



2018 ACWA Annual Meeting
August 13-15
The Courtyard by Marriott – Portland City Center
Portland, OR

The confluence of state expertise and partnership

Sunday August 12, 2018

10:00 – 11:30	AM	New Board Member Orientation
12:00 – 5:00	PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 – 9:00	PM	Board of Directors/ Committee Leadership Social Activity

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Monday August 13, 2018 **CLOSED SESSIONS**

7:30- -8:30	AM	Registration Continental Breakfast Available
8:00 ---8:30	AM	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 – 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

9:30—10:45 AM OST Cooperative Federalism Work Plan

Representatives from the Office of Science and Technology will participate in a panel discussion to present OST/ACWA/ECOS Cooperative Federalism Implementation Framework and to 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:

Speakers: Deborah Nagle, Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology, Environmental Protection Agency
Betsy Behl, Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, Environmental Protection Agency
Sara Hisel-McCoy, Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency
Rob Wood, Director, Engineering and Analysis Division, Environmental Protection Agency

10:45 AM BREAK

11:00-- 12:15 PM EPA's Nutrients Priorities and ACWA Nutrients Policy Committee Update on Current Projects

Panelists will discuss EPA and ACWA nutrients reduction priorities, highlighting specific efforts. Panelists will discuss how these priorities and efforts 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, Environmental Protection Agency
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 Lunch Provided for Attendees

2:00 - 3:00 PM 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.

Speakers: Peter Goodmann, Director, Division of Water, Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection
Raffael Stein, Director, Water Infrastructure Division, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA
Heather Bartlett, Water Quality Program Manager, Washington Department of Ecology

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.

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

3:00 PM BREAK

3:30– 4:30 PM

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: Eric Gaddis, Director, Division of Water Quality, Utah Department of Environmental Quality

Speakers: Shellie Chard, Water Quality Division Director, Oklahoma DEQ
Dan Yates, Associate Executive Director, Groundwater Protection Council

B: EPA/NRCS Updates on National Water Quality Initiative

EPA will provide an update on the National Water Quality Initiative on behalf of EPA and NRCS, 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.

Speakers: Lynda Hall, Chief, Nonpoint Source Control Branch,
Environmental Protection Agency

4:30 - 5:30 PM

A: E-Reporting 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.

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

State Participant (Invited)

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 Reception for attendees

Annual White Elephant Exchange

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Tuesday August 14, 2018

CLOSED SESSIONS

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM Registration
Continental Breakfast Available
- 8:30—10:15 AM 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
- Speakers: Ken Moraff, Water Division Director, U.S. EPA Region 1
Tomas Torres, Water Division Director, U.S. EPA Region 9
Angela Chung, Deputy Division Director, U.S. EPA Region 10
- 10:15 AM BREAK
- 10:45 – 12:00 PM WOTUS Step 2 – Setting the Stage for Implementation
- As the Office of Water prepares to finalize a new “Waters of the U.S.” rule representatives from EPA will join us to review the new approach and discuss plans for technical outreach. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask implementation questions and offer suggestions on coordination with state partners.
- 12:00 --1:30 PM Lunch – lunch provided for attendees
Awards Ceremony
- 1:30 - 2:30 PM
- 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 the NPDES Updates Rule, antibacksliding, the Permit Writers Clearinghouse, NPDES Program Capacity Building, and the permit streamlining.
- Speakers: Tom Stiles, Assistant Director, Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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

B: TMDL Measures Update

EPA will provide an update on how TMDL-related 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: Tom Wall, Director, Watershed Restoration, Assessment, and Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency

2:30 – 3:30 PM

A: Contaminated Sediments & Coordination Among State Programs

Achieving water quality goals and maintaining public health and environmental improvements at Superfund cleanups and other contaminated sediment sites requires cross-program collaboration. Representatives from Oregon DEQ will provide attendees with an update on how they are coordinating on clean-ups across the state.

Moderator: Jennifer Wigal, Deputy Water Quality Administrator, Oregon DEQ

Speakers: Alex Liverman, Oregon DEQ
Becky Chu, U.S. EPA, Region 10

B: USGS Updates & Research Related to HABS

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

Moderator:

Speakers: USGS Oregon Water Science Center Representative
(*invited*)

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

3:30 PM BREAK

4:00 – 5:00 PM

A: Integrating FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning with State Water Quality Program

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 and state presenters will be discussing how states can take advantage of this cross section, and highlighting examples of successful pilot programs.

Speakers: Lynda Hall, Chief, Nonpoint Source Control Branch,
Environmental Protection Agency

B: ORD Strategic Research Action Plans

ORD's overall research effort is organized into six national research programs that are closely aligned with EPA's strategic goals and cross-agency strategies. These programs are embarking on their next Strategic Action Plan (StRAP), which will guide research for the next three years. Panel members in this session will discuss the StRAP process, the possibility for state engagement, and the current research and prioritization of interest to state clean water administrators.

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

Speaker: ORD Representative (*Invited*)

6:00 – 8:00 PM Off-Site Evening Activity for Attendees

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Wednesday August 15, 2018

CLOSED SESSIONS

7:30 - 8:00 AM Registration
Continental Breakfast Available

8:00 - 9:00 AM ACWA Annual Business Meeting

9:00 - 10:30 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.

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

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

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.

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

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

10:30 AM BREAK

10:45 - 12:00 PM Contaminants of Emerging Concern
Oregon DEQ will provide insights into how they set up a statewide toxics monitoring. Additionally, The EPA Office of Science and Technology will provide an overview an update on research and action related to contaminants of emerging concern.,

Moderator:

Speakers: Betsy Behl,

12:00 - 12:15 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 & workshops

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