Cathy Bailey
Executive Director
Greater Cincinnati Water Works
Cincinnati, OH

Cathy Bailey is the Executive Director of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works Department (GCWW). Ms. Bailey is the first woman and first African American to lead Cincinnati’s major, independent, municipal water utility in its 200-year history. She leads a team that ensures safe drinking water for a regional population of more than 1.1 million citizens; supervises a team of 600 full-time employees; and oversees a $110 million operating budget. She is a strong champion and key visionary behind Greater Cincinnati Water Works award-winning Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

Ms. Bailey started her water utility career spending two years at the US Environmental Protection Agency as a research chemist. Ms. Bailey holds a BS degree in Biochemistry from the University of Cincinnati.

She has received several recognitions as 2018 Greater Cincinnati YWCA’s Career Women of Achievement, a Cincinnati Venue Magazine’s Women of Influence and a Woman’s City Club Feist-Tea Woman.

Ms. Bailey is a member of the Water Research Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Theodore Chapman
Senior Director, Municipal and Cooperative Utility Group
S&P Global Ratings
Farmers Branch, TX

Ted Chapman serves as sector leader and voice of S&P for municipal utilities. He authored their utility revenue bond rating criteria, which includes as explicit rating factors affordability, resilience and climate risk management. He is also part of the company’s global sustainable finance team, helping to define how the credit markets view green bonds and environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors. He remains an active member of the Water Environment Federation, American Water Works Association – including its Finance, Accounting & Management Controls and Climate Change committees – and the National Federation of Municipal Analysts. In his role at S&P he has also collaborated with related organizations like the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, among others.

Mr. Chapman has been recognized multiple times by Smith’s Research and Gradings as a “municipal all-star” analyst. In 2017, then-Administrator Scott Pruitt named him to the Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Financial Advisory Board.
Kyle Dreyfus-Wells
Chief Executive Officer
Northeast Regional Sewer District
Cleveland, OH

Kyle Dreyfus-Wells was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District in February 2017. During her previous eight years at the Sewer District, Ms. Dreyfus-Wells coordinated the District’s watershed management efforts across District programs, including the Regional Stormwater Management Program and the application of stormwater control measures to reduce combined sewer overflows under the District’s Green Infrastructure Policy. She is Region 5 representative on the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Board of Trustees, Chair of the District One Natural Resources Assistance Council for the Ohio Public Works Commission’s Clean Ohio Conservation Program, and a member of the Water Research Foundation's Board of Directors.

Ms. Dreyfus-Wells graduated Summa Cum Laude from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She earned Master’s degrees with honors in both Public Affairs and Environmental Science at Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Samoa. Before joining the District, she was Director of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.

Mami Hara
General Manager and Chief Executive Officer
Seattle Public Utilities
Seattle, WA

Mami Hara is the General Manager of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), which provides solid waste, drainage and wastewater services for Seattle residents and businesses and drinking water for 1.4 million regional customers in 27 cities in the central Puget Sound region. Before coming to SPU, MS. Hara served as the first deputy commissioner and chief of staff at Philadelphia Water. She holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University and is an advisor to several environmental, philanthropic, planning and design advocacy organizations. She has taught at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Pennsylvania and Temple University and was a principal and owner of the planning and urban design firm Wallace Roberts + Todd.

Ms. Hara is committed to advancing an equitable and sustainable Seattle and region through collaboration, strategic investment and partnering with community. She brings over three decades of experience in sustainable land and water management practices and advances them through cultivating leaders, partnerships, participation, planning science/data-informed decisions and knowledge sharing.

Ms. Hara is a member of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Board of Directors.
Angela Licata
Deputy Commissioner of Sustainability
New York City Department of Environmental Protection
Flushing, NY

Angela Licata is the Deputy Commissioner for Sustainability for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Ms. Licata has gained a nuanced understanding of nearly every aspect of the operations of the Department. She has put her knowledge and creativity to work identifying 21st Century solutions to the challenges faced by the city, and DEP initiatives have played prominently in citywide sustainability planning under Mayor de Blasio's OneNYC. Under Ms. Licata's guidance, the Department is addressing challenges to population growth, declining demand for drinking water, financial capacity for water and sewer rates amidst an aging infrastructure and climate change. Ms. Licata makes the case for integrated planning among competing priorities. Furthermore, her broad portfolio includes oversight for compliance and streamlining of New York City's Air and Noise Codes, asbestos abatement and municipal separate storm sewer permitting (MS4).

Ms. Licata is currently the President of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies and a member of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Board of Directors.

James Parrott
Executive Director
Louisville & Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District
Louisville, KY

Tony Parrott serves as the Executive Director of Louisville & Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) providing executive leadership, strategic direction, and management ensuring implementation of MSD's core values and vision of safe, clean waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. Mr. Parrott provides oversight and management of operations—wastewater collection and treatment, flood protection and stormwater services to more than 850,000 residents and strategic leadership to more than 630 employees who perform and support day-to-day operations, with an annual operating budget of $125 million and a capital budget of $195 million. As Executive Director, he reports to the Louisville MSD Board and is appointed by the Louisville Metro Mayor. Mr. Parrott also provides leadership for One Water Partnership with Louisville Water Company.

Mr. Parrott serves on the National Association of Clean Water Agencies Board of Directors representing Region 4.
Kenneth Waldroup  
Assistant Public Utilities Director  
Raleigh Water  
Raleigh, NC

With 27 years in the water and wastewater industry, Kenny Waldroup's current responsibilities include administrative and financial services, strategic planning, regulatory compliance, legislative outreach, incident preparedness and workplace safety and organization improvement.

Mr. Waldroup joined the City in 2006. Before his tenure with the City, he served as the Town of Zebulon’s Public Works Director from 1996 to 2006 and as a water treatment plant operator in various Western Carolina communities. Prior to that he served on the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission from 2003 to 2009, is a past proud recipient of the JAYounts Award from the North Carolina Rural Water Association and past Chair of NCWaterWARN; he is the incoming Chair of the North Carolina American Water Works Association and Water Environment Association.

Mr. Waldroup is a graduate of North Carolina State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer with the State of NC who holds certifications in water treatment, distribution system operation and cross connection control.