



# ACWA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

August 10, 2023

Boise, Idaho



## 2023-2024 ELECTION RESULTS

▶ Martha Clark  
Mettler

Assistant Commissioner,  
Office of Water Quality

Indiana Department of  
Environmental  
Management

- ▶ Region 1 Tracy Wood (NH)
- ▶ **Region 2 Jennifer Feltis (NJ)**
- ▶ Region 3 Jeffrey Seltzer (DC)
- ▶ **Region 4 Ania Truszczynski (GA)**
- ▶ Region 5 Dana Vanderbosch (MN)
- ▶ **Region 6 Shelly Lemon (NM)**
- ▶ Region 7 Lori McDaniel (IA)
- ▶ **Region 8 Jennifer Zygmunt (WY)**
- ▶ Region 9 Trevor Baggiorie (AZ)
- ▶ **Region 10 Randy Bates (AK)**
- ▶ Interstates Evelyn Powers (IEC)

2023-2024  
REGIONAL BOARD MEMBERS





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► **Julia Anastasio**

Executive Director & General Counsel

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



# ANNUAL REPORT

Association of Clean Water  
Administrators

FISCAL YEAR 2023

## FY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT





- ▶ Continue to be engine of ACWA
  - ▶ Tribal Water Quality Standards
  - ▶ Continued Collaboration with OECA
  - ▶ WOTUS Input
  - ▶ 2024 Integrated Reporting Memo
  - ▶ Nutrients Policy Feedback
- ▶ Learn more at <https://www.acwa-us.org/members/committees>

## COMMITTEES/WORKGROUPS



May 24, 2019

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
William Jefferson Clinton Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Via regulations.gov: EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0855

RE: Pre-proposal Recommendations for Clarification of Provisions within  
Clean Water Act Section 401 and Related Federal Regulations and Guidance

The Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) or the  
"states") is the independent, nonpartisan, national organization of state, interstate,  
and territorial water program managers, who on a daily basis implement the water  
quality programs of the Clean Water Act ("CWA").

States are disappointed with EPA's insufficient engagement and outreach regarding  
this effort, recognizing that the tight timeline established by Executive Order  
11868 *Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth* ("Executive  
Order") has made outreach more difficult. Because the clarifications to CWA  
Section 401 and changes to related federal regulations and guidance contemplated  
by the Executive Order may fundamentally alter the state-federal relationship in  
managing the nation's water resources and may severely limit states' ability to  
regulate and manage the water resources within their borders, meaningful  
consultation with states is essential before EPA moves forward. EPA's lack of  
consultation prevents states from providing input into decision making as intended  
by the cooperative federalism goals of the Clean Water Act. Also, the timeline of  
only 90 days for the development of new guidance and 120 days for the  
completion of rulemaking makes it difficult for states to provide meaningful input  
to EPA. States hold a unique and congressionally designated role under the CWA  
as co-regulators. Therefore, ACWA insists that EPA provide genuine outreach to  
states and maintain regular contact and dialogue, through forum, calls, and other  
communication, throughout the life of this effort. This process should also be  
iterative, allowing for negotiation and joint process development.

Also, it is not clear that changes to the CWA Section 401 certification are needed,  
as states have consistently exercised their authority under Section 401 in an  
efficient, effective, and equitable manner. Therefore, states insist EPA  
communicate clearly why this effort is necessary.

Lastly, states are also firmly against any clarifications to CWA Section 401 or  
changes to related federal regulations and guidance that may curtail or reduce state  
authority under CWA Section 401 or the vital role of states in maintaining water  
quality within their boundaries. If clarifications to Section 401 or changes to related  
federal regulations and guidance are to be made, states insist that EPA provide  
genuine outreach to states to ensure preservation of states' congressionally  
designated role under the CWA as co-regulators and ensure the water resources within

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Executive Director & General Counsel  
Julia Amswain



June 7, 2019

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
William Jefferson Clinton Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Via regulations.gov: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-GW-2019-0166

RE: Interpretive Statement on Application of Clean Water Act  
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program to Releases  
of Pollutants from a Point Source to Groundwater

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independent, nonpartisan, national organization of state, interstate, and  
territorial water program managers, who on a daily basis implement the water  
quality programs of the Clean Water Act ("CWA").

