

2015 National Water Policy Forum, Fly-In & Expo

Presented by



The Westin Washington DC City Center
Washington, DC
April 13 - 15, 2015

All speakers are from Washington, DC unless otherwise noted.

All events will take place at the Ballroom Level in the Westin Washington DC City Center unless otherwise noted.

Agenda

(current to April 11, 2015)

Monday, April 13

Afternoon

1:00 – 4:00

National Ballroom Foyer

Registration

2:00 – 4:30

National Ballroom

Advocacy Perspectives & Priorities

Attendees will hear from leading DC insiders about the state-of-play on Capitol Hill. Prospects for progress on key environmental issues during the 114th Congress and expectations for the Administration's final two years will be examined. Attendees will also receive briefings on top national clean water messages to deliver in meetings with Members of Congress and why these visits matter.

Opening Remarks/Presiding:

David St. Pierre*

Chair, NACWA Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee

Executive Director

*Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Chicago, IL*

Rick Warner*

Vice President, WEF

Senior Licensed Engineer

*Washoe County Department of Water Resources
Reno, NV*

Gary Darling*

Chair, WaterReuse National Legislative Committee

General Manager

*Delta Diablo
Antioch, CA*

Featured Speaker

Norm Ornstein*

Resident Scholar
American Enterprise Institute

Advocacy Priorities for the 114th Congress

- Funding
- Modernizing the Clean Water Act
- Incentivizing Private Investment for Innovation

Adam Krantz*

Managing Director, Government & Public Affairs
National Association of Clean Water Agencies

Tim Williams*

Senior Director, Government Affairs
Water Environment Federation

Featured Speaker

The Honorable Gina McCarthy*

Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Featured Speaker

The Honorable David Joyce (R-OH)*

U.S. House of Representatives

Evening

6:00 – 7:00

7:00 – 8:30

*National Geographic
Museum*

17th & M St., N.W.

U.S. WATER PRIZE CEREMONY & RECEPTION

Presented by the U.S. Water Alliance

Tuesday, April 14

Morning

7:30 – 10:00

National Ballroom Foyer

Registration

8:00 – 11:30

National Ballroom

Congressional Breakfast

House leaders from the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee will share their expectations for passage of legislation reauthorizing key infrastructure programs, including programs that support water and wastewater infrastructure for the 114th Congress.

Opening Remarks & Presiding:

Alan Vicory*

Chair, Government Affairs Committee, WEF
Principal, Water
Stantec Consulting Services
Villa Hills, KY

Randy Benn*

Counsel
Water Environment Research Foundation
Alexandria, VA

Robert Johnson*

President, WateReuse
Principal Engineer
McManus and Johnson Consulting Engineers
Dallas, TX

Karen Pallansch*

President, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Chief Executive Officer
Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Alexandria, VA

Featured Speakers:

The Honorable Tim Walz (D-MN)*

Ranking Member, House Veterans Affairs Committee
Co-Sponsor of HR 1705, *The Clean Water Affordability Act*
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Donna Edwards (D-MD)*

Member, House Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee,
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Lead Sponsor, *The Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act*
U.S. House of Representatives

Panel Presentation:

Clean Water Priorities for the 114th Congress

Key committee staff from the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee and House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee will provide additional detail on the Committees' working agendas for clean water issues, including Waters of the United States (WOTUS), infrastructure spending, and affordability matters.

Moderator:

David St. Pierre*

Chair, NACWA Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee

Panelists:

Jon Pawlow*

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

Ryan Seiger

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

Laura Atcheson*

Majority Counsel
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

Jason Albritton

Professional Staff, Minority Staff
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

Panel Presentation:

Crafting a Compelling Water Message

Through the lens of a successful case study in Oregon, attendees will learn how to craft a compelling message on the value of water that resonates with local ratepayers/voters in a way that connects them to their natural resources.

The expert panel will also share information from surveys and focus groups on how to carry an influential message to baby boomers (often members of Congress and policymakers) and to Millennials (often Congressional staff and agency implementers) – vital information as attendees prepare for their Capitol Hill visits.

Moderator:

Radhika Fox*

Director
Value of Water Coalition

Panelists:

Mark Jockers*

Government & Public Affairs Manager
Clean Water Services
Hillsboro, OR

Adam Davis*
Founder and Principal
DHM Research
Portland, OR

Su Midghall*
President
DHM Research
Portland, OR

10:30 – 4:30
*Rayburn House Office
Building Foyer*

Congressional Water Infrastructure & Innovation Expo

The *Congressional Water Infrastructure & Innovation Expo 2015* provides an excellent opportunity for policymakers to speak with experts and learn about the latest technology solutions to America's most pressing water challenges. Members of Congress, their staffs, attendees of the National Water Policy Forum & Fly-In, and the general public are invited to visit the Expo to speak with exhibitors and learn more about innovative approaches to addressing critical water issues.

