

**3:00 PM**

**BREAK**

**3:30-4:30 PM**

**Forest Park Room**

**A: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES POSED BY PRODUCED WATER**

Presenters will provide a background of the history of produced water and the issues, challenges, and opportunities surrounding it. Presenters will also speak on the Groundwater Protection Council's current study. Discussion will follow.

Moderator: Erica Gaddis, *Director, Division of Water Quality, Utah Department of Environmental Quality*

Speakers: Shellie Chard, *Water Quality Division Director, Oklahoma DEQ*

**Washington Park Room**

**B: STATE ASSUMPTION OF 404 PROGRAM**

Representatives from the Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds will provide an update on state progress on assuming the section 404 program. Attendees will be encouraged to participate in the discussion by identifying barriers to assumption in their states.

Moderator: Martha Clark-Mettler, *Assistant Commissioner, Office of Water Quality, Indiana Department of Environmental Management*

Speakers: John Goodin, *Acting Director, Office of Wetlands and Watersheds, EPA*  
Krista Osterberg, *Surface Water Section Manager, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality*

**4:30-5:30 PM**

**Forest Park Room**

**A: NPDES E-REPORTING RULE STATUS UPDATE**

EPA will provide an update on how progress has been going with implementation of the NPDES eReporting Rule and will highlight some of the products/tools they have been developing to assist states with implementations and EPA with oversight. States will be asked to share some of their more difficult challenges and successes with this effort.

Moderator: Caleb Osborn, *Associate Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality*

Speakers: Randy Hill, *Director, Enforcement Targeting and Date Division, Office of Compliance, EPA*

**Washington Park Room**

**B: NATIONAL NETWORK ON WATER QUALITY TRADING DEMAND ASSESSMENT**

Over the last year, the National Network has worked to identify the barriers and the opportunities to increasing demand from municipal wastewater and stormwater

sectors for water quality trading. Presenters will discuss this effort, its findings, and provide a preview of the assessment report.

Moderator: Amanda Vincent, *Environmental Scientist Manager, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality*

Speakers: Kristiana Teige Witherill, *Clean Water Project Manager, Willamette Partnership*  
Carrie Sanneman, *Clean Water Program Manager, Willamette Partnership*

**6:30-9:00 PM**

### **Original/Mezzanine Pre-function Space**

**RECEPTION FOR ATTENDEES**

Annual White Elephant Exchange

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 14**

### **CLOSED SESSIONS**

**7:30-8:30 AM**

### **Laurel Hearst/Original Room**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE**

**8:30-10:15 AM**

### **Park Ballroom**

#### **EPA REGIONAL WATER PROGRAM DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE**

During this session Regional Program Directors will participate in a panel discussion focusing on key CWA issues and areas ripe for collaboration and cooperation in their regions.

Moderator: Jennifer Wigal, *Deputy Water Quality Administrator, Oregon DEQ, ACWA President*

Speakers: Ken Moraff, *Water Division Director, EPA Region 1*  
Tomas Torres, *Water Division Director, EPA Region 9*  
Angela Chung, *Deputy Division Director, EPA Region 10*

**10:15 AM**

**BREAK**

**10:45 AM-12:00 PM**

#### **OST COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK**

Representatives from the Office of Science and Technology will participate in a panel discussion to present OST/ACWA/ECOS Cooperative Federalism Implementation Framework and will answer questions on the various steps being taken to increase meaningful engagement with states on issues related to water quality criteria, water quality standards, and analytical methods.

Moderator: Jennifer Wigal, *Deputy Water Quality Administrator, ODEQ, ACWA President*

Speakers: Deborah Nagle, *Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology, EPA*  
Betsy Behl, *Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, EPA*  
Sara Hisel-McCoy, *Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, EPA*

**12:00-1:30 PM**

### LUNCH AND ACWA AWARDS CEREMONY

Join us as we honor the best of ACWA and our profession

#### Portland City Grill

111 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland, OR 97209

\*Guests can arrive as early as 11:45 AM\*

**1:30-2:30 PM**

### Forest Park Room

#### A: NPDES PROGRAM UPDATE AND STATE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

EPA will provide an overview and update regarding some of the initiatives currently underway within the Water Permits Division. Topics to be covered include: NPDES Measures, Streamlining, and Backlog; Program Capacity Building and Permit Writers Clearinghouse; NPDES Updates Rule; and Antibacksliding.

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

Speakers: Sally Gutierrez, *Acting Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA*  
Kevin Weiss, *State and Regional Branch Chief, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA*

### Washington Park Room

#### B: OVERALL SURFACE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND 303(D) MEASURES UPDATES

EPA will provide an update on how particular measures will be changing in light of EPA's new Lean Management System, and participate in a moderated discussion about the role states will play as EPA develops core measures, what the new measures may mean for states, what will become of older measures, and how this all fits into ensuring that EPA and states can tell an accurate story about TMDLs and watershed management.

