



2021 Utility Leadership Virtual Event

July 20, 2021 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET

July 21, 2021 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

Current as of July 20, 2021

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

1:00 – 1:55 **Pre-Event: Technology Roundtable** *(Optional – Invitation Required)*

2:00 – 2:05 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Terry Leeds, NACWA President, Director
KC Water | Kansas City, MO

2:05 – 3:00 **What Can Environmental Justice Mean for Your Utility?**

The issue of environmental justice has taken on increased importance in environmental policy and regulation. It is a particular focus of the Biden-Harris Administration, and EPA has made clear it will be incorporated into all aspects of the Agency's operations moving forward. But what exactly might environmental justice mean at the local level and how could it impact public clean water utilities? This panel of speakers will provide a diverse set of perspectives – local, federal, private sector and activist – on how environmental justice has evolved over the years and how local clean water agencies can best engage in EJ practices.

Moderator/Speaker

Victoria Johnson, Social Value/Equity Practice Leader, Americas
Jacobs | Atlanta, GA

Speakers

Charles Lee, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Environmental Justice
US Environmental Protection Agency | Washington DC

Nathaniel Smith, Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Partnership for Southern Equity – Together We Prosper | Atlanta, GA

3:00 – 3:40 **Heads-up Leadership for the Transformative Age**

Some have said that we are in the Transformative Age – a period in history marked by advanced technologies, hyper-connectivity, extreme complexity, social unrest, and an inherently unpredictable world. Pair that with a workforce that is turning over at lightning speed, gulping down new demands out of a fire hose, and blurring lines between work and personal lives. The easy way out is to be heads-down, getting lost in our to-do lists, going through the meeting motions, Groundhog Day – rinse and repeat. But what the Transformative Age calls for are “heads-up” leaders. In this session, we will hear from a panel of “heads-up”

leaders in the water sector who are working to lead their organizations through the Transformative Age.

Moderator

Maggie Frye, Founder & Principal Consultant
Core Consulting Group | Cincinnati, OH

Panelists

Tom Sigmund, NACWA Treasurer, Executive Director
NEW Water | Green Bay, WI

Oluwole 'OJ' McFoy, NACWA Board Member, General Manager
Buffalo Sewer Authority | Buffalo, NY

Cynthia Lane, General Manager
Platte Canyon Water & Sanitation District | Littleton, CO
Southwest Metropolitan Water & Sanitation District | Littleton, CO

3:40 – 3:55 **NACWA's Core Leadership Program**

People are the core of every organization, every industry, every global movement. And when the core is strong, the rest follows. NACWA and Affiliate Member Core Consulting are collaborating to provide a set of tailored professional development offerings to help your water professionals elevate to their full leadership potential and power the future of the water sector. *Core Leadership* features five offerings that reach your people where they are in their professional life and leadership journey. Learn more about the program during this informational session.

Remarks

Adam Krantz, Chief Executive Officer
NACWA | Washington, DC

Maggie Frye, Founder & Principal Consultant
Core Consulting Group | Cincinnati, OH

3:55 – 4:00 **Closing Remarks**

Tom Sigmund, NACWA Treasurer, Executive Director
NEW Water | Green Bay, WI

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

1:00 – 1:05 **Opening Remarks**

Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, NACWA Board Member, Chief Executive Officer
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District | Cleveland, OH

1:05 – 2:00 **Reaching Out on Affordability**

The conversation around water affordability is rapidly evolving both at the local and federal levels. The pandemic elevated among national policymakers the concerns many in the water sector have long held over water affordability, and public clean water utilities have had a leading role in responding to and shaping the national conversation. Locally, utilities were challenged in new ways to respond to increased ratepayer hardship. This building attention to water

affordability closely ties into the national conversation around federal investment in water infrastructure.

This complex challenge requires new levels of outreach and collaboration. How is the national dialogue shifting? What strategies are utilities employing locally to tackle these challenges? How can clean water stakeholders working together leverage the moment to advance progress on water quality while helping ensure everyone can afford water service?

Remarks

Terry Leeds, NACWA President, Director
KC Water | Kansas City, MO

Speakers

Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, NACWA Board Member, Chief Executive Officer
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District | Cleveland, OH

Crystal Davis, Vice President of Policy and Strategic Engagement
Alliance for the Great Lakes | Cleveland, OH

Ghassan Korban, Executive Director
Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans | New Orleans, LA

2:00 – 2:45 Annual Association Business Meeting & Awards Presentation

Annual Association Business Meeting
Report of the President
Report of the Treasurer
Election of Directors
Report of the Chief Executive Officer
Awards Presentation

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 5:00 NACWA Board of Directors Meeting