

Speakers

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Jeff Berckes serves as the TMDL Program Lead for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. He holds an M.S. in Environmental Science from Oregon State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Iowa. Jeff serves on the Alumni Board of Kinship Conservation Fellows, a foundation focused on improving the environment through market-based tools and environmental economics principles. Jeff led the development of Iowa's TMDL Vision and the state's Nonpoint Source Management Plan. Before the pandemic, he enjoyed traveling and was attempting to run a half marathon in every state.

Radhika Fox is the Acting Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water. The Office of Water works to ensure that drinking water is safe, wastewater is safely returned to the environment, and surface waters are properly managed and

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Nathan Gardner-Andrews serves as the General Counsel & Chief Advocacy Officer for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) in Washington, D.C., where he has worked since 2006. He is responsible for overseeing all of the Association's litigation and legal activities, as well coordinating and integrating all of NACWA's advocacy initiatives, including the Association's legislative, regulatory, legal, and communications advocacy work. He has written articles and spoken nationally on a wide range of clean water issues. Prior to joining NACWA, Mr. Gardner-Andrews served as a law clerk for the Hon. Michael E. Loney of the Maryland Circuit Court. Mr. Gardner-Andrews is a member of the Maryland and District of Columbia bars. He received his B.A. from Columbia University in 2001 and his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law in 2005.

Becky Hammer is the Deputy Director of Federal Water Policy for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). She advocates for strong federal policies to ensure all communities have access to clean, safe water, including robust regulations, adequate water infrastructure funding, and policies to improve water affordability and equity. Before joining NRDC in 2009, Becky interned at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. She is based in Washington, D.C.

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Chris Kloss is the Director of the Water Permits Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Water. He oversees the national NPDES permitting program, which is a key element in EPA's clean water program. The Division also implements voluntary programs related to animal agriculture, green infrastructure, and integrated planning. His responsibilities require collaborating with a broad swath of federal, state, local, industry, and environmental groups.

Deborah G. Nagle has worked in various positions within Water Programs at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 1989. Currently, Mrs. Nagle is director of the Office of Science and Technology (OST). In this position she leads a team that develops risk-based water quality criteria as well as standards for toxins, nutrients, and pathogens. She is also responsible for developing national technology-based performance standards to address water pollution from industry. Prior to coming to OST, Mrs. Nagle served as director of the Water Permits Division within the Office of Wastewater Management (OWM), where she was responsible for implementing key components in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program under the Clean Water Act. She oversaw the development of national policy, regulations and training material for such areas as municipal storm water, utility discharges associated with combined sewers and separate sanitary sewers, mining operations and steam electric operations. Mrs. Nagle worked for seven years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a degree in engineering.

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Ryan Seiger was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania in 1993 and his law degree from Catholic University of America in 1998. In 1993, Ryan came to Capitol Hill to work for former Representative Robert A. Borski (D-PA), where he served as Senior Legislative Assistant from 1994 to 1998. In 1998, Ryan briefly worked for the Washington, D.C. law firm of Arnold and Porter, LLC. In 1999, Ryan returned to Capitol Hill to join the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure as Democratic Counsel for the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. In 2007, he was appointed as Staff Director of the Subcommittee, where he has continued to serve. During his time with the Subcommittee, Ryan was the lead Democratic House negotiator for enactment of several Water Resources Development Acts, the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA), and several Clean Water Act related laws, including the Great Lakes Legacy Act, EPA regional authority authorizations, and integrated planning. Ryan's areas of expertise covers the Corps' Civil Works authorities, the Clean Water Act, Superfund (including brownfields), and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Ryan is married to Danielle Pettine Seiger and has two children, Aidan and Liam.

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Tony Willardson was named as Executive Director of the Western States Water Council in July 2009. The Council has served the western states for over 50 years. Formerly the Deputy Director, Tony joined the Council in 1979. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Brigham Young University and an M.S. in Public Administration from the University of Utah. He is a member of the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration (Pi Alpha Alpha). Tony oversees publication of a weekly newsletter, *Western States Water*, which he edited for many years. He is the author of numerous articles and reports covering a wide range of water resource issues, including drought, water project financing and cost sharing, ground water management and recharge, water conservation, drought, water use fees, remote sensing of water use and interregional water transfers. Tony is one of the principal authors of the WGA's 2006 Report, *Water Needs and Strategies for a Sustainable Future* and subsequent 2008 *Next Steps Report*, as well as the related WSWC 2010 *Progress Report*. He also was a contributing editor to the WGA's December 2012 Report, *Water Transfers in the West: Projects, Trends, and Leading Practices in Voluntary Water Trading*. Further, he oversees the Council's Water Data Exchange (WaDE) project which enables states to share data with each other and the public in a more streamlined and cost-effective way.