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

Speakers: Sandra Connor, *Deputy Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, EPA*  
Tom Wall, *Director, Watershed Restoration, Assessment, and Protection Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, EPA*

**2:30-3:30 PM**

### **Forest Park Room**

#### **A: CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS & COORDINATION AMONG STATE PROGRAMS**

Achieving water quality goals and maintaining public health and environmental improvements at Superfund and state-led contaminated sediment sites requires cross-program collaboration. Representatives from Oregon DEQ and the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) will provide attendees with an update on how OR, CT and other states are coordinating across Cleanup and CWA authorities to improve remediation of waterways.

Moderator: Heather Bartlett, *Program Manager, Washington Department Ecology*

Speakers: Alexandra Liverman, *Portland Harbor Stormwater Coordinator, Oregon DEQ*  
Sarah Greenfield, *Portland Harbor In-Water Coordinator, Oregon DEQ*  
Traci Iott, *Supervising Environmental Analyst, Connecticut Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection*

### **Washington Park Room**

#### **B: USGS UPDATES & RESEARCH RELATED TO HABS**

Representatives from the USGS and the states will provide updates on recent science insights surrounded harmful algal blooms, nutrient pollution and cyanotoxins. Topics include a state case study funded and supported by the USGS, and other relevant research.

Moderator: Connie Brower, *Water Quality Standards Coordinator, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality*

Speakers: Chauncy Anderson, *Water Quality Scientist, USGS Oregon Water Science Center*  
Tom Stiles, *Assistant Director, Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

**3:30 PM**

**BREAK**

**4:00-5:00 PM**

### **Forest Park Room**

#### **A: INTEGRATING FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING WITH STATE WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS**

The intersection of hazard mitigation planning and state water quality program implementation is an area of growing importance, and an opportunity for state and federal agencies to leverage new funding, emerging technology, and cross-agency cooperation to improve water quality. EPA will be discussing how states can take advantage of this cross section, and highlighting examples of successful pilot programs.

Moderator: Julian Gonzalez, *Environmental Program Manager, ACWA*

Speakers: Lynda Hall, *Chief, Nonpoint Source Control Branch, EPA*

## Washington Park Room

### B: CONTAMINANTS OF EMERGING CONCERN

Oregon DEQ will provide insights into how they set up a statewide toxics monitoring program and an introduction to their integrated toxics reduction strategy. Additionally, The EPA Office of Science and Technology will provide an overview an update on research and actions related to contaminants of emerging concern.

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

Speakers: Lori Pillsbury, *Manager, Resource Assessment & Technical Support, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality*  
Betsy Behl, *Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, EPA*

**6:00-8:00 PM**

## NETWORKING DINNER FOR ATTENDEES

### Ecotrust Rooftop Terrace

721 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave

Portland, OR 97209

\*Doors open at 5:30 PM\*

# WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

## CLOSED SESSIONS

**7:30-8:00 AM**

### Laurel Hearst/Original Room

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

**8:00-9:00 AM**

### Park Ballroom

ACWA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**9:00-10:00 AM**

### MEASURING PROGRESS – IMPLICATIONS OF NEW AGENCY METRICS

SNC Rate Reduction

EPA will discuss the agency's efforts to support the new strategic plan goal of reducing the rate of significant noncompliance (SNC) in the NPDES program by 50% (to a national rate of 12%) by the end of FY 2022. EPA recognizes this goal cannot be accomplished without state support and is working directly with states to identify opportunities for making positive forward progress. States will be encouraged to share success stories and challenges they see on the horizon.

Moderator: Melanie Davenport, *Director, Water Permitting Division, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality*

Speakers: Dan Palmer, *Deputy Director, Planning, Measuring, and Oversight Division, Office of Compliance, EPA*

**10:00 AM**

BREAK



10:30-11:30 AM

MEASURING PROGRESS – IMPLICATIONS OF NEW AGENCY METRICS (CONT.)  
CORE MEASURES

Over the last year EPA been focusing on continuous improvement through the identification and solving of problems at the levels closest to the work. EPA Lean Management System (ELMS) sets ambitious performance measure targets and tracks progress against them to find and solve small problems before they become big problems. OW's currently has 143 different program measures but has a set out to streamline this list and to a core set of optimized measures that can be used to support ELMS, OW's budget requests, and the National Water Program Guidance process.

Moderator: Allison Woodall, *Special Assistant, Office of Water, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*

Speakers: Benita Best Wong, *Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA*

11:30-12:00 PM

CLOSING STATEMENTS/ ANNUAL MEETING ADJOURNS

*Thanks for joining us at the 2018 Annual Meeting!*

Safe travels home and save the date for upcoming meetings and workshops

