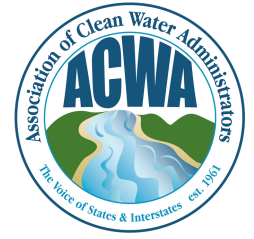


YOUR ACWA DUES AT WORK 2022



INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

As your voice in Washington, D.C., ACWA's staff serves as the primary liaison between states, interstates, the federal government, and national, municipal, industrial, and environmental stakeholder groups on national water quality issues. ACWA's staff works to facilitate state-to-state information exchange, regulatory and policy input, and technical transfer. The Association continues to be a preeminent source of information relied upon by the Administration, Congress, and other stakeholders for objective and expert input on issues, innovations, options, and trends in water quality management and regulation.

COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

- **EPA Planning, Program Guidance, & Metrics** / [Martha Clark Mettler \(IN\)](#)
- **Funding & Congressional Relations** / [Richard Friesner \(NEIWPCC\)](#)
- **Legal Affairs** / [Bob Brown \(MA\)](#) and [Carin Spreitzer \(NY\)](#)
- **Monitoring & Standards Assessment** / [Tish Robertson \(VA\)](#) and [Lindsay Patterson \(WY\)](#)
- **Nutrients Policy** / [Nicole Rowan \(CO\)](#) and [Adam Schneiders \(IA\)](#)
- **Permitting & Compliance** / [Melanie Davenport \(VA\)](#) and [Jason Knutson \(WI\)](#)
- **Water Resources Management** / [Matt Rowe \(MD\)](#) and [Jeff Manning \(NC\)](#)
- **Watersheds** / [Heather Husband \(ND\)](#) and [Traci Iott \(CT\)](#)

WORKGROUPS & CHAIRS

- **319/Nonpoint Source** / [Staff-Led](#)
- **Compliance Assurance & Data Systems** / [Staff-Led](#)
- **Criteria/Standards** / [Staff-Led](#)
- **Modeling** / [Pam Behm \(NC\)](#) and [Craig Lott \(VA\)](#)
- **PFAS** / [Staff-Led](#)
- **Pretreatment** / [Jen Robinson \(UT\)](#) and [Julie Faas \(IA\)](#)
- **Stormwater** / [Paul Hlavinka \(MD\)](#) and [Rebecca Villalba \(TX\)](#)
- **Water Quality Trading** / [Staff-Led](#)
- **WOTUS** / [Jean Coleman \(MN\)](#)

HOW WE WORK: THROUGH LEADERSHIP

ACWA works through our dynamic state/interstate-led Committees, Task Forces, and Workgroups. These groups are open to all state and interstate staff.

To maximize your ACWA membership, your staff should join relevant groups via [Member365](#), our [State/Interstate-Only Web Portal](#).

FEDERAL SUPPORT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH USEPA

ACWA continues to work on the activities associated with the six-year Cooperative Agreement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water that was awarded in FY2017. Work under this agreement is now scheduled to continue until 2022 (with a one-year extension) and symbolizes EPA's continued support of our association's work. Under this agreement, ACWA will continue to provide technical assistance and facilitate improved communication, knowledge transfer, and identification of challenges and implementation opportunities in the clean water programs. Areas of focus include permitting, compliance, TMDLS, WQS, monitoring and assessment, nonpoint source pollution reduction, source water protection, stormwater program management, nutrient reductions, modelling, contaminants of emerging concern, CWA jurisdiction, electronic reporting, SNC rate reduction, and ICIS modernization. ACWA also planned and hosted a virtual nutrients permitting meeting and a face to face nutrients permitting meeting in KS, MO – and more meetings are in the works for the next fiscal year. ACWA also recently secured a competitive award that will consist of several cross-program workshops to advance effective integrated implementation of the CWA programs. A strong relationship with EPA helps states better serve the public by supporting effective actions to protect public health and the environment. Enhanced involvement of states/interstates in policy, regulatory, and associated initiatives results in a shared vision and common understanding of priority areas for the nation's clean water program. ACWA continues to look for other opportunities where federal projects align with our mission.

A NATIONAL VOICE FOR STATES AND INTERSTATES

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

ACWA provided comments EPA and other agencies on:

- BIL Implementation Recommendations
- Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Plan 15
- Cybersecurity as part of NPDES Program
- Updating 401 Certification Regulations
- Proposed Drinking Water Lead and Copper Rule Revisions
- Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards OCSF Point Source Category and Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Plan 15
- Reporting and Recordkeeping requirements for PFAS under the Toxic Substances Control Act and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (i.e., TRI)
- Applying the Maui Decision to NPDES Program
- USACE Nationwide Permits
- Navigating the NPDES Permitting Process for Water Reuse Projects
- State priorities under the National Water Reuse Action Plan, including populating state regulations in the REUSExplorer tool
- Began discussion of upcoming rulemakings regarding Baseline Tribal WQS and Tribal Reserved Rights and PFAS criteria

