



National Clean Water Policy Forum

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Jointly presented by:



(All speakers are from Washington, DC unless otherwise indicated.)
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NOTE: Meeting rooms are located on the Ballroom Level of the Renaissance Washington unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, May 3

Morning

9:30 – 4:15

Congressional Registration

NACWA Committee Registration

10:00 – 11:45

Congressional Hall A

NACWA Strategic Planning & Finance Committees♦

Afternoon

1:00 – 2:00

Congressional Hall A

NACWA Biosolids Management

1:30 – 2:30

Renaissance West A

NACWA Facility and Collection System Committee

2:45 – 3:45

Renaissance West A

NACWA Water Quality Committee

4:00 – 5:00

Congressional Hall A

NACWA Air Quality & Climate Change Committee

4:00 – 5:00

Renaissance West A

NACWA Legal Affairs Committee

4:00 – 5:00

Meeting Room 6

(Meeting Room Level)

NACWA Membership Committee♦

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Evening

6:00 – 7:00

*15 Squares Restaurant
(Lobby Level)*

Welcoming Reception

Monday, May 4

Morning

7:00 – 4:15

Congressional Registration

Registration

7:15 – 8:15 am

Congressional AB

NACWA Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committees

8:30 – 12:00

Renaissance West

GENERAL SESSION I

Featured Speaker

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S
PRIORITIES FOR THE CLEAN WATER AGENDA

Under the leadership of Lisa Jackson, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is developing its top priorities and this will be a unique opportunity for the new Administrator to share her Agency's water agenda with the Nation's utility leaders. She has already made aggressive moves toward positioning EPA as a leader in developing climate change policy, potentially setting in motion a regulatory effort that could broadly impact the Nation's treatment plants. Additionally, EPA has been tasked with overseeing billions of dollars in new clean and safe water funding under the stimulus package and it will be critical to hear her thoughts and plans related to this vital effort.

Introduction

Marian Orfeo*

NACWA President

Director of Planning & Coordination

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

Boston, MA

Lisa Jackson*

Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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OPENING REMARKS

Marian Orfeo*

NACWA President

Director of Planning & Coordination

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

Boston, MA

Rebecca West*

WEF President

Director of Technical Services

Spartanburg Water System and Sanitary Sewer District

Spartanburg, SC

WELCOMING REMARKS

Jerry Johnson

NACWA Board Member

General Manager

D.C. Water & Sewer Authority

Panel Discussion

FROM THE CHESAPEAKE, THE GREAT LAKES AND BEYOND, ADVOCATING FOR A VIABLE WATERSHED APPROACH

Panelist will provide their key perspectives on how to implement a workable watershed approach for the 21st century. The discussion will focus on the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes as examples of key watersheds seeking a more integrated water quality/quantity strategy. Discussion will also center on some of the limitations of the clean water act and the growing importance of integrating point and nonpoint source control.

Doug Siglin*

Director of Federal Affairs

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Annapolis, MD

Chad Lord*

Legislative Director

Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition

Robert Moylan, Jr.

Commissioner

Department of Public Works & Parks

City of Worcester

Worcester, MA

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Afternoon
1:30 – 4:00
Renaissance West

GENERAL SESSION II

BUILDING AMERICA'S FUTURE COALITION . . .

WATER'S PLACE IN THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE DIALOGUE

Building America's Future is a national infrastructure coalition of key elected leaders, primarily Governors and Mayors, whose "primary job is quite simply to bring people together from all sides, and to create an environment where infrastructure funding is treated like the national priority it should be." The new Congress and Administration has raised the visibility of the Nation's infrastructure needs and Governor Ed Rendell (D-Pa.), who founded the coalition, will provide not only an overview of the vision and objectives of this proactive organization but also what it means to States like Pennsylvania if these goals are not realized.

Introduction:

Debra McCarty*
NACWA Board Member
Deputy Commissioner
Philadelphia Water Department
Philadelphia, PA

The Honorable Edward Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
Co-Founder, Building America's Future

Paul Marchetti*
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority

James Hanlon*
Director, Office of Wastewater Management
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

CLEAN WATER UTILITY EXECUTIVES SUMMIT

This will mark the third year of an annual conversation among the nation's utility executives on the most critical and timely challenges facing their utilities and how these interact with, and impact, the national clean water agenda. As such, all Policy Forum attendees are invited to hear from top utility executives from across the country engage in this provocative facilitated dialogue examining the past, the present, and the future of the clean water community specifically – and the water sector as a whole.