As the primary entities responsible for carrying out CWA programs, states  
are uniquely positioned to provide input responsive to EPA's *Interpretive  
Statement on Application of the Clean Water Act National Pollutant  
Discharge Elimination System Program to Releases of Pollutants from a  
Point Source to Groundwater* (the "Statement"). However, states are  
disappointed with EPA's insufficient engagement and outreach prior to the  
release of Statement. First, the Statement directly affects state permitting  
programs. Second, state regulators have significant experience dealing with  
discharges of pollutants to groundwater that eventually lead to surface water  
via direct hydrologic connection as well as technical expertise and particular  
knowledge of their own waters and regulatory structures and could have  
helped inform EPA's deliberations. States are disappointed that EPA's only  
engagement on the drafting of the Statement was through the EPA public  
comment process ending in May 2018. As EPA moves forward with the  
effort to clarify the application of the NPDES program to releases of  
pollutants to groundwater, ACWA requests that the Agency engage in  
meaningful collaboration with states.

EPA should also provide clarity as to how the Statement will be used by the  
Agency moving forward. Further, EPA should modify the Statement or

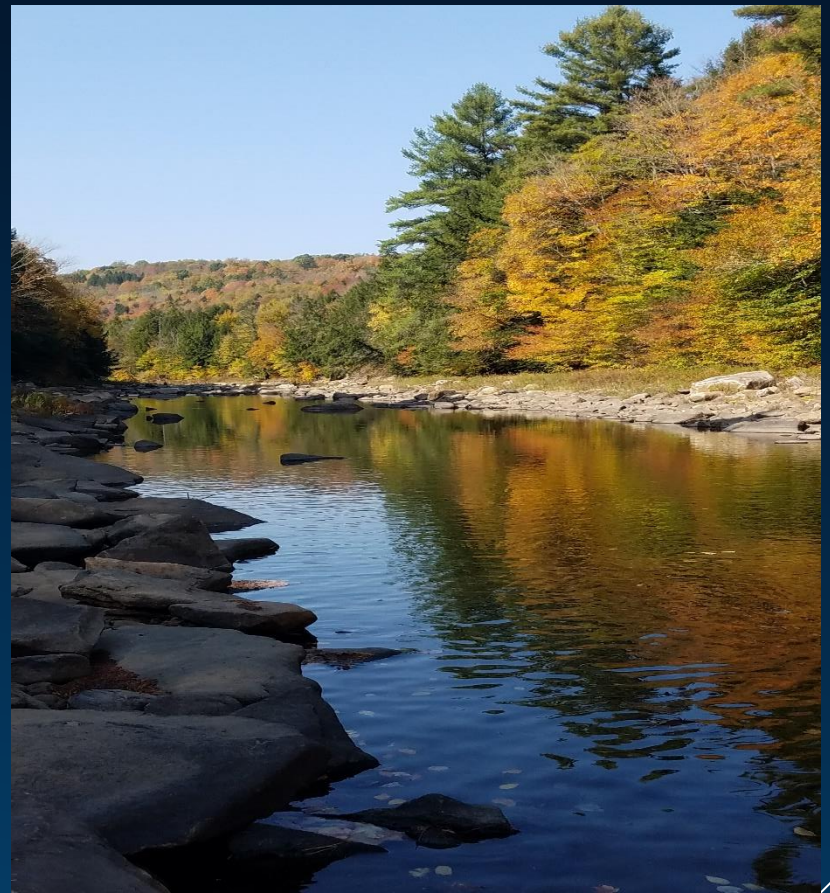
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- ▶ WOTUS
- ▶ Response to Nutrients Management Memo
- ▶ PFAS Reporting Requirements
- ▶ Tribal Water Quality Standards
- ▶ Infrastructure Funding/ Appropriations
- ▶ Small MS4 Urbanized Areas

