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ACWA Committees Descriptions

The focus areas of each of ACWA's committees, workgroups, task forces are identified below:

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President Treasurer and Immediate Past President and meets on an as needed basis to prepare issues to be presented to the full Board and/or make emergency decisions on behalf of the Board when it is not possible to establish a quorum.

Audit Committee:

The Audit Committee reviews the Auditor's Report and IRS Form 990 on the Association's fiscal records and accounts before final approval by the ACWA Board of Directors.

Nominations Committee:

The Nominations Committee confers with the states in each Region/ Interstates to select the nominees for open Board member positions and proposes a slate of candidates for President, Vice-President and Treasurer positions.

Meetings Planning Committees:

The Meetings Planning Committees assist ACWA staff in planning ACWA's membership and cooperative agreement related meetings.

Funding & Congressional Relations Committee:

The Funding & Congressional Relations Committee tracks and informs ACWA members on federal budget issues including: water infrastructure financing developments, forecasts for Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Funds (SRFs), Presidential budget requests, and congressional budget proposals. The committee also discusses other legislation related to states responsibilities under the Clean Water Act, and discusses major proposed and finalized personnel nominations and changes at U.S. EPA.

Legal Affairs Committee:

The Legal Affairs Committee brings together environmental legal practitioners from the public and private sectors with state water quality program staff to discuss and share information on the latest Clean Water Act (CWA) litigation and regulatory developments.

Monitoring, Standards & Assessment Committee:

The MSA Committee serves as a monthly forum for discussion and information sharing on the latest developments in the water quality standards arena, including draft water quality criteria and technical and policy guidance documents under development by EPA's Office of Science & Technology. The MSA

Committee also facilitates dialogue on state approaches to monitoring and assessment challenges. On a regular basis, various MSA-related EPA/state workgroups, such as the Water Quality Standards Forum and the Monitoring Assessment Partnership (MAP), will report out on their latest efforts and share draft deliverables for reactions and input from Committee participants.

Nutrients Policy Committee:

The Nutrients Policy Committee coordinates on nutrient-related issues within ACWA, and with ACWA's external partners, including by working with and across EPA-OW offices to address challenges to and solutions for nutrient reductions, disseminating information to the ACWA membership via webinars and conference calls, and participating in meetings and workshops with outside partners.

- **WQ Trading Workgroup**

The Water Quality Trading Workshop focuses on providing guidance, advice, and assistance to state and interstate agencies seeking to develop water quality trading programs. The Workgroup encourages greater collaboration among state and interstate agencies by facilitating dialogue through webinars, conference calls, and meetings. The Workgroup also promotes the usage of the Water Quality Trading Toolkit templates while seeking to stay current on developments in water quality trading programs throughout the nation.

Permitting & Compliance Committee:

The PC&CC focuses on all NPDES program and associated compliance and enforcement issues. Given the scope and breadth of program areas covered, this committee has assigned created several program specific workgroups to assist with the workload. Issues that do not addressed by one of the workgroups remains the purview of the full committee e.g., the proposed NPDES updates rule, NPDES eReporting implementations, the New Enforcement Framework, PQR/SRF oversight, etc.

- **Cooling Water Steam Electric Workgroup:**

The Cooling Water Steam Electric Workgroup will serve as a forum for state-to-state and state-EPA discussion of the §316(b) cooling water intake and steam electric effluent limit guidelines.

- **Pretreatment Workgroup:**

The Pretreatment Workgroup focuses on the pretreatment program and issues associated with effluent limitation guideline (ELG) development, implementation, and related policy.

- **Rural Workgroup:**

The focus area for this group includes animal agriculture management, pesticide permitting, and logging/forest roads.

- **Stormwater Workgroup:**

The focus area for this group includes construction and post construction stormwater programs, industrial stormwater, MS4 program updates, CSO/SSO, green infrastructure, blending, integrated planning, and other issues impacting municipal utilities.

Technology, Innovation, & Sustainability Committee:

The committee will build on EPA's Water Technology Innovation Blueprints and Progress Reports by using webinars/calls to discuss opportunities for innovation in energy conservation/recovery, nutrient recovery, green infrastructure, water conservation and reuse, advanced monitoring, resiliency, and more.

The committee will use these sessions to compile information about barriers to innovation, incentives for innovation, and ways other federal programs can accelerate and support state progress in protecting water resources while building a network of state and EPA staff sharing experiences while using technology to protect water.

Watersheds Committee:

The Watersheds Committee serves as a regular forum for both state-to-state and state-EPA discussion and information sharing on the latest developments in the TMDL and 303(d) listing arenas, holding monthly calls on average since late 2013. Since early 2012, the Committee's activity has closely tracked the "Long-Term Vision for Assessment, Restoration, and Protection under the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Program" (a.k.a. the "Vision") from its early beginnings as state 303(d) program "wish lists," to the implementation phase now underway at the state level.

- **319/Nonpoint Source Workgroup:**

The 319/Nonpoint Workgroup was launched in late 2013 to provide a forum for state-to-state information sharing on topics related to the implementation of the revised "Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for State and Territories" (i.e., CWA § 319 Guidelines) and other non-point source initiatives at both states and EPA.

- **Oceans & Coastal Issues Workgroup:**

This committee will explore ways for states to reduce coastal debris and increase awareness of sources of worsening acidification in coastal/estuarine environments, while improving EPA and state communication on both issues. Conference calls and webinars with coastal states and EPA will be used to discuss state mechanisms for monitoring and controlling marine trash/debris, barriers to further action on the issue at the state level, and how to integrate state work with EPA's Trash Free Waters program. The committee will also organize a workshop/webinar series for states and EPA to discuss avenues to control land based sources of pollution which exacerbate acidification, as well as follow up production of actual products (either from EPA or ACWA) which can serve as tech support, guidance, or compilations of practicable options for states re: acidification.

Water Resources Management Committee:

The Water Resources Management Committee focuses on water program issues associated with climate variability, mitigation, resiliency, adaptive management, as well as impacts to clean water programs associated with extreme weather events such as large storms, floods, droughts, etc. This Committee also works on sourcewater protection, water reuse, and conservation