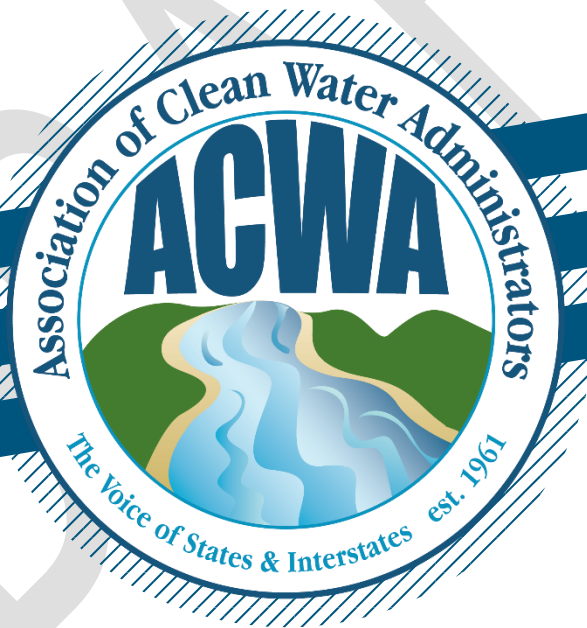


Association of Clean Water Administrators
2019 Mid – Year Meeting

**Hilton Alexandria Old Town
Alexandria, Virginia
March 19-20, 2019**



MONDAY, MARCH 18

12:00-5:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00-9:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP DINNER

The Warehouse
214 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

7:00-9:00 AM

REGISTRATION/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00-9:45 AM

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Moderator:

Allison Woodall, ACWA President, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
David Ross, Assistant Administrator Office of Water
Donald Welsh, Executive Director, ECOS

9:45-10:45 AM

ACWA/ASDWA CONTAMINANTS OF EMERGING CONCERN ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

Over the past few months volunteers from ACWA and ASDWA have worked on developing an assessment framework for state regulators as they encounter contaminants of emerging concern. The goal is to improve the emerging contaminants assessment process, better engage the Federal statutes that regulate the introduction of substances into commerce for source control purposes, better coordinate SDWA and CWA interventions to optimize the control of impacts across the entire water cycle. Representatives from the workgroup will join us to provide an update on the results of their work.

Brandon Kernen, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

10:45-11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM-12:15 PM

ROLE OF STATES IN PROMOTING WATER REUSE

As water resources become more constrained, states are seeking innovative approaches to water reuse. What role do state regulators play in promoting these new innovative approaches and what barriers or challenges must be overcome to ensure success.

12:15-1:30 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED TO ATTENDEES

1:30-2:45 PM

PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS DISCUSSION

Representatives from ACWA's state partner organizations will join in a moderated panel discussion focusing on key CWA issues and areas ripe for collaboration and cooperation.

Moderator:

Speakers:

Alan Roberson, Executive Director, ASDWA
Dan Yates, Deputy Executive Director, GWPC
Marla Stelk, Executive Director, ASWM
Alex Schaffer, Legislative Director, NGA (Invited)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

2:45-3:00 PM

BREAK

3:00-4:15 PM

A VIEW FROM CAPITAL HILL

What lies ahead in the 116th Congress? Will water make the short list? Will we see CWA amendments? A new infrastructure fund? How will the budget look for EPA? This panel will touch on the prospects for these and other important issues.

Moderator:

Shellie Chard, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

John Pawlow, Senior Counsel, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

4:15 -- 5:30 PM

WHAT'S NEXT NOW THAT INTEGRATED PLANNING IS NOW LAW

Congress recently enacted law that codified EPA's 2012 policy framework that sought to ease municipalities' compliance with wastewater and stormwater requirements on a pollution-reduction priority basis, rather than all at once. Now that Integrated Planning is law, what role can states play in facilitating its implementation.

Moderator:

Speakers:

Judy Sheehan, US Conference of Mayors

Nathan Gardner-Andrews, National Association of Clean Water Administrators

5:30 PM

WRAP UP DAY 1

6:30-8:00 PM

RECEPTION FOR ATTENDEES AND INVITED GUESTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

CLOSED SESSIONS – OPEN TO STATES,

EPA OFFICE OF WATER PARTNERS, AND INVITED GUESTS ONLY

8:00-9:00 AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30—9:30 AM

INNOVATIVE STATE NUTRIENT REDUCTION APPROACHES

States have been very active in attempting new and unique methods to reduce nutrient pollution outside of numeric nutrient criteria. Presenters will offer case studies describing how their states have managed reductions in nutrient loads through strategic partnerships, market-based methods, incentive programs, and more.

Moderator:

Speakers:

Anna Wildeman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA

9:30-10:45 AM

HOT TOPICS DISCUSSION

Representatives from ACWA and EPA will lead dialogues on 4 current priorities. The goals of these intensive discussions are to solicit input from attendees, identify opportunities for collaboration, and identify prospective strategic issues for the coming year. Attendees will be encouraged to participate in the discussions by asking questions and providing input.

Moderator:

Allison Woodall, ACWA President, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

1. **Significant Non-Compliance (SNC)**

2. **304(a) Joint Prioritization**

Connie Brower, MSA Co-Chair, North Carolina Department of Natural Resources

3. **Waters of the U.S. Step 2**

4. **Groundwater Hydrologic Connection**

BREAK

10:45-11:00 AM

11:00-12:15 PM

PROGRAM AND PERMIT OVERSIGHT

ECOS and EPA have been working to identify a set of principles outlining the ways in EPA should oversee delegated program implementation in order to improve environmental outcomes and maximize efficiency. This session will provide an update on these efforts.

12:15 PM

WRAP UP & CLOSING REMARKS

SAFE TRAVELS HOME & WE HOPE TO SEE YOU at the 2019 ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 27-29, 2019!

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