# LETTERS & TESTIMONY



- ▶ Source Water Collaborative
- ▶ CIFA, ASDWA & ECOS
- ▶ State Associations Water Reuse State Summit
- ▶ ECOS PFAS Coordinating Committee
- ▶ Decentralized MOU Partnership



## COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS



- ▶ Nutrients Permitting
  - ▶ TMDL Modeling
  - ▶ Stormwater Roundtable
  - ▶ Pretreatment Coordinators
  - ▶ Cross Program Workshop
- ▶ More workshops planned for the coming year!
- ▶ Visit [www.acwa-us.org/events](http://www.acwa-us.org/events)

## WORKSHOPS & TRAINING FOR STATE PROGRAM STAFF

CWA CWA @ 50

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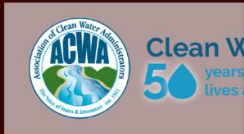
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1st Place: Mississippi River Life



Third Place: E... Synchron...



Clean Water 50 years lives...

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Years of the Clean Water Act

A Celebration of Success

Association of Clean Water Administrators  
June 23, 2022

Clean Water Timeline Success Stories What's Next? Acknowledgements

## ► Activities

- No Registration Fee for 2022 Annual Meeting
- CWA Success Stories Map (<https://arcg.is/1iOvKf0>)
- Photo Contest
- Resolutions & Proclamations
- Social Media Activities

# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

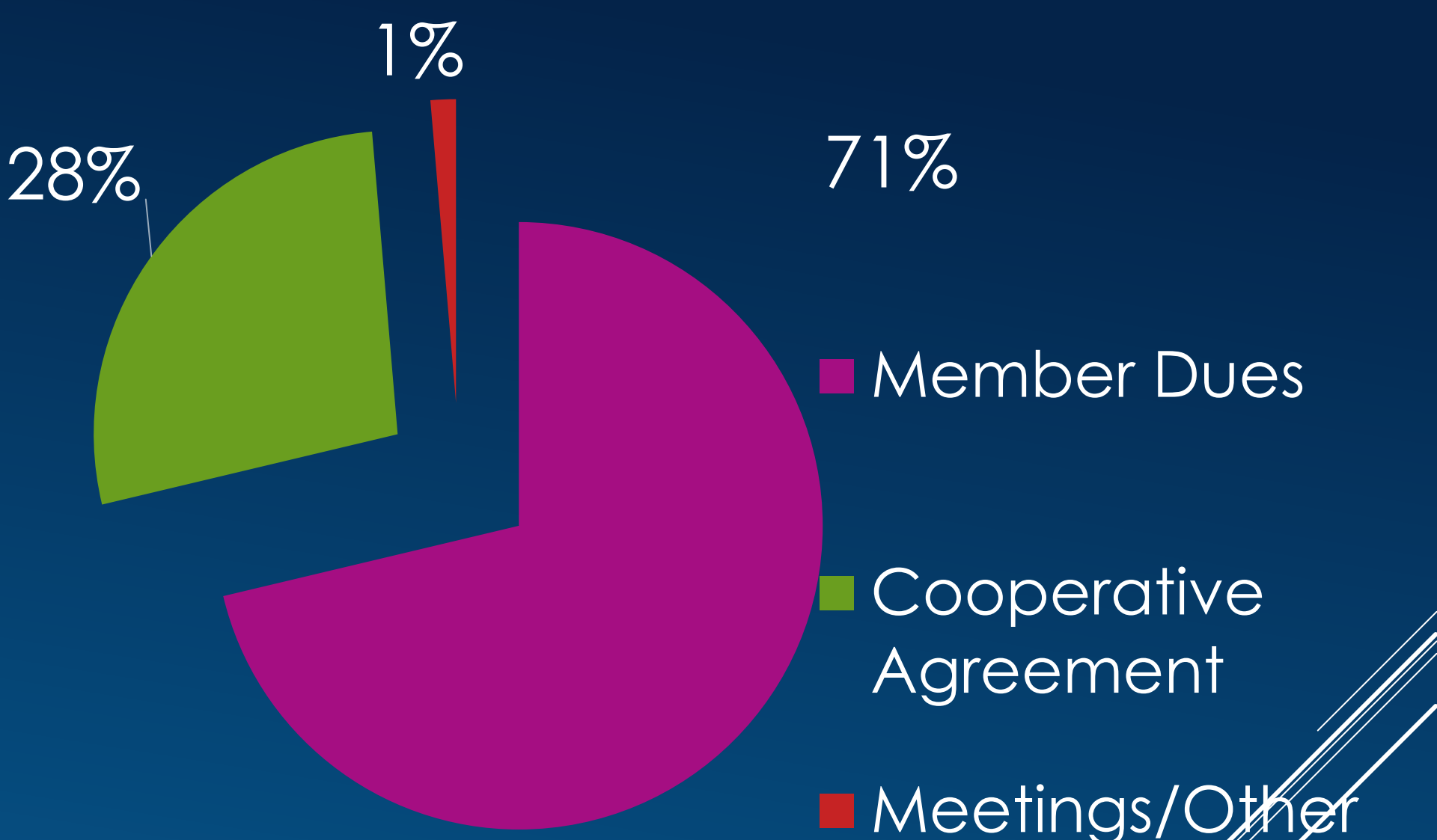
▶ **Andy Gavin**

ACWA Treasurer

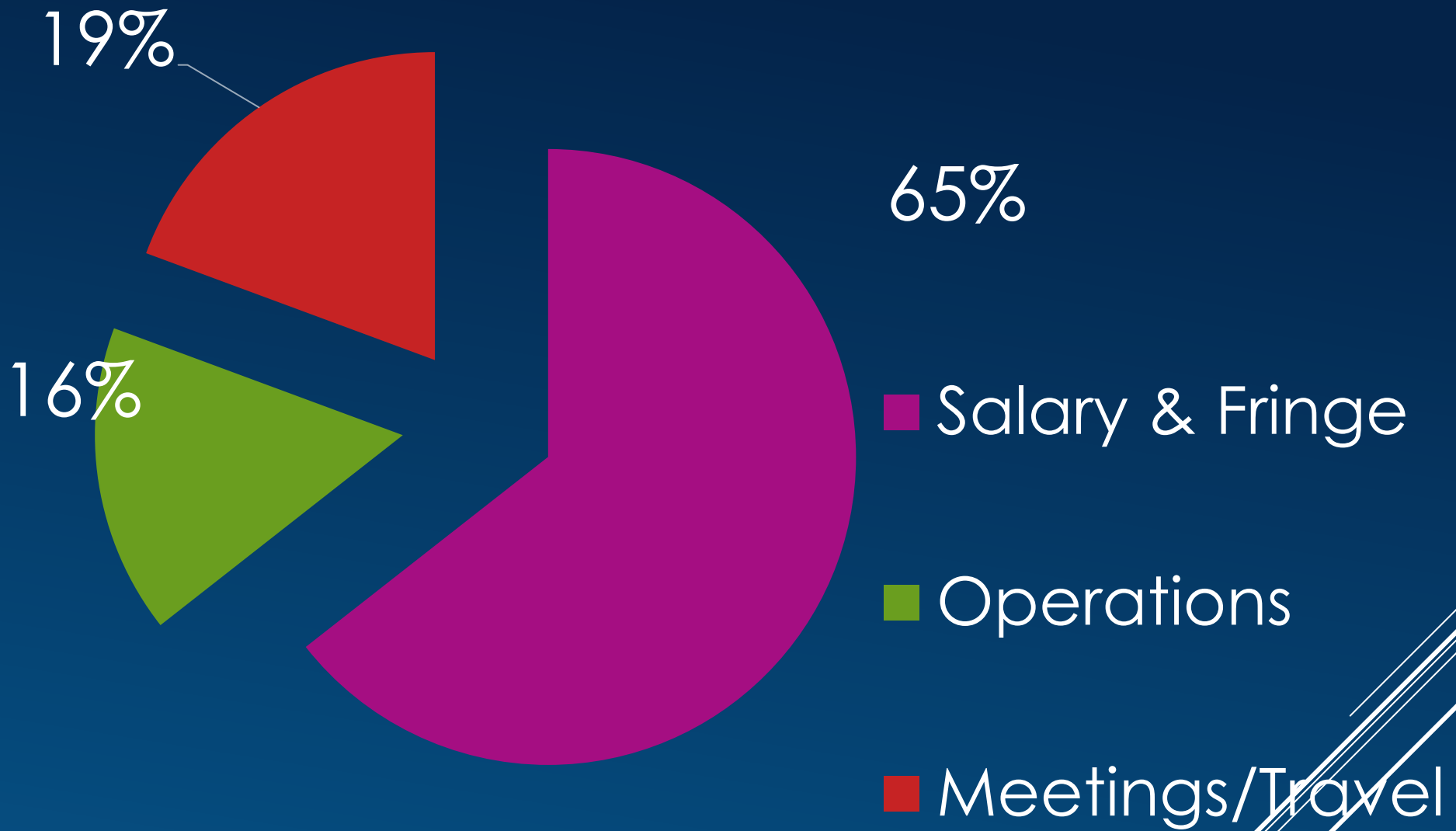
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TREASURER'S REPORT



