

Association of Clean Water Administrators

61st ANNUAL MEETING

Clean Water Act @ 50: TCB! (Taking Care of Business)



SPECIAL THANKS TO

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee: Jennifer Dodd (TN), Andy Gavin (SRBC), Mary Anne Nelson (ID), Karen Mogus (CA), Nicole Rowan (CO), Lindsay Patterson (WY), Traci Iott (CT), Richard Friesner (NEWIPCC), Carin Spreitzer (NY), Rebecca Villalba (TX), and Jean Coleman (MN)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

12:00 – 5:00 PM	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING / COMMITTEE & WORKGROUP REPORT OUTS
6:00 – 9:00 PM	LEADERSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

CLOSED SESSIONS

7:30 – 8:30 AM	REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE
8:30 – 9:45 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.
9:45 – 10:00 AM	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS <i>Andrew Gavin, ACWA President, SRBC</i>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER <i>Navis Bermudez, Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Water</i>
10:30 – 11:00 AM	BREAK
11:00 – 12:30 PM	WATER DIVISION DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE: HOW THE REGIONS ARE COLLABORATING WITH STATES ON CLIMATE CHANGE A conversation overviewing Region-specific actions, opportunities, and solutions in the climate/water nexus led by EPA Regional Water Division Directors.
12:30 – 2:00 PM	LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES
2:00 – 3:30 PM	CWA SECTION 303(d) VISION 2.0 With the release of the next iteration of the 303(d) Vision, this session will overview and discuss what to expect over the next 10 years.
3:30 – 4:00 PM	BREAK
4:00 – 5:30 PM	TRIBAL RESERVED RIGHTS AND TRIBAL BASELINE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS RULES Tribal WQS representatives will lead a conversation with states and EPA about Tribal and Federal cooperation on forthcoming Federal and Tribal rules; states' unique role and what states can expect throughout these processes; and how Tribes, Federal Agencies, and States can collaborate to maximize water quality outcomes.
5:30 PM	DAY 1 WRAP-UP
6:00 – 9:00 PM	ACWA AWARDS CEREMONY -- RECEPTION FOR ALL ATTENDEES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

CLOSED SESSIONS

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE
- 9:00 – 10:30 AM** NPDES PROGRAM – OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS?
EPA and states will share current thinking on how best to incorporate considerations, ideas, and challenges into the NPDES program, especially relating to environmental justice, cybersecurity, climate change, and market-based approaches. Discussion will include EPA's potential actions, activity at the state level, tools/products that exist or could be created, and short-term goals that co-regulators agree are priority.
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM** BREAK
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM** WORKFORCE CHALLENGES & SUCCESSION PLANNING
State, territorial, and interstate water programs and utilities are facing staffing challenges just as their responsibilities are growing. This session will focus on what strategies programs are using to bring on or retain talent.
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM** LUNCH FOR ATTENDEES
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM** ACWA BUSINESS MEETING & PRESENTATION OF CWA@50 CAMPAIGN
- 3:00 – 3:30 PM** BREAK
- 3:30 – 5:00 PM** COLLABORATING WITH AGRICULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS TO REDUCE EXCESS NUTRIENTS IN STATE WATERS
An interactive session with EPA, the Agricultural Nutrient Policy Council, and the Environmental Policy Innovation Center re, who will present on the recently released EPA Nutrients Memo and innovative approaches to address nutrient pollution.
- 5:00 PM** DAY 2 WRAP-UP
- 6:00 – 9:00 PM** RECEPTION FOR ALL ATTENDEES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

CLOSED SESSIONS

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE
- 9:00 – 10:30 AM** PFAS: JUGGLING EMERGING SCIENCE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS
With various standards and benchmarks under development, this conversation will make sense of the values and facilitate strategic planning to enhance stakeholder engagement, regulation, and outcomes over the next several years. Speakers will review lessons learned and frameworks for action, and how those can apply to CECs gaining prominence.
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM** BREAK
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM** THE CWA AT 50: WHAT'S NEXT?
As the Clean Water Act turns 50 this year, attendees will look forward and discuss areas of the statute that need to be updated to address the challenges of today and the future.
- 12:00** CLOSING STATEMENTS & ADJOURN ACWA'S 61ST ANNUAL MEETING