



2019 Winter Conference
The Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act
Nexus...Conflict or Collaboration

February 5 - 8, 2019
Hyatt Regency Albuquerque
Albuquerque, NM

Current as of 12/13/2018

All meeting rooms are located on the 2nd Floor unless otherwise indicated.

Δ – Board of Directors Committees

Tuesday, February 5

Morning

8:00 – 9:00 Audit Committee Δ
Boardroom North

9:00 – 10:15 Executive Committee Δ
*Sierra Vista,
19th Floor*

10:30 – 1:00 Board of Directors Meeting Δ
Enchantment A-D

Afternoon

12:00 – 4:00 Registration
Pavilion Landing

1:30 – 2:30 Water Quality Committee
Pavilion IV-VI (open to non-committee members)

2:45 – 4:30 Joint Facilities & Collection Systems Committee and Legal Affairs Committee
Pavilion IV-VI (open to non-committee members)

Evening

5:30 – 6:30 Registration
*Lobby Atrium,
Lobby Level*

5:30 – 6:00
*Lobby Atrium,
Lobby Level*

First Time Attendee and New Member Meet & Greet
NACWA invites all first-time conference attendees and new members for cocktails and collaboration with staff, leadership and utility peers. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more about the association and make valuable connections!

6:00 – 7:00
*Lobby Atrium,
Lobby Level*

Welcoming Reception

Wednesday, February 6

Morning

7:30 – 9:00
Pavilion II-III

Women's Water Network Breakfast
Join your fellow women water sector leaders for breakfast! This complimentary breakfast for all women attendees of the Winter Conference provides a unique opportunity for learning and networking with your peers.

8:30 – 12:00
Pavilion Landing

Registration

9:00 – 5:00
Fiesta 3 & 4

NACWA Networking Lounge

9:00 – 10:00
*Sierra Vista,
19th Floor*

Spouse & Guest Lounge

9:00 – 10:00
Pavilion IV-VI

Biosolids Management Committee
(open to non-committee members)

10:15 – 11:45
Pavilion IV-VI

Joint Climate & Resiliency and Stormwater Management Committee
(open to non-committee members)

2:00 – 4:00
Pavilion Landing

Registration

1:45 – 2:45
Pavilion IV-VI

Utility & Resource Management Committee
(open to non-committee members)

3:00 – 4:00
Pavilion IV-VI

Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee
(open to non-committee members)

4:15 – 5:15
*Lobby Atrium,
Lobby Level*

One-2-One Networking
(Utility-2-Utility, Utility-2-Private Sector, Private Sector -2- Private Sector)
Interested in a 15-minute One-2-One connection on specific plans, programs, or practices? Take advantage of this unique opportunity to connect with your clean water colleagues. This time has been set aside to facilitate connection among clean water agencies themselves – and between agencies and the private sector community that serves them.

6:00 – 7:30
*Whyte Room,
Lobby Level*

National Environmental Achievement Awards Ceremony & Reception
Join us in a celebratory evening honoring NACWA’s National Environmental Achievement Award recipients. The evening will begin with an Awards Ceremony showcasing the very best NACWA’s member agencies have to offer from operations to public outreach as well as individuals who have made a difference for both their community and their utility. Following the ceremony, join your colleagues in celebrating the evening’s honorees at an Awards Reception.

Thursday, February 7

Morning

7:30 – 9:00 GM Breakfast (Invite Only)

8:30 – 12:00 Registration
Pavilion Landing

9:00 – 5:00 NACWA Networking Lounge
Fiesta 3 & 4

9:00 – 10:00 Spouse & Guest Lounge
*Sierra Vista,
19th Floor*

9:00 – 12:00 **PLENARY SESSION I**
Pavilion IV-VI
Opening Remarks
Mark Sanchez
NACWA President
Executive Director
Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
Albuquerque, NM

Welcoming Remarks
TBD

Keynote Address
The CWA/SDWA Nexus – The Federal Regulatory Perspective

10:15– 10:30 Networking Break

Featured Speaker
From Emerging Contaminants to Emerged – What These ‘Here Now’
Contaminants Mean for the Water Sector
Cindy Paulson
Chief Technical Officer
Brown and Caldwell
Walnut Creek, CA

Roundtable Discussion

The CWA/SDWA Nexus — State Regulator Perspectives

With the lead crisis in Flint, Michigan still making headlines and more recent concerns over per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), states remain on the frontlines of regulatory protection, constantly evaluating whether heightened requirements are needed within their borders. In the absence of federal action, states are responding, blazing a trail ahead of US EPA on issues like corrosion control and drinking water advisories and environmental action levels for PFAS contaminants. The SDWA/CWA intersection is most visible when drinking water actions and protections have direct impacts on downstream CWA obligations and vice versa. Roundtable participants will discuss their perspectives on the broader array of CWA/SDWA nexus issues and the cooperation and collaboration opportunities for the water sector and state regulatory authorities.