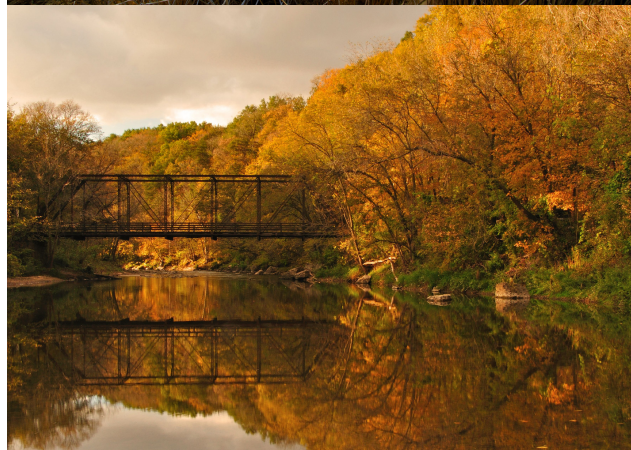
LEGISLATIVE & FUNDING ACTIVITIES

ACWA tracks and engages in Congressional activity relevant to state programs. Examples include:

- Unintended consequences of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684)
- Briefed states on HR 1497 – Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act
- Provide feedback to Congressional Staff on Administratively Continued Permits Provisions
- Submitted testimony on improving 319 program
- Submitted testimony on state experiences in addressing PFAS

POLICY & GUIDANCE ACTIVITIES

- Applying the Maui Decision to NPDES Program
- Encouraged broader discussions regarding ICIS-NPDES System Updates, the CWA Financial Capability Assessment, Continuous Monitoring approaches and Assessment, Small Communities with Lagoons, and life cycle costs of various nutrient treatment technologies
- Supported discussions regarding various PFAS risk assessments and analytical methods
- Provided advice on state priorities related to EPA's Climate Change strategies and action plans, and began discussions on EPA's Harmful Cyanobacteria/Algae Blooms action planning
- Supported State/EPA CSO Workgroup Discussions and Tool Development
- Supported State/EPA SNC NCI Workgroup Discussions
- Recommend DMR Nonreceipt SNC Duration
- Provided feedback on inspection training needs.
- Provided Feedback on Several SNC NCI
- Supported release of Version 2.0 of the Nutrients Reduction Progress Tracker
- Coordinated cross-program discussions on implementation of the 303(d) Long-Term Vision, EPA's PFAS Roadmap, and the ACWA/ASDWA Recommendations Report for Contaminants of Emerging Concern
- Provided advice on implementing the National Emerging Contaminant Research Initiative as well as EPA Office of Research and Development's next strategic plan
- Promoted the ongoing push for improving the training of state Modeling staff and resources available.
- Facilitated development of select criteria implementation support materials and guidance with EPA, including Selenium, Aluminum, Ion, and Lake Nutrients criteria
- Supported state engagement at the National Biosolids Meeting and state efforts to address PFAS in biosolids
- Hosted "101" webinars for new state staff in multiple topical areas, including TMDLs, WQS, Modeling, and NPDES
- Supported state discussion of best practices related to NPDES permitting and water recycling, and stormwater capture and use



AN EFFECTIVE PARTNER, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

COLLABORATION

ACWA uses its presence in the nation's capital to collaborate and work with many organizations with like goals and priorities, as well as to build bridges with others. These include, but certainly are not limited to:

- Federal: United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), Department of Interior (United States Geological Survey, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Forest Service), and Department of Energy
- State Associations: Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the National Association of Wetland Managers, the Coastal States Organization, the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities, Environmental Council of the States, Groundwater Protection Council, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Governor's Association, Association of Public Health Labs, and the Western States Water Council
- Local Government Organizations: National Association of Counties, National Association of Towns and Townships, National League of Cities, and United States Conference of Mayors
- Municipal Groups: National Association of Clean Water Agencies, National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies, Water Environment Federation, and Water Research Foundation

COMMUNICATION WITH OUR MEMBERS

Our top priority is communicating with our members. We strive to develop quality communications and timely updates, as well as to offer insight and guidance. In addition to the Committee and Workgroup work, some of the ways we reach out to our members include:

- Our website, www.acwa-us.org.
- Twitter feed—follow us @cleanwaterACWA
- Friday e-newsletter, The Weekly Wrap
- E-mails to our Members, Committees, Work Groups, containing the latest information from EPA and other sources
- Our State/Interstate Only Web Portal, Member365
 - Members-only workspaces where state staff share ideas and documents
- Regulatory and legislative alerts and updates
- Surveys and reports on important topics
- ACWA live-streamed several of its meetings this year

The ACWA Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan in August 2017. The FY2018 – FY 2022 Strategic Plan is organized around 4 overarching goals:

