



2022 Winter Conference
*The Future of Clean Water: Emerging Stronger,
Preparing for What's Next*

January 31 – February 3, 2022 | Scottsdale, AZ

Current as of January 25, 2022

Δ indicates Board Committees

Monday, January 31, 2022

Morning

8:00 – 9:00

Lodge Boardroom

Audit Committee Δ

9:15 – 10:15

Lodge Boardroom

Executive Committee Δ

10:45 – 1:00

Las Palmas

Board of Directors Meeting Δ

Afternoon

12:30 – 4:00

East Convention

Foyer

Registration

1:30 – 3:00

Ballroom A - D

Discussion Session: Understanding PFAS – What You Need to Know and What Regulations are Coming

Hosted by the Water Quality Committee, Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Committee, and Biosolids Committee

The scientific landscape for PFAS is constantly evolving, and with states driving early regulatory decisions and Congress pushing legislation, how do these actions impact EPA? With potentially significant impacts to clean water utilities on the horizon, this session will examine the key regulatory and legislative action items currently at play, what's ahead, and where your advocacy will be needed most. This discussion session will also include committee updates on key issues and opportunities for member feedback.

3:15 – 4:30

Ballroom A - D

Discussion Session: Why the NPDES Permit Shield Can Be a Utility's Best Friend

Hosted by the Legal Affairs Committee

The protections against legal liability provided by NPDES permits are becoming increasingly important to clean water utilities, but so too is the language used by permit writers. This session will look at the scope of the CWA's "permit shield" and how NPDES coverage may limit environmental liability for emerging contaminants.

Featured Speakers

Amanda Waters, Attorney
AquaLaw PLC | Richmond, VA

Erika Powers, Partner
Barnes & Thornburg LLP | Chicago, IL

Alexandra Dunn, Partner
Baker Botts, LLP | Washington, DC

Erica Spitzig, Partner
Taft Stettinus & Hollister, LLP | Cincinnati, OH

5:15 – 6:00
Camelback Vista
Entrance

Registration

5:30 – 6:30
Camelback Vista
Patio

Welcoming Reception

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Morning

8:30 – 12:00
East Convention
Foyer

Registration

9:00 – 5:00
La Vinca

NACWA Networking Lounge

NACWA has added more time for you to network during this year's Winter Conference. Introducing the NACWA Networking Lounge – the lounge will give you an opportunity to connect with your peers on Tuesday and Wednesday.

9:00 – 10:00
Garden Terrace

Spouse & Guest Lounge

9:00 – 10:15
Ballroom A - D

Discussion Session: Making Smart Data Management Work for Your Utility

Hosted by the Operations Committee

Options continue to expand for collecting data about all aspects of utility operations, creating challenges with managing and utilizing the available information. This session will focus on the strategies utilities can use to ensure that more data leads to smarter decisions and better utility operations.

10:30 – 11:45
Ballroom A - D

Discussion Session: Being Cybersecurity Ready

Hosted by the Utility & Resource Management Committee and the Security & Emergency Preparedness Committee

With the increasing number of cyber attacks on water utilities, it is more important than ever for utilities to evaluate and improve their cybersecurity. This session will focus on the options being considered by the water sector, EPA, and Congress to protect utility cyber systems.

Afternoon
12:00 – 1:30
Las Palmas

Women's Water Network Lunch *(Separate RSVP Required)*

Join your fellow women water sector leaders for lunch! This complimentary lunch for all women attendees of the Winter Conference provides a unique opportunity for learning and networking with your peers.

1:30 – 4:00
East Convention
Foyer

Registration

2:15 – 3:30
Ballroom A - D

Discussion Session: Understanding Environmental Justice From a Utility Perspective

Hosted by the Environmental Justice Committee

Clean water utilities are environmental leaders in their communities and play a critical role in protecting the health and well-being of all community members. This session will focus on the work envisioned for NACWA's new Environmental Justice Committee, as well as legal and technical considerations for utilities wanting to establish environmental justice initiatives.

Featured Speakers

Andrew Lee, *Co-Chair, NACWA's Environmental Justice Committee*
Interim General Manager/Chief Executive Officer
Seattle Public Utilities | Seattle, WA

Sharise Horne, *Co-Chair, NACWA's Environmental Justice Committee*
Director of Community Benefits & Partnerships
Louisville & Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District |
Louisville, KY

Devon Goodrich, *Co-Chair, NACWA's Legal Affairs Committee*
Senior Counsel
New York City Department of Law | New York, NY

Roger Cooley, Vice President - Senior Project Manager
Wade-Trim Associates, Inc. | Detroit, MI

3:45 – 4:45
Ballroom A - D

Discussion Session: Advancing Water Resiliency

Hosted by the Climate & Resiliency Committee

The past two years have seen many utilities managing one crisis atop another, with the stakes seeming ever higher to build greater resilience into utility physical infrastructure, operations, and staffing. Join a discussion of how utilities are prioritizing resilience under uncertainty and communicating the need for investment, and an update on emerging federal actions as part of the infrastructure and Building Back Better policy-making efforts.

Featured Speakers

Corey Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer
SmartCover Systems | Escondido, CA

Trent Stober, Utility Management Services Director
HDR Engineering, Inc. | Columbia, MO

Nazario Prieto, Assistant Water Services Director
City of Phoenix Water Services Department | Phoenix, AZ

Evening
6:00 – 7:30
Cypress Court

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 the Awards Reception.

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Morning

8:30 – 11:45
East Convention
Foyer

Registration

9:00 – 5:00

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Spouse & Guest Lounge

9:00 – 12:00

Ballroom A - D

Plenary Session I

Opening Remarks

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

Kishia Powell, NACWA President
Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President
DC Water | Washington, DC

Welcoming Remarks

Troy Hayes, Water Services Director
City of Phoenix | Phoenix, AZ

9:15 – 10:00

Ballroom A - D

Keynote Address

Envisioning the Future of Clean Water

As we gather for one of the first times coming out of the pandemic, we have a chance to collectively take stock of where we've been and – more importantly – look to the future of where we want to go. Helping us with this important exercise will be our keynote speaker, Nancy Giordano. A noted inspirational speaker, author, and futurist, she works with both non-profits and large corporations to help envision a safe, inclusive, and thriving future. Nancy will share her insights on emerging technologies and shifting cultural expectations and how the clean water sector can adapt to these changes in a way that ensures the future of clean water.

Nancy Giordano, Author & Founder
Play Big, Inc. | Austin, TX

10:00 – 10:15

Networking Break

10:15 – 10:45

Ballroom A - D

Implementing the Federal Infrastructure Investment Act

With the passage of the historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in November 2021, EPA quickly mobilized to begin implementing the \$55 billion in clean and safe drinking water investments. With the IIJA investments spread across five years, the work will be ongoing to ensure these investments deliver on their promise of facilitating greater investment in water quality, public health protection, and environmental justice. Utilities are critical to this success. Join us for an update from EPA on implementation of these historic clean water investments.

Featured Speaker

Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
US Environmental Protection Agency | Washington, DC

10:45 – 12:00

Ballroom A - D

Panel

US EPA/State Discussion on Infrastructure Funding

With the vast majority of recent funding influxes – from the IIJA, and the COVID-19 relief packages before them – being sent out via the states, dialogue with our state partners is critical. Join us for a panel discussion and Q&A with our partners in federal funding implementation.

Moderator

Kishia Powell, NACWA President

Panelists

Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management
US Environmental Protection Agency | Washington, DC

Trevor Baggione, Water Quality Division Director
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality | Phoenix, AZ

Deirdre Finn, Executive Director
Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities | Washington, DC

Afternoon

12:00 – 2:00

Lunch on your own

1:45 – 4:00

East Convention
Foyer

Registration

2:00 – 5:00

Ballroom A - D

Plenary Session II

Opening Remarks

Adam Krantz, NACWA Chief Executive Officer

Kishia Powell, NACWA President

2:00 – 3:30

Ballroom A - D

Panel

Extreme Drought, Heightened Water Demands and Water Reuse's Moment

The extreme drought facing the southwest and the heightened demand over freshwater supplies, especially the Colorado River, are only predicted to worsen in the coming decades, with some communities forecasted to potentially run out of water. The fine balance between water delivery and protection of freshwater species reveals the critical need to improve water

reuse opportunities by resolving the unique financial and regulatory barriers of reuse and growing the peer-to-peer network between utilities. Panelists will discuss their water reuse initiatives and how they are driving community change by promoting sustainable water resources management in a dwindling supply world.

Moderator

Greta Zornes, Water Reuse Practice Leader
CDM Smith | New Orleans, LA

Panelists

Kathryn Sorensen, Director of Research, Professor of Practice
Arizona State University, Morrison Institute for Public Policy |
Tempe, AZ

Adel Hagekhalil, Chief Executive Officer & General Manager
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California | Los Angeles, CA

Todd Swingle, Executive Director
Toho Water Authority | Kissimmee, FL

3:30 – 3:45

Networking Break

3:45 – 5:00

Ballroom A - D

Roundtable Discussion

NACWA's COPS: Perspectives on 50 Years of NACWA Advocacy

NACWA's Council of Presidents (COPS) – made up of NACWA's Past Presidents – has watched the Association evolve over time from a relatively small group of big-city utilities primarily concerned with federal funding to a large, diverse coalition of utilities of all sizes and locations with a broad advocacy portfolio. NACWA has notched many significant advocacy victories during that time under the COPS' leadership. Join us for a unique opportunity to hear a moderated discussion among a number of COPS members with their unique insights on NACWA's journey over recent decades.

Moderator

Adam Krantz, NACWA Chief Executive Officer

Panelists

Kishia Powell, NACWA President

Michele Pla, Vice President
EPC Consultants, Inc. | San Francisco, CA

Kevin Shafer, Executive Director
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District | Milwaukee, WI

Closing Remarks

Kishia Powell, NACWA President

Evening

6:00 – 8:00

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NACWA's 50th Anniversary Reception

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Morning

9:00 – 10:00

East Convention

Foyer

Registration

9:30 – 11:00

Ballroom A-C

Plenary Session III

Opening Remarks

Adam Krantz, NACWA Chief Executive Officer

Kishia Powell, NACWA President

9:30 – 11:00

Ballroom A-C

Panel

NACWA at 50: Looking Back & Looking Ahead

NACWA marked its 50 Anniversary in 2020, and while we celebrated virtually, there is nothing like acknowledging an important milestone in person. This panel will wrap up our conference with a review of NACWA's 50th Anniversary Report outlining the amazing successes of the Association and its members during the last 50 years, as well as feature a group of utilities looking at what the next 50 years of clean water will hold.

Moderator

Nathan Gardner-Andrews, General Counsel &
Chief Advocacy Officer
National Association of Clean Water Agencies | Washington, DC

Panelists

Laura Briefer, NACWA Board Member, Director of Public Utilities
Salt Lake City Corporation | Salt Lake City, UT

Brian Hoelscher, NACWA Board Member
Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District | St. Louis, MO

Darin Thomas, Vice President
Raftelis | Greensboro, NC

Andrew Lee, Co-Chair, NACWA's Environmental Justice Committee
Interim General Manager/Chief Executive Officer
Seattle Public Utilities | Seattle, WA

11:00

Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Kishia Powell, NACWA President