Facilitator

TBD

Roundtable Participants

Craig Butler

2019 National Environmental Achievement Award Recipient

Director

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Columbus, OH

Joan Card

Commissioner & Attorney

Colorado Water Quality Control Commission

Culp & Kelly, LLP

Boulder, CO

Afternoon

12:00 – 2:00

Lunch on your Own

1:30 – 4:00

Pavilion Landing

Registration

2:00 – 5:00

Pavilion IV-VI

PLENARY SESSION II

Opening Remarks

Mark Sanchez

NACWA President

Featured Speaker

Ted Chapman

Director, Public Finance Group

Standard & Poor's

Dallas, TX

Roundtable Discussion

How Smart Capital Spending Opens the Door to Community Benefits

Drinking water and clean water utilities, although regulated differently, both must make capital investments to improve operation and maintenance of their facilities and to meet regulatory requirements. Both utilities must also make these investments with the understanding that they will have real impacts for ratepayers. As affordability concerns continue mount, spending capital in smart and efficient ways can open the door to a broad array of community benefits, including both social and environmental justice considerations. Utility executives will dissect how smart investment decisions can more broadly support the community in a wide array of ways.

Facilitator

Victoria Johnson

Program Consultant

Jacobs

Atlanta, GA

Roundtable Participants

Yolanda Manzone

Environmental Justice & Land Use Program Manager

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

San Francisco, CA

James Parrott

NACWA Board Member

Executive Director

Louisville & Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District

Louisville, KY

Andy Kricun

NACWA Board Member

Executive Director

Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority

Camden, NJ

3:30 – 3:45

Networking Break

Featured Speaker

Case Study: The Albuquerque Experience Crossing the CWA/SDWA Nexus

John Stomp

Chief Operating Officer

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

Albuquerque, NM

Panel Discussion

Collaborating for a One Water Approach

The water sector associations play a vital advocacy role for their members in covering a wide range of regulatory, legislative, and legal issues—many of which often transect both the CWA and SDWA, as well as other environmental statutes. Efforts to bolster a

sustainable workforce, increasing federal funding levels for drinking water and clean water, as well as water affordability are hot topic issues that impact the entire water sector. Building on the morning's discussions, executives from the major water sector associations will dive into the teamwork required when complex, multifaceted CWA and SDWA issues are triggered.

Moderator

Adam Krantz

Chief Executive Officer
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Washington, DC

Panelists

Pat Sinicropi

Executive Director
WaterReuse Association
Alexandria, VA

Diane VanDe Hei

Chief Executive Officer
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
Washington, DC

Radhika Fox

Chief Executive Officer
U.S. Water Alliance
Oakland, CA

David Rager

President
American Water Works Association
Denver, CO

Evening

6:00 – 7:30

El Pinto Restaurant
10500 4th St NW

Off-Site Reception

Join us for some traditional New Mexican fare at El Pinto Restaurant. Open for over 50 years and featured on the *Food Network*, *Travel Channel* and *BBC*, this one experience you won't want to miss! Transportation will be provided to the venue beginning at 5:30 PM.

Friday, February 8

Morning

8:30 – 10:00

Registration

Pavilion Landing

9:00 – 12:00
Pavilion IV-VI

PLENARY SESSION III

Opening Remarks

Mark Sanchez
NACWA President

Featured Speaker

How Technology, Innovation and Creative Outreach Can Inspire New Thinking
for the Water Sector

TBD

Roundtable Discussion

Unfolding the Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities in an Increasingly
Water Scarce Environment

State leaders, especially in the arid southwest, are witnessing mounting pressure to meet existing and future water demands and many consider water to be one of the most crucial policy issues facing their communities. Recent ballot initiatives suggest a shift toward investment in potable reuse, water infrastructure, providing safe drinking water as a human right, and other water management programs. These local initiatives, in addition to state efforts to put in place long-term strategic visions for water management, require creative thinking. State and local leaders must navigate CWA/SDWA nexus questions, the Endangered Species and National Environmental Policy Acts, all while keeping an eye on affordability pressures. Thought leaders from the arid southwest will explore these and other issues.

Facilitator

Logan Olds
Co-Chair, NACWA Utility & Resource Management Committee
General Manager
Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation District
Victorville, CA

Roundtable Participants

Kathryn Sorensen
Director, Water Services Department
City of Phoenix
Phoenix, AZ

Mickey Conway
NACWA Board Member
District Manager
Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
Denver, CO

Hampik Dekermenjian
Senior Vice President, Water Services Group Manager
CDM Smith
Los Angeles, CA

10:00 – 10:15

Networking Break

Featured Speaker

Modernizing EPA's Affordability Methodology

Eric Rothstein

Principal

Galardi Rothstein Group

Chicago, IL

Panel Discussion

Utility Leaders Perspective – Managing the Balancing Act Between CWA and SDWA Needs and Investments

Utilities with joint responsibility for clean water and safe drinking water must operate at the CWA/SDWA nexus on a daily basis. Utilities are often faced with tough decisions on where to spend limited resources and can find themselves moving from one crisis to the next or one federal mandate to the next. But at the end of the day there is only one ratepayer, who is blind to distinctions between drinking water, wastewater and stormwater. Utility leaders from across the country will discuss how they manage these often-competing priorities and where they see the major water-related statutes going over the next 50 years.

Moderator

Angela Licata

NACWA Board Member

Deputy Commissioner of Sustainability

New York City Department of Environmental Protection

New York, NY

Featured Speakers

Terry Leeds

NACWA Treasurer

Director

KC Water

Kansas City, MO

12:00

Pavilion IV-VI

Closing Remarks

Mark Sanchez

NACWA President