This year, utilities are faced with unprecedented financial challenges due to the economic downturn and are reviewing their own operations and capital programs closely. They are, however, also looking to the federal government for some relief whether through funding, a redefinition of affordability, a more

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economically and environmentally sound regulatory and enforcement approach, and to innovative approaches such as watershed-based planning.

As utilities across the country face mounting challenges it will also be critical to hear from utility executives about where they would like national organizations, including NACWA and WEF, to focus their efforts as new opportunities arise with a new Congress and a new Administration.

Facilitators

Ken Kirk*
Executive Director
NACWA

Rebecca West*
WEF President

Evening

5:30 – 7:30

*Renaissance East
(Ceremony)*

*Renaissance West
(Reception)*

NATIONAL CLEAN WATER POLICY FORUM AWARDS CEREMONY &
AWARDS RECEPTION

The Honorable John Boozman (R-Ark.)*
U.S. House of Representatives

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 – 4:00

Congressional Registration

Registration

8:30 – 12:00

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GENERAL SESSION III

OPENING REMARKS

Kevin Shafer*
NACWA Vice President
Executive Director
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
Milwaukee, WI

Featured Speakers

THE 111th CONGRESS'S CLEAN WATER AGENDA . . .

THE CHAIRMAN'S AND RANKING MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVES

The political landscape has shifted significantly in the last election cycle placing environmental issues at the forefront of the federal agenda. The Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee has set a vigorous agenda for the 111th Congress. Chairman Jim Oberstar (D-Minn.) of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, is at the forefront of these efforts, charting an aggressive path forward on clean water issues including championing the stimulus package, long-term clean water funding, Clean Water Act jurisdiction,

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and sewer overflow right-to-know legislation, to name but a few. Chairman Jim Oberstar will share his perspectives on the direction of his vital Committee in the coming year.

Similarly, Ranking Member John Mica (R-Fla.) continues to play a vital leadership role in voicing the T&I's minority viewpoints on the array of clean water issues discussed above and will provide insights into his concerns regarding stimulus package funding and other priority issues. Ranking Member Mica also will discuss the unique water quality and quantity needs of Florida and the Southeast and how this has impacted his clean water views.

Introduction

Marianne Bohren
Executive Director
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District
Duluth, MN

The Honorable Jim Oberstar (D-Minn.)
Chair, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Introduction

Suzanne Goss*
NACWA Board Member
Government Relations
JEA (Electric, Water & Sewer)
Jacksonville, FL

The Honorable John Mica (R-Fla.)
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Opening Address

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER...CEQ'S ROLE IN HELPING THE WHITE HOUSE ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES.

The Obama administration has set its sights on cleaning up the Great Lakes, noting that such an effort could be a blue print for clean water policy nationwide. Part of this plan includes the establishment of a \$5 billion trust fund. The administration also will be heavily involved in efforts to restore and increase wetlands acreage across the country and in clarifying the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act.

Introduction

Christopher Westhoff*
Assistant City Attorney - Public Works General Counsel
City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA

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Nancy Sutley*
Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality

Joint Keynote

ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE/ENVIRONMENT POLICY
WHAT IS THE ROLE FOR THE WATER SECTOR?

The Administration made an innovative decision in creating a special position to take a close look at energy and climate change issues and to ensure that key cabinet and cabinet-level agencies, including EPA and the Energy Department, are working in a coordinated fashion on these issues. This energy/climate change-driven policymaking is poised to drastically alter water resources management.

Introduction

Edward Torres*
Director of Technical Services
Orange County Sanitation District
Fountain Valley, CA

Speakers

Joseph Romm*
Editor of Climateprogress.org
Senior Fellow
Center for American Progress

Kevin McCarty*
Managing Director, Climate Protection Center
U.S. Conference of Mayors

10:30-10:45

Break

Panel Discussion

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS

Staff from key congressional committees with jurisdiction over water quality issues will be on hand to provide the most up-to-date information on their legislative efforts. With the stimulus package and the fiscal year 2009 budget behind them, key staff will discuss their agendas on a host of key water issues — climate change, sewer overflow control, funding, chemical security, and others. There will be lots of activity, so please bring your questions for key congressional staff!

