

Association of Clean Water Administrators

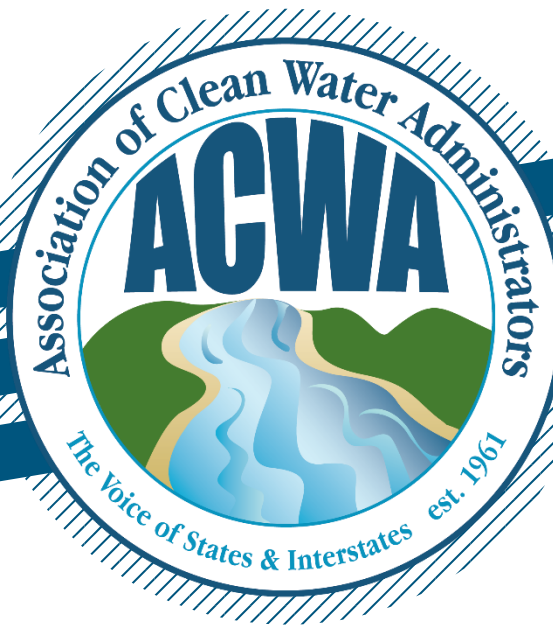
2026 Mid-Year Meeting

March 24-26, 2026

KEEPING THE VISION OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT IN FOCUS

*Highlighting strong partnerships, regulatory innovations, resilient strategies, and modern policies
to ensure the CWA's promise in a changing world*

CLOSED SESSION FOR STATES/INTERSTATE REPRESENTATIVES ONLY



TUESDAY, MARCH 24

12:00 – 5:00 PM ET

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Washington/Jefferson Room

6:00 – 9 :00 PM ET

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEADERSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

THIS IS A CLOSED MEETING – STATE/ INTERSTATE PROGRAM STAFF, OFFICE OF WATER PARTNERS AND OTHER INVITED GUESTS ONLY

All General Sessions will be held in B & C Grand Ballroom

8:00 – 9:30 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

Registration – Marble Foyer
Breakfast – Grand Ballroom Foyer

9:30 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME & KEYNOTE

Shelly Lemon, Surface Water Quality Bureau Chief, New Mexico Environment Department, ACWA President

Jessica Kramer, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:00– 11:15 AM

Aligning Priorities: EPA Office Director Updates

The Office Directors from the Office of Water and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance will join us to discuss their priorities for the coming year and highlight areas for collaboration and coordination with the states and interstates.

Brian Frazer, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Office of Water

Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water

Jacqueline Werner, Director, Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (*invited*)

David Travers, Director, Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity

11:15 – 12:15 PM

HOT TOPICS IN CWA LITIGATION

The session will provide a discussion led by attorneys from the Environmental Law & Policy Center, focusing on recent federal court decisions affecting Clean Water Act program implementation, including San Francisco v. EPA, Village of Morrisville v. FERC, and others.

Nancy Stoner, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law & Policy Center

Jessica O'Donnell, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law & Policy Center

12:15 – 1:45 PM

LUNCH

Salon A

1:45 – 3:00 PM

STAKEHOLDERS' PERSPECTIVES: POLICY PRIORITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

As we move into 2026, panelists from organizations representing key stakeholder groups will join us to discuss their organizations' priorities for federal CWA policy and participate in a discussion on data centers focusing on issues such as general considerations, gaps in policy or regulations, challenges or barriers, and some brainstorming on potential solutions for discussion.

Rachel Gonsenhaus, Regulatory Technical Manager, American Water Works Association

Carolyn Berndt, Legislative Director, Sustainability, the National League of Cities

Bruno Pigott, Executive Director, the WaterReuse Association

Cy McNeill, Senior Director, Federal Affairs, the Data Center Coalition

3:00 – 3:30 PM

BREAK

3:30 – 5:00 PM

STATES ONLY – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

States will share with their peers different approaches/authorities/resources they are considering as a response to recently proposed updates to CWA programs including 401 certification, WOTUS, and potentially a reduction in 106 funding.

5:00 PM

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GRAND CHALLENGES IN U.S. WATER: ASPEN NATIONAL WATER STRATEGY

Persistent, systemic water issues across the U.S. increasingly affect public health, economic stability, and environmental health. If left unaddressed, these national challenges are projected to worsen, creating further strain on both infrastructure and natural resources. The Aspen National Water Strategy was launched with the goal of identifying the strategies necessary to ensure water security for America's communities, economies, and ecosystems. Aspen National Water Strategy Co-Chair, Newsha Ajami, will join us to discuss the

Strategy and the opportunities for state water quality programs to address the challenges identified in the Strategy.

Newsha Ajami, PhD, Founding Director of the Risk Resilience and Recovery Program, Doerr School of Sustainability, Stanford University

Sivan Zamir, VP of Enterprise Innovation and Venture at Xylem

Tim Male, Executive Director of Environmental Policy and Innovation Center

Michael Nardolilli, Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin

10:00 – 10:30 AM

BREAK

10:30 – 12:00 PM

UPDATES FROM ACWA'S STATE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Representatives from ACWA's state partner organizations – The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), the Association of Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA), the Western States Water Council (WSWC) and the Groundwater Protection Counsel (GWPC) will join in a moderated panel discussion focusing on key issues and areas ripe for collaboration.

Ben Grumbles, Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States

Anthony DeRosa, Executive Director, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators

J.D. Strong, Executive Director, Western States Water Council

Rebecca Dennis, Director of Federal Affairs, Coastal States Organization

12:00 PM

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SAFE TRAVELS HOME & WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AUGUST 5-7, 2026, IN SANTA FE, NM AT THE 65TH ACWA ANNUAL MEETING!

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