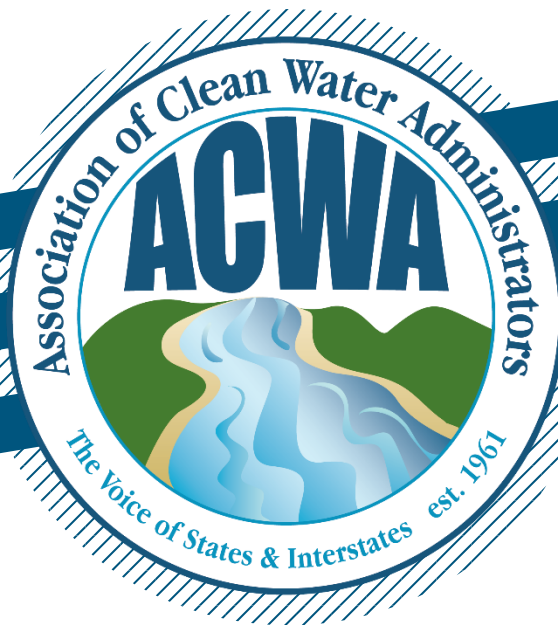


Association of Clean Water Administrators

62nd ANNUAL MEETING

From Now to Next: Addressing Water Quality Challenges

**The Grove Hotel
Boise, Idaho
August 8th – 11th, 2023**



SPECIAL THANKS TO

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee: Rebecca Villalba (TX), Adam Schnieders (IA), Adrian Stocks (WI), Richard Friesner (NEIWPC), Jennifer Zygmunt (WY), Trevor Baggiore (AZ), Traci Lott (CT), Craig Lott (VA), and Karen Mogus (CA)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Riverfork – 3rd Floor

ALL TIMES MOUNTAIN

12:00 – 5:00 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 – 9:00 PM

LEADERSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

ALL TIMES MOUNTAIN

This is a Closed Meeting – State/ Interstate program staff, Office of Water Partners and Other Invited Guests Only

Aspen & Cedar – 2nd Floor

7:30 – 8:30 AM

REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

Registration at landing area outside of Aspen/Cedar – 2nd Floor.

Continental breakfast available at Evergreen Room – 2nd Floor.

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 learn more about the association and ways to get involved.

Sean Rolland, Deputy Director, ACWA

9:45 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mary Anne Nelson, ACWA President; Surface and Wastewater Division Administrator, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

10:00 – 10:30 AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jess Byrne, Director, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

Evergreen – 2nd Floor

11:00 – 12:00 PM

STATE STRATEGIES ON CEC

This panel will focus on holistic approaches to addressing emerging contaminants, spotlighting existing resources and synergies available to states developing or refining their own CEC strategies.

Jake Adler, ACWA Staff (Moderator)

Jennifer Feltis Cortese, New Jersey Division of Water Quality

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

Karen Mogus, Deputy Director, California Division of Water Quality

12:00 – 2:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES

Evergreen – 2nd Floor

2:00 – 2:30 PM

OFFICE OF WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT UPDATES ON KEY REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Representatives from OWM will provide updates on the NPDES program including new MS4 definitions, Maui Hydrologic Connectivity Guidance, PFAS, and other key NPDES regulatory changes.

Maria Lopez Carbo, Associate Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Water, US EPA

2:30 – 3:45 PM

OFFICE OF WATERWAYS, OCEANS AND WETLANDS: UPDATES ON KEY REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Representatives from OWOW will provide updates on key regulatory activities such as WOTUS, 401, and 404(g). A panel of state representatives will discuss the impacts of the recent Sackett decision on their programs and state assumption.

Julia Anastasio, Executive Director, ACWA (Moderator)

Brian Frazer, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, US EPA

Russ Kaiser, Oceans, Wetlands and Communities Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, US EPA

Scott Morris, DBA, P.E., Director of Water, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Teresa Seidel, Water Resources Program Director, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

Randy Bates, Director, Division of Water, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

3:45 – 4:00 PM

BREAK

Evergreen – 2nd Floor

4:00 – 5:00 PM

ACCELERATING NUTRIENT POLLUTION REDUCTIONS IN THE NATION'S WATER

Regional representatives will report out on the status of the state-regional office engagement on state nutrient strategy implementation and grant workplan discussions.