FY2023 REVENUE \$1,172,882 (UNAUDITED)



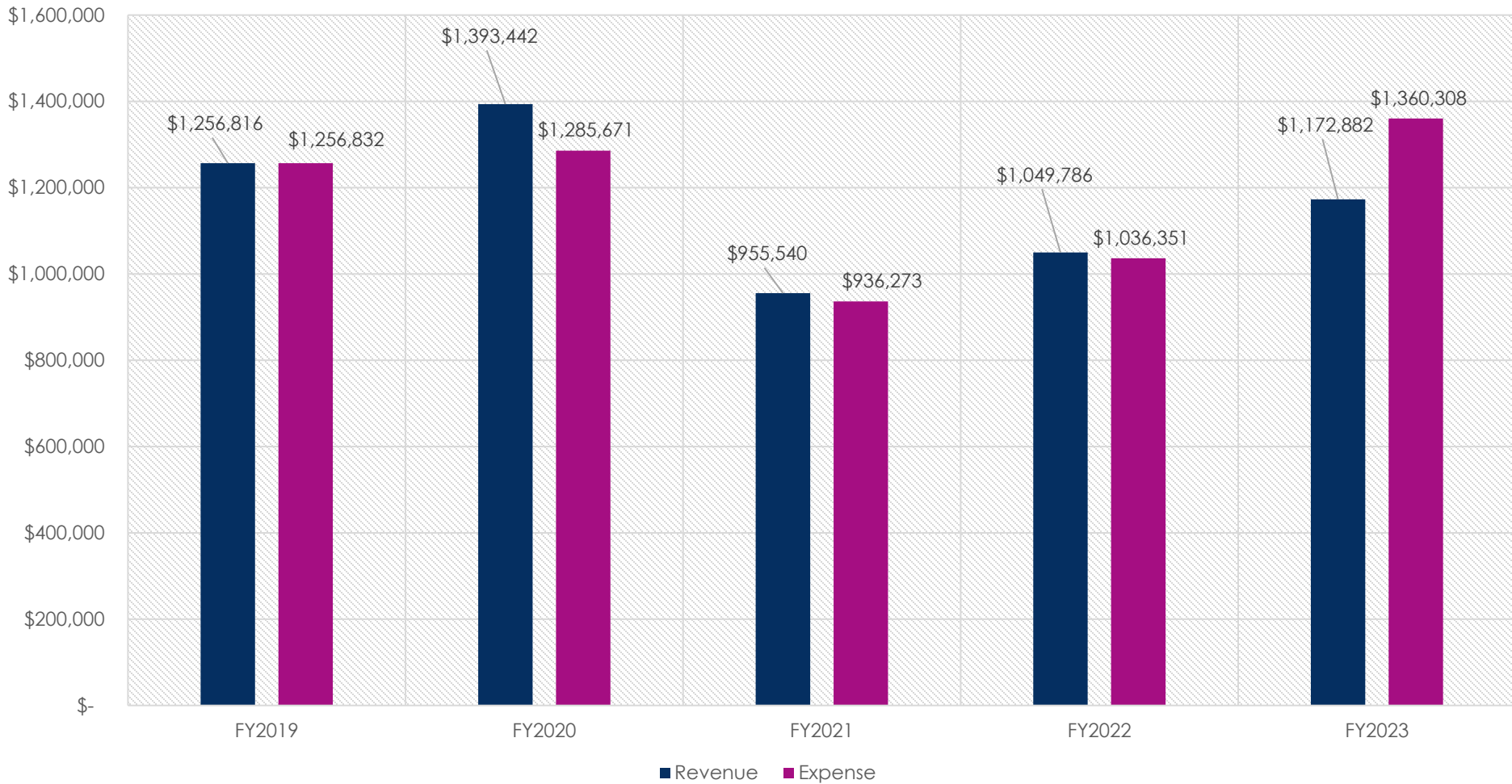
FY2023 EXPENSES \$1,360,308 (UNAUDITED)

