



## Mid-Year 2017 Meeting Agenda

March 19-21, 2017

Hilton Garden Inn, Washington DC/ US Capitol  
1225 First St NE

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### Sunday, March 19, 2017

12:00 – 5:00 PM

**Board Meeting**  
Paint Branch & Stansbury Room

6:00 – 9:00 PM

**Board of Directors & Leadership Dinner**  
*Clyde's of Gallery Place*  
707 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW

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### Monday, March 20, 2017

**This meeting is CLOSED on March 20-21, 2017 and open to ACWA Members, Office of Water Partners, and Invited Guests Only.**

**All sessions will take place in the Noma Ballroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

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7:00 – 8:30 AM

**Registration/ Continental Breakfast**  
Prefunction area outside of Noma Ballroom

9:00—9:30 AM

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Speaker:  
Pete LaFlamme, ACWA President

9:30–10:30 AM

**Introduction to New Administration & Congress**

Leaders from the US EPA and from key Congressional Committees will join us to discuss their priorities for the coming year that will impact state water quality programs.

Speakers:  
US EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt  
Senator Barrasso (WY) (invited)  
Senator Carper (DE) (invited)

10:30 – 10:45 AM

**BREAK**

10:45 -- 12:00 PM

**Water Quality Program Priorities for working with the New Administration**

Attendees will breakout into small groups and discuss several questions to help the Board of Directors identify ACWA's priorities and strategies for moving forward on implementing the CWA over the next 18 months. ACWA Board of Directors Members and ACWA staff will lead these small breakout discussions and each group will be asked to report out to the larger group at the end of the session. The identified priorities will be captured by ACWA staff and used to inform the Association's priorities.

Discussion Leaders:  
Pete LaFlamme, ACWA President  
Martha Clark Mettler, ACWA Past President  
Jennifer Wigal, ACWA Vice President

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Lunch Provided to Attendees

1:30 -- 3:00 PM

**Nutrients Projects Update & Discussion**

Update on ACWA's Nutrients Reduction Progress Tracker, a collaborative project with EPA that was recently tested by select ACWA state members.

Speakers:  
Adam Schnieders, Water Quality Resource Coordinator, Iowa DNR  
Marcia Willhite, Water Resources Management Specialist, Wisconsin DNR  
Mike Tate, Environmental Engineer, Wastewater & Infrastructure Management Branch, US EPA – Region 7  
Tom Wall, Director, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, US EPA

**Update on ACWA's role in EPA's National Study of Nutrient Removal and Secondary Technologies.**

Speakers:  
Janet Goodwin, Chief, Technology & Statistics Branch, Engineering & Analysis Division, Office of Water, US EPA

3:00 – 3:15 PM

**BREAK**

3:15 -- 4:30 PM

**Update & Discussion on ACWA/EPA HABs Focus Group Discussions on Cyanotoxin Rec Criteria/Advisory and Lake Numeric Nutrient Criteria and Implementation**

Discussion of the on-going work of the ACWA/EPA HABs Focus Group on the cyanotoxins recreational criteria/advisory levels and numeric nutrient criteria for lakes including state implementation needs and plans for next steps.

**Speakers:**

Martha Clark Mettler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Water Quality, Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, Utah Department of Environmental Quality

Sara Hisel-McCoy, Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, Office of Science and Technology, USEPA

Betsy Behl, Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, USEPA

4:30 —5:30 PM

**Report Out and Wrap Up from Morning Discussion**

5:30

**Wrap-Up & Adjourn**

6:30 – 8:00 PM

**Off-Site Reception for Attendees & Friends of ACWA**

*The 201 Bar  
201 Massachusetts Ave, NW*

All attendees of the ACWA Mid-Year Meeting, as well as attendees at the ACWA, ASDWA, GWPC Clean Water Act/ Safe Drinking Water Coordination Workshop and ACWA Subscribers, Affiliates and Friends of ACWA are invited to join us.

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**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

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7:00 – 8:30 AM

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8:30 – 10:30 AM

**Strategic Plan Update & Discussion**

ACWA President Pete LaFlamme & ACWA Alumni Member Paul Davis will present the draft ACWA Strategic Plan to the membership and solicit feedback and comments on the draft plan.

**Discussion Leaders:**

Pete LaFlamme, ACWA President

Jennifer Wigal, ACWA Vice President

Paul Davis, ACWA Alum

10:30 – 10:45 AM

**Break**

10:45 – 12:00 PM

**Office of Water Program Updates & Discussion of Priorities**

Office Directors from the Office of Water will participate in a moderated discussion. Audience members will be encouraged to participate in the dialogue.

Speakers:

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

Betsy Southerland, Director, Office of Science and Technology, US EPA

John Goodin, Acting Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Waterways, US EPA

12:00 PM

**Closing Remarks**

Meeting Adjourns

1:00-5:00 PM

**ACWA, ASDWA and GWPC Clean Water Act /Safe Drinking Water Act Coordination Workshop**

NoMa Ballroom

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss where states are making progress at CWA/SDWA and other program coordination and collaboration, identify challenges/ barriers that impede progress on collaboration and to brainstorm next steps to continue to make progress on CWA/SDWA collaboration to further action to better protect sources of drinking water (both groundwater and surface water) and improve water quality. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Julia Anastasio](#).

1:00 –5:00 PM

**NPDES Updates Rule Discussion**

Freemont Room

The purpose of this workshop is to provide further discussion between the state technical workgroup and EPA regarding options provided in the proposed NPDES Updates Rule provisions. In particular, EPA is interested in getting feedback from the state technical workgroup on how EPA could address state concerns. This workshop is the culmination of a series of conference calls that EPA has held with states to listen to states' concerns on the proposed rule. Please note, this session is now at full capacity. For more information please contact [Sean Rolland](#).