11:30 – 5:00

Capitol Hill Visits

Visit your Member of Congress and staff to discuss national policy priorities for clean water, how these issues impact their constituents, and how Congress can support the important work done by your utility. All Policy Forum & Fly-In attendees are urged to meet with their Congressional delegations.

Evening

5:30 – 7:00

Rooftop

101 Constitution Ave., N.W.

Water Week 2015 Congressional Reception

After spending the afternoon meeting with key legislators on Capitol Hill, join us for a reception, remarks by Members of Congress, and picturesque views.

Featured Guests:

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)*
Member, House Ways & Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Bob Gibbs (R-OH)*
Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Paul Gosar (R-AZ)*
Member, House Natural Resources Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Bob Latta (R-OH)*
Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Grace Napolitano (D-CA)*
Ranking Member, House Water Resources & Environment Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Paul Tonko (D-NY)*
Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Wednesday, April 15

Morning

7:30 – 9:30

National Ballroom Foyer

Buffet Breakfast & Registration

8:00 – 11:00

National Ballroom

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Priorities & Regulatory/Federal Agency Roundtables

Senior EPA officials will kick off the last day of the Policy Forum with an overview of the Administration's priority issues. A panel discussion will be held among key EPA staff from the water, enforcement and research offices. Following the EPA panel, representatives from EPA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Department of Energy, will lead a series of roundtable discussions on key policy issues including water utility financing, innovation, affordability, nutrients, water reuse, water quality criteria, stormwater and more.

Presiding:

Douglas Owen*

Chair, WaterReuse Research Foundation

Executive Vice President & Chief Technical Officer

ARCADIS U.S., Inc.

Carlsbad, CA

Opening Address:

Tom Iseman*

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science

U.S. Department of Interior

Introductory Remarks:

Charlie Stevens*

Vice Chair, WEF Government Affairs Committee

Water Utility Officer

Kansas City Water Services

Kansas City, MO

Featured Speaker:

Ken Kopocis*

Deputy Assistant Administrator

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Panel Discussion:
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's
Key Initiatives & Top Priorities

Moderator:

Alan Vicory*

Chair, WEF Government Affairs Committee

Panelists:

Elizabeth Southerland*

Director

Office of Science & Technology

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Benita Best-Wong*

Director

Office of Wetlands, Oceans, & Watersheds

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Andrew Sawyers*

Director

Office of Wastewater Management

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Peter Grevatt*

Director

Office of Groundwater & Drinking Water

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mark Pollins*

Director

Water Enforcement Division

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Chris Impellitteri*

Associate Director for Water Systems (Acting)

Safe & Sustainable Water Resources Research Program

Office of Research and Development

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Regulatory/Federal Agency Roundtables

WATER UTILITY FINANCE, WIFIA & SRF

Andrew Sawyers*

Director
Office of Wastewater Management
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

INNOVATION & ENERGY/WATER NEXUS

Jeff Lape*

Deputy Director
Office of Science & Technology
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mark Philbrick*

Technology Coordinator, Water-Energy Tech Team
U.S. Department of Energy

INTEGRATED PLANNING/FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

Deborah Nagle*

Director, Water Permits Division
Office of Wastewater Management
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mark Pollins*

Director
Water Enforcement Division
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

NUTRIENTS - USDA's RCPP PROGRAM, WATER QUALITY TRADING

Mark Rose*

Director
Financial Assistance Programs Division
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Bob Rose*

Policy Advisor
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WATER QUALITY CRITERIA DEVELOPMENTS & UPDATES

Elizabeth Southerland*

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

STORMWATER, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE & UTILITY RESILIENCY

Chris Kloss*

Office of Water Green Infrastructure Coordinator

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

TRENDS IN REUSE & THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN THE CWA & SDWA

Peter Grevatt*

Director

Office of Groundwater & Drinking Water

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Grayford Payne*

Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Administration and Budget

Bureau of Reclamation

U.S. Department of Interior

TMDLs, MONITORING & USGS NAWQA PROGRAM

Michael Woodside*

NAWQA Program Officer – Southeast Region

U.S. Geological Survey

Nashville, TN

Benita Best-Wong*

Director

Office of Wetlands, Oceans, & Watersheds

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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