

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

Boardroom C

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

12:00 – 5:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING / COMMITTEE & WORKGROUP REPORT OUTS

6:00 – 9:00 PM

LEADERSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

CLOSED SESSIONS

Ballroom A

7:30 – 8:30 AM

REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

Ballroom B

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

Andrew Gavin, ACWA President, SRBC

10:00 – 10:30 AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Navis Bermudez, Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Water

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 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.

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

Jeananne Gettle, Director, Water Division, EPA Region 4

Jeffery Robichaud, Director, Water Division, EPA Region 7

12:00 – 2:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES

Ballroom B

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.

Jasper Hobbs, Environmental Program Manager, ACWA

Tom Wall, Director, Watershed Restoration, Assessment and Protection Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

Traci Iott, Supervising Environmental Analyst, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

3:30 – 4:00 PM

BREAK

4:00 – 5:30 PM

TRIBAL RESERVED RIGHTS AND TRIBAL BASELINE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS RULES

States and EPA will lead a conversation on state, Tribal and federal cooperation on forthcoming Federal and Tribal rules; states' unique role and what states can expect throughout Tribe Water Quality Standards processes; and, how Tribes, Federal Agencies, and states can collaborate to maximize water quality outcomes.

Sara Hisel McCoy, Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, EPA

Jon Kenning, Chief, Water Protection Bureau, Montana DEQ

Jennifer Wigal, Water Quality Administrator, Oregon DEQ

Mary Anne Nelson, Administrator, Surface Water and Wastewater Division, Idaho DEQ

Lindsay Patterson, Supervisor, Surface Water Quality Standards, Wyoming DEQ

5:30 PM

DAY 1 WRAP-UP

6:00 – 9:00 PM

ACWA AWARDS CEREMONY -- RECEPTION FOR ALL ATTENDEES

Ballroom B

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

CLOSED SESSIONS

8:30 – 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

Ballroom B

10:00 – 11:30 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, and market-based approaches. Discussion will include EPA's potential actions, state perspectives, tools/products that exist or could be created, and any short-term goals that co-regulators agree are priority.

Sean Rolland, Deputy Director, Association of Clean Water Administrators

Kevin Weiss, Chief, National Program Branch, Water Permits Division, Office of Water, USEPA

Maria Lopez Carbo, Associate Division Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Water, USEPA

12:00 – 2:00 PM

LUNCH FOR ATTENDEES

Ballroom B

2:00 – 3:30 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, who will present on their ongoing nutrients-related efforts. Attendees will hear updates on the recently released EPA Nutrients Memo and innovative approaches to address nutrient pollution.

Jasper Hobbs, Environmental Program Manager, ACWA

Courtney Briggs, Senior Director, Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau Federation

Tim Male, Executive Director, Environmental Policy Innovation Center

Adam Schnieders, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Tom Wall, Director, Watershed Restoration, Assessment and Protection Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

Betsy Behl, Director Health and Ecological Criteria Division, Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water, EPA

Kevin Weiss, Chief, National Program Branch, Water Permits Division, Office of Water, USEPA

3:30 – 5:00 PM

PFAS: JUGGLING EMERGING SCIENCE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

With various standards and benchmarks under development, this conversation will share recent state developments relative to emerging values and facilitate strategic planning to enhance stakeholder engagement, regulation, and outcomes over the next several years. Speakers will also look to non-PFAS CECs to illustrate PFAS' lessons-learned and frameworks for action, and how those can apply to future priority pollutants.

Adrian Stocks, Director, Bureau of Water Quality, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Frances Bothfeld, Marine Water Quality Implementation Lead, Washington Department of Ecology

Vince McGowan, Manager, Water Quality Program, Washington Department of Ecology

Betsy Behl, Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water, EPA

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

Richard Friesner, Director of Water Quality Programs, New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

5:00 PM

DAY 2 WRAP-UP

6:00 – 9:00 PM

RECEPTION FOR ALL ATTENDEES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

CLOSED SESSIONS

Ballroom A

8:00 – 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

Ballroom B

9:00 – 10:30 AM

ACWA BUSINESS MEETING & PRESENTATION OF CWA@50 CAMPAIGN

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 PM

The Clean Water Act: How to Be Even Better After 50!

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.

Julia Anastasio, Executive Director, ACWA

LaJuana S. Wilcher, Partner, English, Lucas, Priest and Owsley, LLP

Bob Perciasepe, Advisor, C2ES

12:00

CLOSING STATEMENTS & ADJOURN ACWA's 61st ANNUAL MEETING