

*Association of Clean Water Administrators*

# 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

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## **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee: Melanie Davenport (VA); Tom Stiles (KS); Jennifer Dodd (TN) and Amanda Vincent (LA).

## MONDAY, AUGUST 3

12:00 – 5:00 PM

DIRECTORS MEETING / COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

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#### OPEN SESSIONS – NO PRESS

12:30 – 1:00 PM

#### [WELCOME / KEYNOTE](#)

Speakers:

*Melanie Davenport, ACWA President, Director, Water Division, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality*

*David Ross, Assistant Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water*

1:00 – 2:15 PM

#### [LESSONS LEARNED FROM COVID-19](#)

State/Interstate Clean Water Act programs have already adapted their operations considerably in the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As programs likely must continually adapt into the foreseeable future, representatives will discuss how they are approaching their programmatic responsibilities while keeping staff safe, as well as how they and state partners are contributing to COVID-19 efforts in the public health context.

Speakers:

*Lee Currey, Director, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of Environment*

*Martha Clark Mettler, Assistant Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management*

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

*Jay Garland, Office of Research and Development, EPA*

2:15 – 2:30 PM

BREAK

**2:30 – 3:45 PM**

**[CALL ME, MAYBE? \(Communicating with the Public in 2020\)](#)**

This session will focus on communication strategies and techniques for engaging the public. Topics covered will include virtual public meetings and risk communication tools, with an emphasis on how to communicate during a pandemic. State representatives will discuss their strategies and share lessons learned.

Speakers:

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

*Kerry Pflugh, Director, Office of Local Government Assistance, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

**3:45 – 3:50 PM**

**BREAK**

**3:50 – 5:00 PM**

**[IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE PROGRAMS IN LIGHT OF COUNTY OF MAUI, THE NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE AND SEC. 401 REVISIONS](#)**

Considering the recent County of Maui Supreme Court decision, the new definition of waters of the United States, and changes to Sec. 401 water quality certifications State/Interstate Clean Water Act programs may need to adapt their programs in response. This session will focus on how several states are responding to these key Clean Water Act policy changes.

Speakers:

*Nicole Rowan, Clean Water Program Manager, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*

*Bob Brown, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Water Resources, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection*

*Jean Coleman, Senior Attorney, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*

**5:00 PM**

**[WRAP-UP](#)**

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

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**OPEN SESSIONS – NO PRESS**

**12:30 – 12:35 PM**

**[WELCOME](#)**

**12:35 – 1:45 PM**

**STATE TAKES ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

This session will explore how states are incorporating environmental justice into their programs and permits, as well as how they prepare for public comments and lawsuits.

Speakers:

*Jeff Steers, Director of Central Operations, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality*

*Jennifer L. Hower, General Counsel, New Mexico Environment Department*

**1:45 – 1:50 PM**

**BREAK**

**1:50 – 3:00 PM**

**INTEGRATED PLANNING FROM THE LOCAL PERSPECTIVE**

During this session you will hear from states and municipalities regarding their experiences in developing an integrated plan, including challenges and opportunities to leverage existing efforts. We will also hear from a national municipal group regarding important concepts that can be considered as part of plan development.

Facilitator:

*Sean Rolland, Association of Clean Water Administrators*

Speakers:

*Todd Hill, City of Atlanta, Department of Watershed Management, Georgia*

*Eric Wiklund & Ben Hucka, Iowa Department of Natural Resources*

*Daniel Scott, City of Boone, Water Environment, Iowa*

*Kevin Buckley & Alexander Mockos, City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities, Washington*

*Nathan Gardner-Andrews, National Association of Clean Water Agencies*

**3:00 – 3:10 PM**

**BREAK**

**3:10 – 4:45 PM**

**PFAS UPDATES**

Staff from EPA OW will join us to provide an update on key PFAS activities in OW and elsewhere at EPA. A state will also provide a recent example of how they are addressing PFAS, overviewing their approach to interpreting narrative PFAS water quality standards.

Speakers:

*Deborah Nagle, Director, Office of Science and Technology, EPA*

*Betsy Behl, Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, EPA*

*Rob Wood, Director, Engineering and Analysis Division, EPA*

*Sara Hisel-McCoy, Standards and Health Protection Division, EPA*

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

*Chris Kloss, Director, Water Permits Division, EPA*

*Meg Parish, Permits Section Manager, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*

**4:45 PM**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**THANKS FOR JOINING US VIRTUALLY AT THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING!**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS.**