Tom Stiles, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Moderator)

Adam Schnieders, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Lindsay Patterson, Water Quality Standards Supervisor, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

Jaime Gaggero, Deputy Water Division Director, US EPA Region 7

Amanda Reed, US EPA Region 7, Water Division

5:00 PM

DAY 1 CONCLUDES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

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TRIBAL WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REGULATORY UPDATES: TRIBAL RESERVED RIGHTS AND BASELINE WQS RULES

EPA will provide an overview of the status of the TRR and Baseline Water Quality Standards rule updates and representatives from the ACWA TRR workgroup will provide a report-out on state-EPA conversations and seek further input from members.

Sara Hisel McCoy, Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, US EPA
Melinda McCoy, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Lindsay Patterson, Water Quality Standards Supervisor, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Richard Friesner, Director of Water Quality Programs, NEIWPC
Jake Adler, ACWA Staff (Moderator)

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

Evergreen – 2nd Floor

11:00 – 12:00 PM

ACWA BUSINESS MEETING

12:00 – 2:00 PM

LUNCH FOR ATTENDEES

Evergreen – 2nd Floor

2:00 – 3:00 PM

SEC. 319 GRANT GUIDELINES UPDATE

This session will provide an overview of EPA's draft updates to the section 319 grant guidelines, including common themes EPA heard from the states and plans for public review and comment.

Jasper Hobbs, Environmental Program Manager, ACWA (Moderator)
Michael Scozzafava, Chief, Nonpoint Source Management Branch, US EPA
Tom Wall, Director, Watershed Restoration, Assessment and Protection Division, US EPA
Amanda Reed, US EPA Region 7, Water Division

3:00 – 3:15 PM

BREAK

Evergreen – 2nd Floor

3:15 – 4:00 PM

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE UPDATES

Presenters in this session will provide an overview of recent Administration environmental justice priorities and state representatives will discuss how they are conducting cumulative impact assessments.

Melanie Davenport, Director, Regulatory Affairs and Outreach Division, Virginia DEQ
Traci Iott, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, Connecticut DEEP
Kevin Weiss, Chief, National Program Branch, Office of Wastewater Management, US EPA

4:00 – 5:30 PM

CHANGING THE ODDS FOR THE LITTLE GUYS: ASSISTANCE TO REDUCE SNC, ADVANCE EJ AND ACCESS BIL FUNDINGS FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

This session will focus on technical assistance opportunities for small communities to position themselves to reduce significant non-compliance and advance environmental justice.

Sean Rolland, Deputy Director, ACWA (Moderator)
Michael Deane, Chief, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Branch, Office of Wastewater Management, US EPA
Barbara VanTil, Chief, Water Branch, Office of Compliance, US EPA
Catherine Allen, Chief, Sustainable Communities and Infrastructure Branch, Office of Wastewater Management, US EPA

5:30 PM

DAY 2 CONCLUDES

6:00 – 9:00 PM

RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY

Evergreen – 2nd Floor

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

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WETLANDS: PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, DREDGE & FILL AND ASSUMPTION

States play a critical role in the protection and management of our nation's wetlands. Most states and many tribes have increased their roles in wetlands protection and management by adopting any of a number of wetlands programs or tools. Other states have focused on using the dredge and fill program to protect state wetlands. Presenters in this session will discuss program development, share insights on how to fund, staff and implement a program, and discuss dredge and fill permitting policy and state assumption of the 404(g) program.

Julia Anastasio, Executive Director, ACWA (Moderator)

Marla Stelk, Executive Director, National Association of Wetland Managers

Anna Kamnyev, Manager of the Division of Surface Water's 401 Water Quality Certification and Isolated Wetland Program, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Karen Mogus, Deputy Director, California Division of Water Quality

10:30 – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 PM

SHORING UP RESILIENCE IN NPDES PERMITS, SRF, AND OTHER CWA PROGRAMS

This session will focus on identifying existing and forthcoming resources and initiatives to address climate change and water resources resilience in NPDES permits, state SRF programs, and other core CWA programs.

Jonathan Rice, Chief, Industrial and General Permits Division, Maryland Department of the Environment

Jennifer Feltis Cortese, New Jersey Division of Water Quality

Kevin Weiss, Chief, National Program Branch, Office of Wastewater Management, US EPA