



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 01/29/2019*

*All meeting rooms are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,  
19<sup>th</sup> Floor*

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

*Afternoon*

12:30 – 4:00        Registration  
*Pavilion Landing*

1:30 – 2:30        Water Quality Committee  
*Pavilion IV-VI*  
(open to non-committee members, closed to press)  
The nutrient issue continues to dominate discussions at the national level and the Water Quality Committee will consider the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' (NACWA) next steps as it engages with senior leadership at US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and with national agricultural groups. Regional issues, including continued work on the Long Island Sound Nitrogen Strategy, a new toxicity policy in California and water quality criteria implementation issues in Oregon, continue to develop with potential national implications that the Committee is tracking closely. As always, the Committee will also have an open roundtable for members to raise issues facing them in their part of the country.

2:45 – 4:30  
*Pavilion IV-VI*

Joint Facilities & Collection Systems Committee and Legal Affairs Committee  
(open to non-committee members, closed to press)

This joint committee meeting will feature a discussion on regulatory targets that are unclear, or which may be changing. For example, many utilities with wet weather consent decrees are nearing the end of their respective compliance schedules, but remaining overflows and/or other sources of pollutants may keep them from meeting water quality standards. How will these situations be addressed?

The committees will also consider the “direct hydrologic connection” theory of Clean Water Act liability, with discussion of the US Supreme Court’s request for input from the US Department of Justice for a brief to help the high court decide whether to hear the case that could significantly expand Clean Water Act permitting program. What does all this mean for members and what can be done proactively to address this potentially expanding area of liability?

In addition, the outlook for EPA’s development of a rule to address peak wet weather flow blending will be discussed.

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

Registration

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.

### **Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins**

Commissioner  
Bernalillo County Commission  
Albuquerque, NM

8:30 – 12:00  
*Pavilion Landing*

Registration

- 9:00 – 5:00  
*Fiesta III - IV*
- NACWA Networking Lounge  
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- 9:00 – 10:00  
*Sierra Vista,  
19<sup>th</sup> Floor*
- Spouse & Guest Lounge
- 9:00 – 10:00  
*Pavilion IV-VI*
- Biosolids Management Committee  
(open to non-committee members, closed to press)  
The last few months of 2018 have been very busy on the biosolids front and the Biosolids Management Committee will be discussing a number of developments, including the recent report from EPA's Office of Inspector General (OIG). As the biosolids program office continues work to address the recommendations raised by the OIG, the Committee will need to closely track and engage the Agency on its efforts to conduct risk assessments for a range of pollutants EPA has found in biosolids. Updates on NACWA's work on the incineration front and alternative management technologies including injection, along with a range of other updates, will also be provided.
- 10:15 – 11:45  
*Pavilion IV-VI*
- Joint Climate & Resiliency and Stormwater Management Committee  
(open to non-committee members, closed to press)  
Across the country, extreme weather events are becoming more intense, more frequent, and of a longer duration as traditional climate patterns change. From Atlantic hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria to Midwestern flooding to prolonged western droughts punctuated by intense storms, devastating events are driving communities—and those that manage water resources—to adapt. The Climate and Resiliency Committee is teaming up with the Stormwater Management Committee to discuss how the clean water community is working to better manage these storm events as well as strategize how to best engage with local, state, and federal government agencies to bolster resiliency efforts.
- Afternoon*  
1:30 – 4:00  
*Pavilion Landing*
- Registration
- 1:45 – 2:45  
*Pavilion IV-VI*
- Utility & Resource Management Committee  
(open to non-committee members, closed to press)  
The Utility and Resource Management Committee will discuss water affordability and the ongoing joint water sector project to outline a new approach to assessing household affordability and utility financial capability. The Committee will also discuss several topics in the energy space, including managing a utility to achieve net zero energy use, treating biogas to augment natural gas supplies, and the recent Department of Energy challenge goals for resource recovery. The Committee will also discuss developments on water workforce issues, the regulatory status of recovered materials like struvite and new work at EPA Headquarters to potentially develop an action plan on water reuse.
- 3:00 – 4:15  
*Pavilion IV-VI*
- Legislative & Regulatory Policy Committee  
(open to non-committee members, closed to press)  
The Policy Committee is comprised of all the Chairs and Co-Chairs/Vice-Chairs of NACWA's standing committees and a Leadership Counsel of NACWA Board members and other leaders. The Policy Committee works to engage on key cross-cutting and

other issues central to the Association’s core advocacy/policy making functions. Anticipated discussions at the *Winter Conference* include an update on current legislative and regulatory developments – like passage of the Farm Bill and the release of a proposed new “Waters of the United States” rule – that will impact municipal clean water utilities. All NACWA members are welcome to attend.