Moderator

David Williams*
NACWA Secretary
Director of Wastewater
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Oakland, CA

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Panelists

Jason Albritton*
Professional Staff
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

Luke Tomanelli*
Staff Director - Minority
Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

Ryan Seiger*
Counsel - Majority
Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Jon Pawlow*
Counsel
Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Janine Benner
Legislative Director
Office of Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives

Afternoon

12:15 – 2:00

Congressional AB

Luncheon

Introductory Remarks

Rebecca West*
WEF President

Featured Address

THE ROLE OF OMB IN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

Frequently, key rules and guidance that EPA wants to see promulgated get caught up in the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) careful review process. As the clean water community knows all-too-well, even policies which the water sector's and the non-governmental organization (NGO) community's support may not see the light of day, demonstrating the enormous importance of understanding OMB's pivotal role. Rena Steinzor, an environmental law professor at the University of Maryland School of Law and president of the Center for Progressive Reform, will discuss and OMB's use of cost-benefit

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analysis in environmental regulation and what to expect from the Obama administration.

Rena Steinzor*

Jacob A. France Research Professor
University of Maryland School of Law
President, Center for Progressive Reform

2:00 – 4:00

*Meeting Room 6
(Meeting Room Level)*

National Biosolids Partnership Steering Committee (Unpublished)

2:15 – 4:30

Renaissance West

GENERAL SESSION IV

OPENING REMARKS

Robert Matthews*

Chair, WEF Government Affairs Committee.

Senior Vice President

Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.

Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Joint Address

21ST CENTURY WATER CHALLENGES . . . THE NGO PERSPECTIVE

As climate change and the movement toward nutrient and pollution control through watershed management dominate the water sector's approach, it is critical to hear from the NGO community as to its priorities on water-related issues. The water sector and the NGO community are partnering increasingly on an array of issues, from nonpoint source control and green infrastructure. There are areas, of course, where there is disagreement, such as over the issue of strict nutrient limits on treatment plants. There is no argument, however, over the fact that the need for this dialogue has never been greater.

Albert Ettinger*

Senior Staff Attorney

Environmental Law & Policy Center

Chicago, IL

Katherine Baer*

Senior Director, Clean Water Programs

American Rivers

Nancy Stoner*

Clean Water Project

Natural Resources Defense Council

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REGULATORY PRIORITIES . . . EPA'S PERSPECTIVE

EPA's regulatory agenda and activity continues to impact clean water agencies nationwide. EPA initiatives on stimulus package implementation, affordability criteria revisions, nutrient control, emerging contaminants and, of course, climate change is just a few of the issues that have broad environmental and cost implications for the nation's municipalities. Key office directors will provide attendees with insight into what final actions the Agency may take in advance of a change in Administration.

Moderator

John Salo*

Vice Chair, WEF Government Affairs Committee

Senior Vice President

Brown & Caldwell

Andover, MA

Introductory Speaker/Moderator:

Mike Shapiro*

Acting Assistant Administrator

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Panelists:

Jim Hanlon*

Director

Office of Wastewater Management

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cynthia Dougherty*

Director

Office of Drinking Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ephraim King*

Director

Office of Science & Technology

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Suzanne Schwartz*

Acting Director

Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Evening

6:00 – 7:30

CAPITOL HILL RECEPTION

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Wednesday, May 6

Morning

7:30 – 8:30

Congressional Registration

Registration

8:00 – 10:00

Renaissance East

TECHNICAL ROUNDTABLE BREAKFAST

The final session of the program gives attendees the unique opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas on priority regulatory issues of the day with the staff who manage the regulatory programs that affect clean water community the most.

OPENING REMARKS

Marian Orfeo*

NACWA President

Topics Include:

CLIMATE CHANGE

Melissa Weitz*

Environmental Protection Specialist, Climate Change Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Rachel Schmeltz*

Climate Change Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT

Richard Stevens*

Environmental Protection Specialist
Office of Science & Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

UTILITY MANAGEMENT

James Horne

Special Assistant
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Jennifer Molloy*

Biologist
Water Permits Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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NUTRIENT ISSUES

Mary Smith*

Director, Engineering and Analysis Division
Office of Science & Technology, Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Denise Keehner*

Director, Standards and Health Protection Division
Office of Science and Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

STIMULUS IMPLEMENTATION

Sheila Frace*

Director, Municipal Support Division
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

PRETREATMENT & POLLUTION PREVENTION

Jan Marie Pickrel*

National Pretreatment Program Coordinator
Water Permits Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WASTEWATER SECURITY

Debbie Newberry*

Chief, Security Assistance Branch, Water Security Division
Office of Ground & Drinking Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

David Travers*

Director, Water Security Division
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WET WEATHER

Kevin Weiss*

SSO Program Manager
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:00 – 12:00
Congressional Hall A

NACWA Board of Directors Meeting

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