Goal 1: Provide High Quality Member Services

Goal 2: Voice of State & Interstate Clean Water Administrators

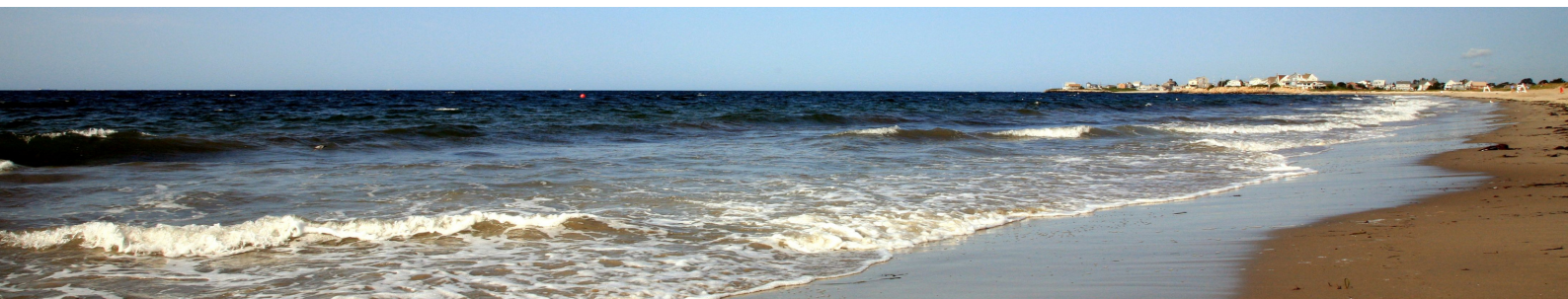
Goal 3: Enhance Membership Development

Goal 4: Promote a Culture of Organizational Excellence

The ACWA Strategic Plan Task Force has developed a draft strategic plan for FY2023-FY2028 which will be shared with the full membership for feedback by the end of April 2022.

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING, DEVELOPMENT, & RECOGNITION

ACWA generally holds two face-to-face member meetings a year to allow our members to meet with their peers, facilitate conversations with EPA Headquarters and Regions, recognize achievements, and to collaborate with organizations with similar and differing water quality goals. ACWA has shifted its programming to a hybrid format which will enable more state staff to participate in these activities.



HOW DO STATES PAY ACWA DUES?

ACWA has achieved tremendous success in consistently securing base operational funds from membership dues. This success is due in part to the creative and diverse approaches the membership has utilized to ensure their ACWA dues are paid annually. In communicating with members over the years, we have learned they take varying approaches to dues payments, including:

1. § 106 Grant Funds
2. CWSRF Administration Funds
3. State General Revenue Funds
4. State Agency Appropriated Funds
5. Water Program Specific Funds
6. NPDES Program Funds (including permit fees and enforcement fines)

ACWA, as a 501(c)(3) organization, is limited in the amount of lobbying it may conduct and is required by law to report all such activity. ACWA has been very diligent in complying with these limits.

Year	Lobbying \$	% of FY Expenses
FY2014	\$605	0.006%
FY2015	\$1,106	0.001%
FY2016	\$524	0.001%
FY2017	\$0	0.000%
FY2018	\$0	0.000%
FY2019	\$0	0.000%
FY2020	\$0	0.000%
FY2021	\$0	0.000%

WHO'S WHO AT ACWA

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

Julia Anastasio	Executive Director & General Counsel
Sean Rolland	Deputy Director
Annette Ivey	Director of Operations
Jake Adler	Environmental Analyst
Jasper Hobbs	Environmental Program Manager
Kara McCauley	Member Services Associate

2021-2022 LEADERSHIP

President	Andrew Gavin (SRBC)
Vice-President	Mary Anne Nelson (ID)
Treasurer	Amanda Vincent (LA)
Secretary	Lee Currey (MD)
Past President	Tom Stiles (KS)

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Region 1	Tracy Wood (NH)
Region 2	Jennifer Feltis (NJ)
Region 3	Lee Currey (MD)
Region 4	Jennifer Dodd (TN)
Region 5	Adrian Stocks (WI)
Region 6	Shelly Lemon (NM)
Region 7	Chris Wieberg (MO)
Region 8	Erica Gaddis (UT)
Region 9	Karen Mogus (CA)
Region 10	Randy Bates (AK)
Interstates	Evelyn Powers (IEC)

ACWA can track, report, and certify that a state or interstate's dues have not been utilized for lobbying. Should a letter of documentation be helpful or necessary, please contact Annette Ivey, Director of Operations, at (202) 756-0602 or aivey@acwa-us.org.

DUES

In December 2018, the Board of Directors approved a new dues analysis process that would allow the association to publish dues rates two years out, providing members greater certainty regarding dues amounts and much earlier than previously communicated. Starting in FY 2019, the Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Director, will annually assess and propose to the Board at the March Board Meeting whether a consumer price index (CPI) related dues increase is needed as part of the overall budget proposal.