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  
*Pavilion I-II*

Utility General Manager Breakfast (Invite Only)

8:30 – 12:00  
*Pavilion Landing*

Registration

9:00 – 5:00  
*Fiesta III - IV*

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Spouse & Guest Lounge

9:00 – 12:00  
*Pavilion IV-VI*

### **PLENARY SESSION I**

*Opening Remarks*

**Mark Sanchez**

*NACWA President*

*Executive Director*

*Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority*

*Albuquerque, NM*

*Welcoming Remarks*

**Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins**

Bernalillo County Commission

*Keynote Address*

The CWA/SDWA Nexus – The Federal Regulatory Perspective

**Andrew Sawyers**

Director, Office of Wastewater Management

US Environmental Protection Agency

Washington, DC

10:15– 10:30

Networking Break

*Featured Speaker*

From Emerging Contaminants to Emerged – What These ‘Here Now’  
Contaminants Mean for the Water Sector

**Wendy Broley**

Vice President, One Water Leader

Brown and Caldwell

San Diego, 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.

*Roundtable Participants*

**Joan Card**

Commissioner

Colorado Water Quality Control Commission

Partner

Culp & Kelly, LLP

Boulder, CO

**Jim Kenney**

Designated Cabinet Secretary

New Mexico Environment Department

Santa Fe, NM

**Andrew Sawyers**  
US Environmental Protection Agency

*Afternoon*

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch on your Own

1:45 – 4:00 Registration

*Pavilion Landing*

2:00 – 5:00 **PLENARY SESSION II**

*Pavilion IV-VI* *Opening Remarks*

**Mark Sanchez**  
*NACWA President*

*Featured Speaker*

Managing for Main Street or for Wall Street?

**Ted Chapman**

Senior Director, US Public Finance Infrastructure 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**  
Director of Community Benefits & Social Responsibility External Affairs  
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
San Francisco, CA

**Tony 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*

**David Rager**

President

American Water Works Association

Denver, CO

**Claudio Ternieden**

Senior Director for Government Affairs & Strategic Partnerships

Water Environment Federation

Alexandria, VA

**Pat Sinicropi**  
Executive Director  
WaterReuse Association  
Alexandria, VA

**Rob Renner**  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Water Research Foundation  
Alexandria, VA

**Diane VanDe Hei**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies  
Washington, DC

**Radhika Fox**  
Chief Executive Officer  
US Water Alliance  
Oakland, CA

*Evening*

6:00 – 7:30

*El Pinto*

10500 4<sup>th</sup> St NW

Taste of New Mexico 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! Please meet in the Lobby at 5:15 PM for bus transportation to venue.

Friday, February 8

*Morning*

8:30 – 10:00

*Pavilion Landing*

Registration

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

**Patrick Decker**

President and Chief Executive Officer

Xylem Inc.

New York City, NY



*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 CWA and SDWA Needs and Investments with Additional Priorities at Integrated Utilities**

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 federal mandate to the next while also investing in necessary state of good repair, resilience, level of service and other priorities. But at the end of the day there is only one ratepayer, whose concern is the total charge on their bill. Utility leaders from across the country will discuss how they are implementing strategies to balance multiple priorities, and how they see these strategies developing over the future.

*Facilitator/Roundtable Participant*

**Angela Licata**

*NACWA Board Member*

Deputy Commissioner of Sustainability

New York City Department of Environmental Protection

New York, NY

*Featured Speakers*

**Debra McCarty**

Commissioner

Philadelphia Water Department

Philadelphia, PA

**Sue McCormick**

*NACWA Board Member*

Chief Executive Officer

Great Lakes Water Authority

Detroit, MI

**Terry Leeds**

*NACWA Treasurer*

Director

KC Water

Kansas City, MO

12:00

*Pavilion IV-VI*

*Closing Remarks*

**Mark Sanchez**

*NACWA President*