



National Environmental Policy Forum
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Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship
Missouri Public Utility Alliance
New York Water Environment Association
North Carolina Water Environment Association
Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies
Pennsylvania Water Environment Association
Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies
Water Environment Association of Texas
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♦ - Board of Directors Committee

All speakers are from Washington, DC unless otherwise indicated.
All Rooms are on the Ballroom Level of the Westin Washington DC City Center Hotel unless otherwise indicated.

Sunday, May 8

Afternoon

12:30 – 4:00

National Ballroom Foyer

Registration

1:30 – 2:45

National Ballroom A

Strategic Planning & Finance Committees♦

3:00 – 5:00

National Ballroom A

Board of Directors Meeting♦

Evening

5:45 – 6:45

Liquid 14

Upper Mezzanine

Registration (badges only)

6:00 – 7:00

Liquid 14

Upper Mezzanine

Meet & Greet Reception

Monday, May 9

Morning

7:45 – 4:15

National Ballroom Foyer

Committee Registration

8:00 – 9:30

National Ballroom B/C

Legal Affairs Committee

With two major litigation efforts now underway, the NACWA Legal Affairs Committee meeting will provide important information on the Association's ongoing legal advocacy efforts. The meeting will kick off with a detailed update on NACWA's legal challenge to the recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules impacting biosolids and sewage sludge incineration, as well as the Association's efforts to challenge nutrient criteria developed by EPA for Florida. The meeting will also include discussion of a number of emerging legal issues impacting clean water utilities, including recent court cases addressing what qualifies as a point source under the Clean Water Act and efforts by EPA to review existing clean water regulations.

9:45 – 11:15

National Ballroom B/C

Water Quality Committee

NACWA's Water Quality Committee will continue its ongoing discussions regarding national efforts to address nutrient pollution. Since holding its *Nutrient Summit* last fall NACWA has engaged in several discussions with EPA and state regulators on ways to improve current nutrient criteria development efforts and ensure implementation of those criteria is sufficiently flexible to account for any uncertainty in the underlying science supporting the criteria. The Committee will discuss potential next steps on the issue with representatives from EPA and the states. A number of other water quality criteria that will impact clean water agencies are expected to be released this year and the Committee will discuss them and other related issues.

11:30 – 1:00

Woodlawn

Awards Committee♦

Afternoon

1:15 – 2:45

National Ballroom B/C

Facility & Collection Systems/Stormwater Management Committees

NACWA's Facility & Collection Systems and Stormwater Management Committees will be holding a joint meeting to discuss a number of high priority issues. Leading the agenda will be NACWA's continuing discussions with EPA regarding the need for a comprehensive national Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) policy to address a number of regulatory issues, including collection system concerns and peak wet weather flow blending. Discussions will include

NACWA's next steps on this critical issue. The meeting will also feature an update on EPA's ongoing process to develop a new national stormwater rule and NACWA's continuing advocacy efforts with the Agency on a number of key municipal stormwater issues.

3:00 – 4:30

National Ballroom B/C

Money Matters™ Member Roundtable

Join fellow NACWA Member Agencies for a strategic dialogue on the Association's evolving *Money Matters™* campaign. The roundtable will build upon the buzz created by NACWA's March *Money Matters™ Summit & Fly-In*, the campaign's two-page leave behind, *The Message is Clear... The Solution is within our Reach*, and its tri-fold analysis, *Two Sides of the Same Coin: Increased Investment & Regulatory Prioritization* with an indepth examination of new legislation addressing this critical issue. Contributing consultant, LaJuana Wilcher, will provide a section-by-section summary of the legislation and facilitate a strategic dialogue on next steps that will feature a focus on key regulatory and legal issues in the context of regulatory prioritization.

Presenter/Moderator

LaJuana Wilcher

Partner

English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP

Bowling Green, KY

Evening

5:00

Hotel Lobby

Meet buses for Transportation to *U.S. Water Prize Ceremony & Reception*

5:30 – 9:00

Hotel Monaco

700 F Street., NW

CLEAN WATER AMERICA ALLIANCE

U.S. WATER PRIZE CEREMONY & RECEPTION

(Complimentary for all NACWA Policy Forum Registrants)

Join the Clean Water America Alliance as it honors five organizations for their outstanding achievements in promoting and advancing water sustainability at its inaugural United States Water Prize award ceremony and reception. The ceremony will honor the New York City Department of Environmental Protection; the Milwaukee Water Council; the City of Los Angeles; the National Great Rivers Research & Education Center; and, the Pacific Institute for their leadership in protecting and improving the health of America's watersheds. The U.S. Water Prize ceremony will be followed by a gala reception. This event is complimentary for *NACWA Policy Forum* registrants. Transportation will be provided to the ceremony.