# FY2023 Budget Variances

- ▶ ↓ Cooperative Agreement Revenue
- ▶ ↓ State Dues (3 states)
- ▶ ↓ Meeting Registration Fees
- ▶ ↑ Off Budget Expenses
- ▶ ↑ Increased Inflation

Once audited, the Board plans to cover the FY2023 short fall with previous year's surpluses and without borrowing from the reserve if possible.

## ACWA Five Year - Revenue and Expenses




5 YEAR LOOK BACK - REVENUE VS EXPENSES



# TREASURER'S OVERVIEW (CONT.)

- ▶ FY2024 – Board Approved a 4% Dues Increase
- ▶ FY2025 – Board Approved a 6% Dues Increase
- ▶ ACWA now provides dues schedule for 2 years to help with state budget planning.



❖ **Mary Anne Nelson**

ACWA President

Administrator, Water Quality Division  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capital  
Boise

WHEREAS, the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) will gather for its 62<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting August 8-11, 2023, in Boise, Idaho, under the leadership of its President Mary Anne Nelson, administrator of the Surface and Wastewater Division and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, ACWA is the independent, nonpartisan, national organization of state and interstate water program directors who on a daily basis implement the water quality programs of the Clean Water Act and ensure clean and safe water across our nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho and our state's water programs have benefited from ACWA's leadership and focus on knowledge transfer and the sharing of best practices among the states; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho and our state's water programs have also benefited from ACWA's collaborative relationships with the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Idaho are dependent on clean waters to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's abundant lakes, rivers, and streams provide its citizens with numerous recreational and commercial opportunities and greatly enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, clean water plays a critical role in the economic prosperity of Idaho by providing a sustainable commercial fishing industry, supporting agriculture and industry, and sustaining a robust tourism industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 7-11, 2023, to be

**CLEAN WATER APPRECIATION WEEK**

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance by working together to appreciate and to protect clean water as a critical resource for our state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho of the Capitol in Boise on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-eighth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fourth.

Handwritten signature of Brad Little in blue ink.

BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR

A circular stamp or seal, possibly a signature or official mark, located at the bottom left of the document.

# CLEAN WATER APPRECIATION WEEK

Governor Little issued a proclamation declaring August 7-11, 2023 as Clean Water Appreciation Week.

## ❖ ACWA Initiatives

- ▶ Input on **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Federal Appropriations**
- ▶ **New Office of Water 6-Year Cooperative Agreement**
- ▶ **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CWA Celebration**

WHIRLWIND OF A YEAR!!



# Association of Clean Water Administrators Strategic Plan FY2023-FY2027

**Vision:** Achieve clean water everywhere for everyone through an engaged and trusted association where clean water administrators share, collaborate, educate, and advocate

**Mission:** To serve as the national nonpartisan voice of state, interstate, and territorial administrators responsible for efficient and effective implementation of the Clean Water Act

## Goals

**1**

**Voice of State, Interstate, and Territorial Clean Water Administrators**

**Evaluate Existing Services & Operations**

Regularly evaluate services and organizational operations in the regulatory, policy, legislative, legal and technical areas to ensure alignment with membership priorities.

