

You Transform Water.

NACWA Powers What's Possible.

President's Note

I am honored to serve as your President in the year ahead, and I am inspired by the collective commitment NACWA members bring to clean water every day.

Together, we will celebrate our successes, confront our challenges, and share a powerful story of transformation — one that elevates our sector and strengthens the communities we proudly serve across the nation.



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The Power of Engagement

NACWA's growing suite of virtual and in-person events, committee meetings, and online forums deliver opportunities for peers to connect and solve critical clean water challenges, advance best practice solutions, and elevate collaborative thought leadership across our sector.

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Total number of in-person and virtual events

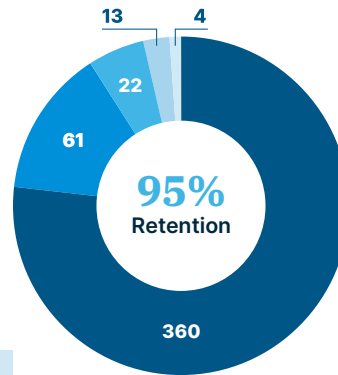
2.4k+

Attendees, with 12% being first-time participants

1k+

Engaged members participating in committees and task forces

The Power of Our Network



462 Members

- ◆ 360 Public Agencies
- ◆ 61 Corporate Affiliates
- ◆ 22 Legal Affiliates
- ◆ 13 Supporting Affiliates
- ◆ 4 Public Utility Affiliates

- **17** New members, 11 Public Agencies, 3 Corporate Affiliates, 2 Public Utility Affiliates, and 1 Supporting Affiliate added to our advocacy efforts.
- **7800** Clean water professionals at 462 Member Organizations receiving communications and engaging with Association resources.
- **130+ Million** People who are served 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year by our members.

Amplifying Member Achievements

NACWA Award Programs nationally recognize our members' innovations and accomplishments in environmental compliance, sustainability, and community leadership. They shine a spotlight on the positive impact utilities have on the environment and their customers' lives.

This year:

- **540** Treatment Facilities at 206 Member Agencies were recognized with Peak Performance honors for perfect NPDES Compliance for 5 to 37 consecutive years.
- **39** National Environmental Achievement Awards were given in 9 categories.

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We transform water.
Water transforms lives.

Powering a Stronger Clean Water Voice

Clean water utilities transform communities every day. NACWA helps ensure their stories, impact, and expertise are heard where they matter most.

This year, NACWA introduced a first-of-its-kind, fully customizable suite of member-exclusive resources to help clean water utilities articulate their value to customers, political leaders, and key stakeholders.

Sample Templates & Tool Categories Available:

- **Outreach Principles**
- **Messaging**
- **Stakeholder Management Tools**
- **Risk and Crisis**
- **Outreach Templates**
- **Measurement Tools**
- **Canva Brand Template**

NACWA At Work: Advocacy in Action

Powered by the engagement, expertise, and investment of our members, NACWA delivered meaningful advocacy wins that strengthened clean water policy, protected utilities and ratepayers, and advanced priorities across the clean water sector.

Protecting Clean Water in the Courts

- Secured a major legal win preventing premature PFAS biosolids regulations and protecting science-based clean water policy-making.
- Advanced PFAS liability and financial protections for utilities at the state level, setting important legal precedents for utilities nationwide.
- Elevated clean water sector legal priorities before the courts, EPA, Congress, and the White House.

Shaping Effective Clean Water Policy

- Preserved essential flexibility in biosolids management, securing EPA's commitment to protecting cost-effective management options.
- Prompted EPA to reconsider its affordability guidance, opening pathways for realistic schedules and greater flexibility in capital investment planning.
- Developed actionable PFAS policy tools, comments, and state template language that strengthened utility advocacy at the local and national levels.

Advancing Clean Water Priorities on Capitol Hill

- Helped advance growing bipartisan support to authorize permanent federal low-income water assistance to help struggling households stay current on their water bills.

- Supported Senate legislation authorizing \$3.5 billion annually for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, supporting vital funding opportunities for communities.
- Helped advance critical bipartisan PFAS legislation to shield utilities and ratepayers from cleanup costs for pollution they did not create.
- Defended essential federal clean water programs against steep funding cuts, protecting local economies, jobs, affordability, and resilience.

Expanding What's Possible with Water Reuse

- Elevated NACWA's role in national reuse policy through participation as an EPA WRAP 2.0 partner, strengthening the clean water sector's voice in implementation.
- Expanded collaboration with the WaterReuse Association to develop guidance and align advocacy that supports responsible reuse nationwide.
- Launched a new committee to foster peer exchange, practical problem-solving and stronger advocacy on rapidly evolving reuse and water quantity priorities.



As a leader in clean water policy, we stand ready to support you and ensure your voice is heard in these complex times.

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