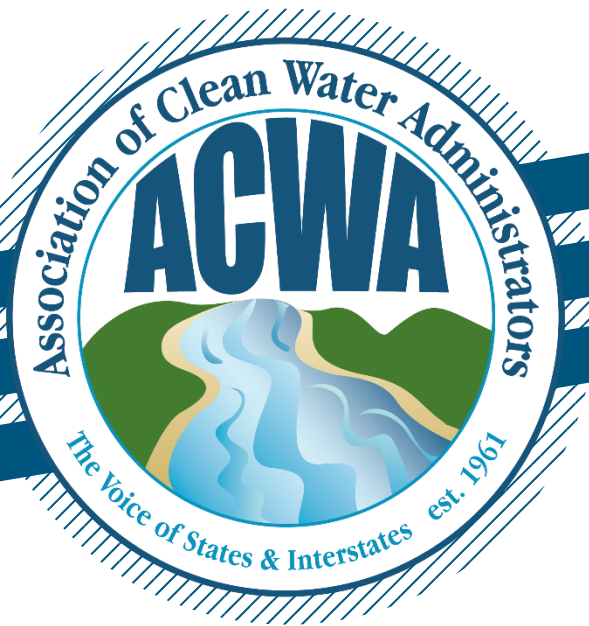


*Association of Clean Water Administrators*

# **Virtual 2022 Mid-Year Meeting**

**March 16-17, 2022**



# TUESDAY, MARCH 15

12:30 – 5:00 PM ET

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

*This is a CLOSED meeting. Sessions are only open to states, EPA, other invited federal partners, and state association representatives.*

12:30 – 12:40 PM ET

**WELCOME**

**Andy Gavin**, Deputy Director, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, ACWA President

12:40 – 1:10 PM ET

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Navis Bermudez, Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Water**

1:10 – 2:30 PM ET

**PFAS and Cross Program Coordination**

This session will feature updates on ongoing PFAS projects undertaken by EPA, and one state will share experiences in developing criteria and other regulatory and non-regulatory interventions to address PFAS.

**Kim Nimmer**, Emerging Compounds Coordinator, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

**Rob Wood**, Director, Engineering and Analysis Division, Office of Science and Technology, EPA

**Chris Kloss**, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA

**Maria Lopez-Carbo**, Associate Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA

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

**David Dani**, Emerging Contaminants Coordinator, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

2:30 – 2:45 PM ET

**BREAK**

2:45 – 3:45 PM ET

**Capitol Hill Update**

Now that Congress has passed the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, what is next and how will that impact states as they work to implement the Clean Water Act? Will we see CWA policy amendments? What will the budget look like for EPA and, more importantly, for sec. 106 funding? What are the legislative priorities for our partner organizations? This panel will touch on the prospects for these and other important issues.

**Mae Stevens**, Executive Vice President and Chair of Signal Water, The Signal Group

**Eric Sapirstein**, ENS Resources, Inc.

**Ryan C. Seiger**, Staff Director/MYMNSenior Counsel, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, Committee on Transportation, and Infrastructure  
(Invited)

**John Kane**, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Invited)

**3:45—5:15 PM ET**

#### **Office Directors Updates**

Office Directors from EPA's Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Science and Technology, and Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds will join to provide updates on ongoing and upcoming initiatives.

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

**John Goodin**, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, EPA

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

**5:15 PM ET**

#### **Adjourn**

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

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**12:30 – 12:35 PM ET**

#### **Welcome**

**Andy Gavin**, Deputy Director, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, ACWA President

**12:35 – 1:35 PM ET**

#### **Civil Rights Obligations, Including Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**

Within the USEPA's Office of General Counsel is the External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) which enforces federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination based on race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), sex, disability, age, and retaliation by applicants for and recipients of federal financial assistance. All recipients of EPA financial assistance have an affirmative obligation to comply with federal civil rights laws. Presenters will discuss authorities, responsibilities, priorities, processes, current activities, and recent efforts to solicit input from the public.

**Lilian Dorka**, Director, External Civil Rights Compliance Office, EPA

**Kurt Temple**, External Civil Rights Compliance Office, EPA

**1:35 – 2:35 PM ET**

#### **Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan Discussion**

EPA will provide an overview of the Agency's Climate Adaptation Plan framework and goals and highlight the priority actions in Office of Water's draft implementation plan. States and EPA will discuss resilience and long-range planning priorities and needs in the water context and consider a cooperative path forward for water programs' actions to address climate.

**Jeff Manning**, Chief, Classifications Standards & Rules Review Branch, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

**Matthew Rowe**, Assistant Director, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment

**Zach Schafer**, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA

**Stephanie Santell**, Climate Change Coordinator, Office of Water, EPA

**Mindy Eisenberg**, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Wetlands Oceans and Watersheds, EPA

**2:35 – 2:50 PM ET**

**BREAK**

**2:50 – 3:45 PM ET**

**ICIS Modernization, Significant Noncompliance, & Compliance Learning Agenda**

Presenters will discuss current compliance related priorities associated with data systems, data management, compliance status, compliance response, and compliance research.

**Jane Wallace**, Acting Associate Director, Office of Compliance, EPA

**Andy Putnam**, Environmental Information Manager, Colorado Department of Health & Environment

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

**Genevieve Soule**, Program Analyst, Planning, Measuring, and Oversight Division, Office of Compliance, EPA

**3:45 – 5:00 PM ET**

**ACWA's Partners Update**

ACWA partner organizations will join in a moderated panel discussion focusing on key issues and areas ripe for collaboration.

**Jessica Rackley**, Program Director, NGA Center For Best Practices

**Carolyn Hanson**, Acting Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States

**Alan Roberson**, Executive Director, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators

**Deirdre Finn**, Executive Director, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities

**5:00 PM ET**

**ADJOURN**