George S. Hawkins  
*NACWA Board Member*  
General Manager  
DC Water  
Washington, DC

George Hawkins, the General Manager of the DC Water, was named to the post in a unanimous vote September 3, 2009 by the board of directors. With an operating and capital budget over $700 million dollars, DC Water provides drinking water and wastewater collection and treatment for a population of more than 500,000 in the District of Columbia. DC Water also treats wastewater for a population of 1.6 million in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties in Maryland, and Fairfax and Loudoun counties in Virginia. The Authority operates the world’s largest advanced wastewater treatment plant, with a capacity of 370 million gallons per day and a peak daily capacity of more than a billion gallons. DC Water’s service area covers approximately 725 square miles.

Prior to joining DC Water, Hawkins served for two and a half years as the director of the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), a $110 million dollar agency with 300 employees. DDOE performs city, county and state environmental functions for the nation’s capital. The DDOE is responsible for providing energy assistance to District residents; reviewing development applications for compliance with environmental requirements; monitoring and enforcing air and water quality standards; regulating the use and disposal of toxic substances; preserving the District’s natural habitat for fish and wildlife; and developing and implementing stormwater management regulations to minimize runoff pollution into District waterways.

Prior to coming to the District, Hawkins was executive director of New Jersey Future, a non-profit organization which, under his leadership, came to be recognized as the state’s foremost advocacy group promoting smart growth. Mr. Hawkins began his career practicing law for the Boston firm Ropes & Gray, and is a member of the Bar in Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. He graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Princeton University in 1983 and *Cum Laude* from Harvard Law School in 1987. Since 1999, Mr. Hawkins has taught Environmental Law and Policy for the Princeton Environment Institute at Princeton University.