Tuesday, May 10

Morning

8:30 – 11:00

National Ballroom Foyer

Registration

9:00 – 11:30
National Ballroom

GENERAL SESSION I

Opening Remarks & Presiding

Jeff Theerman
NACWA President
Executive Director
Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
St. Louis, MO

Welcoming Remarks

George S. Hawkins
Chair, NACWA Money Matters Task Force
General Manager
DC Water

Keynote Address

David White
Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Panel Discussion

CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK 2011

Key committee staff from the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee and House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee are invited to share Committee priorities for water quality policies in the 112th Congress. Staff will also highlight the impacts the new congressional dynamic will have on the prioritization and advancement of water quality policy.

Moderator:

Julius Ciaccia
NACWA Secretary
Chair, NACWA Legislative Policy Committee
Executive Director
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewerage District
Cleveland, OH

Panelists:

Elizabeth Fox
Professional Staff-Minority
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

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

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

Panel Discussion

Nutrient Pollution – The Water Quality Challenge of Our Time

Nutrient pollution is impacting a growing number of watersheds throughout the United States. To this point, primary focus has been placed on removing this source of pollution at wastewater treatment utilities by investing in advanced treatment technologies. These projects can cost communities hundreds of millions of dollars, yet result in minimal water quality benefit. At the same time, other sources remain unabated with some studies indicating nutrients can be dealt with in a more cost effective way through conservation practices and upstream improvements. Panelists will provide a focused discussion on meaningful, cost-effective ways the nation can address nutrient pollution.

Moderator/ Panelist:

Barbara Biggs
Chair, NACWA Water Quality Committee
NACWA President's Award Honoree
Government Affairs Officer
Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
Denver, CO

Panelists:

Jon Scholl
President
American Farmland Trust

Martha Noble
Senior Policy Associate
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

Don Parrish
Senior Director, Regulatory Relations
American Farm Bureau

Marcia Willhite
NACWA National Environmental Achievement Award –
State Public Service Honoree
Chief, Bureau of Water
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Springfield, IL

Afternoon

12:00 – 2:00

Monticello

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FORUM AWARDS LUNCHEON –
National Environmental Achievement Awards Ceremony &
NACWA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Closing Keynote

The Honorable Dennis Eckart (D-Ohio)

U.S. House of Representatives (1981-1993)

During his tenure in Congress Representative Eckert developed a reputation as a leader on environmental issues and a stalwart defender of the nation's pristine ecosystems and lands. He authored the 1990 Clean Air Act re-authorization as well as reauthorization of the Superfund Act. Congressman Eckert has been invited to provide valuable insights on key principles of effective government affairs engagement as NACWA Members prepare for meetings with their Congressional delegations.

2:00 – 4:30

Capitol Hill Visits

NACWA will provide your transportation to Capitol Hill. Meet NACWA staff in the Hotel Lobby.

Evening

5:00- 5:30

Lobby

Bus Transportation from Hotel to Capitol Hill Reception

5:30 – 7:00

9th Floor Rooftop Terrace

101 Constitution Ave., N.W.

CAPITOL HILL RECEPTION

Invited Guests:

The Honorable Jack Reed (D-R.I.)

Chair, Interior & Environment Appropriations Subcommittee

Appropriations Committee

U.S. Senate

The Honorable Russ Carnahan (D-Mo.)

NACWA National Environmental Achievement Award –

Federal Public Service Honoree

U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Tim Bishop (D-N.Y.)

Ranking Member, Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Bob Gibbs (R-Ohio)

Chair, Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

Wednesday, May 11

Morning

7:30

National Ballroom Foyer

Registration

8:00 – 11:00

National Ballroom A

GENERAL SESSION II

Opening Remarks

Jeff Theerman

NACWA President

Roundtable Discussion

The Clean Water Agenda

Roundtable Participants:

Jim Hanlon

Director

Office of Wastewater Management

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ephraim King

Director

Office of Science & Technology

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Denise Keehner

Director

Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

TECHNICAL ROUNDTABLE BREAKFAST

The final session of the *Policy Forum* program gives attendees the unique opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas with the EPA staff who manage the regulatory programs most affecting the clean water community. *Policy Forum* attendees may sign up for focused discussions at any of the following tables:

BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT

Rick Stevens

Biosolids Program Manager

Office of Science and Technology

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

ENFORCEMENT/FINANCIAL CAPABILITY ISSUES

Loren Denton

Acting Chief, Municipal Enforcement Branch

Water Enforcement Division

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Chris Kloss
Green Infrastructure Coordinator
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

NUTRIENT ISSUES

Ephraim King
Director, Office of Science and Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

CSOs/SSOs/BLENDING

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

STORMWATER

Connie Bosma
Municipal Branch Chief
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY CRITERIA

Grace Robiou
Chief, National Water Quality Standards Branch
Office of Science and Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency