Speaker Biographies
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**Frank Dick**  
*NACWA Chair, Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee*  
Wastewater Engineering Supervisor, Department of Public Works  
City of Vancouver  
Vancouver, WA

Frank Dick oversees wastewater engineering and administration functions including the Vancouver’s fully delegated pretreatment program. Vancouver’s sewerage area serves a population of 220,000 and includes 13 Categorical Industrial Users, 8 other Significant Industrial Users, 6 Minor Industrial Users, and over 50 other written authorizations, a Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) management program and a dental mercury reduction program. He also oversees planning and capital projects for Vancouver’s sewer and wastewater treatment systems.

Prior to his position at Vancouver, he spent 17 years at semiconductor and electronics manufacturing facilities in the Portland-Vancouver area, in consultant and staff positions for facilities engineering and environmental compliance.

Mr. Dick currently serves as the Chair of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies’ Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Committee and is active with the planning committee for the Pacific Northwest Pretreatment Workshop, to be held in September in Vancouver, WA. Mr. Dick earned his BS in Chemical Engineering from Washington State University.

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**Jessica Gauger**  
*Director of Legislative Advocacy & Public Affairs*  
California Association of Sanitation Agencies  
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Jessica Gauger manages the California Association of Sanitation Agencies’ (CASA) state and federal legislative advocacy initiatives in CA and Washington DC. In her role, Ms. Gauger is CASA’s lead advocate in the CA Legislature and interfaces with elected officials, legislative staff, and other stakeholders to advance CASA’s public policy priorities. She also works in conjunction with our professional consultants in Washington DC to advocate on behalf of issues of interest to the wastewater community. Ms. Gauger oversees CASA’s state and federal legislative committee activities and all external and membership initiatives related to our legislative advocacy programs.

Prior to her employment with CASA, Ms. Gauger was employed with the contract lobbying firm, Michael F. Dillon & Associates, where she represented CASA as a contract legislative
advocate, and previously worked on staff in the CA State Senate. She holds a BA Degree in Political Science from San Diego State University.

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**Erica Spitzig**
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Erica Spitzig focuses her practice on environmental matters. Prior to joining Taft, she served as Deputy General Counsel for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) in Washington, DC, where she worked to advance NACWA’s legal and regulatory advocacy on behalf of publicly owned wastewater and stormwater utilities nationwide.

Ms. Spitzig has significant experience representing clients on Clean Water Act matters, and has worked extensively with municipalities on clean water legal and regulatory issues. Her work includes counseling clients on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting, compliance and appeals; stormwater permitting; and enforcement defense. She has also represented state and national associations as amici curiae in cases involving the Clean Water Act in the Ohio Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

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**Robert Villée**
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Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority
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**Amanda Waters**
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Amanda Waters joined AquaLaw in 2020, bringing over 20 years of environmental law experience with a focus on the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). She has extensive practical expertise working nationally with utilities on a variety of environmental permitting, compliance, and enforcement issues.
Ms. Waters most recently served as General Counsel for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), where she managed the legal advocacy program implementing NACWA’s mission to safeguard the interests of municipal wastewater and stormwater utilities.

She previously served as General Counsel & Director of Public Advocacy for the Water Environment Federation, General Counsel & Deputy Executive Director for Sanitation District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky (a public wastewater and stormwater utility), Deputy General Counsel for the State of Kentucky Environmental & Public Protection Cabinet, and as a staff attorney with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.