**Identify Ways to Improve Communication**

Regularly evaluate options to improve communication, participation, and information sharing among members.

**Ensure Positions Represent Membership**

Ensure ACWA's positions and communications to congress, EPA, and others represent membership perspectives.

**Strengthen Relationships**

Establish, expand, and enhance strategic collaborative relationships with appropriate federal agencies, nonfederal groups, and tribes.

**2**

**Expand Membership Engagement and Enhance Leadership Development**

**Foster Understanding of Membership Value**

Identify ways to enhance each member's understanding of member benefits, responsibilities, and participation value and opportunities

**Foster Membership Engagement**

Identify ways to increase member staff engagement and service in leadership positions.

**Invite Territorial Participation**

Develop a plan for encouraging US Territory participation with ACWA.

**3**

**Promote a Culture of Organizational Excellence**

**Recruit, Develop, & Retain Professional Staff**

Create a culture of equity and inclusion to build and support a diverse staff to assure delivery of high-quality professional services.

**Ensure Efficient & Effective Use of Organizational Resources**

Make informed decisions on use of funds, staffing, services, technology, and other assets.

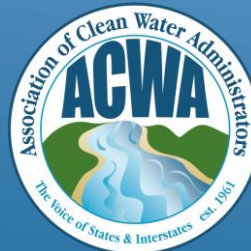
**Ensure Financial Integrity & Sustainability**

Make prudent investment decisions with board oversight and approval and utilize Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in financial operations.

**Grant Strategy & Management**

Pursue, secure, and leverage grant opportunities that support and advance the mission and organizational priorities.

Objectives



# KEY GOALS

## ❖ **Financially Sound**

- ▶ Consistent Dues Payments from Members
- ▶ Leveraging federal grant dollars
- ▶ Managed financial resources during pandemic efficiently and effectively


## ❖ **Continue to Offer Training Workshops to State Staff**

- ▶ Pivot to virtual
- ▶ Identified and secure new funding (OWOW Cross Program Workshops)

## ❖ **Maintain Excellent Staff**

- ▶ Experienced, dedicated, persistent





▶ **Amanda Vincent**

ACWA President Elect

Environmental Division Administrator  
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

**PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT**



- ▶ Continue to be the “Voice of States/ Interstates”
- ▶ Continue to Strengthen Co-Regulator Relationship & Promote Cooperative Federalism
- ▶ Continue to provide new Tools, Resources & Roadmaps
- ▶ Continue opportunities for face-to-face learning and networking opportunities

IN THE YEAR  
AHEAD







- ▶ ACWA Annual Meeting 8/9-11/2023  
Boise, Idaho
- ▶ 2023 Water Quality Modeling 10/23-  
27/2023 Salt Lake City, Utah Workshop
- ▶ States Water Reuse Workshop  
3/10/2024 Denver, Colorado
- ▶ ACWA Mid-Year Meeting 3/26-3/27,  
2024 Washington, DC
- ▶ ACWA Annual Meeting 8/2024 TBA
- ▶ National CAFO Roundtable 2024 TBA
- ▶ 2nd Clean Water Cross-Program  
Workshop 2024 TBA
- ▶ 2024 Water Quality Modeling  
Workshop Fall 2024 TBA

UPCOMING MEETINGS

***TO LEARN MORE: [WWW.ACWA-  
US.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.ACWA-US.ORG/EVENTS)***



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THANK YOU TO OUR PLANNING COMMITTEE!



- ▶ Sean Rolland, Deputy Director
- ▶ Annette Ivey, Director of Operations
- ▶ Jasper Hobbs, Environmental Program Manager
- ▶ Jake Adler, Environmental Analyst
- ▶ Lexy Bailey, Member Services Associate

THANK YOU TO ACWA'S  
STAFF!