



2023 ACWA Annual Conference Program Guide



Tuesday, July 25, 2023

ROOM	TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTER
Lobby	8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
	9:30 am	Welcome – Corissa Holmes, ACWA Chair
	9:40 am	Charting the Path for Oregon’s Water Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative Ken Helm, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Agriculture
	10:40 am	BREAK
	11:00 am	How Wastewater Scientists Became COVID-19 Detectives and What this Sleuthing Means for Detection and Management of Future Pandemics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blythe Layton, Clean Water Services Tyler Radniecki, Oregon State University
	12:00 pm	LUNCH – Round Table Discussions on Key Issues
	1:30 pm	Show Us the Money... A Fresh Look and a New Playing Field for Seizing State and Federal Funds for Your Wastewater and Stormwater Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Marko, Oregon DEQ Alli Miller, Oregon DEQ
Lobby	2:30 pm	BREAK
	2:50 pm	Concurrent Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Before the Pipes—The Evolution of Wastewater Source Reduction and Pollution Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christina Davenport, Leeway Engineering Using the “Effective Utility Management” Framework to Energize your Strategic Planning Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Ginley, Jim Ginley Consulting, LLC Ron Wierenga, Clackamas WES Shelly Parini-Runge, Clackamas WES Resilient Utilities—Latest Approaches for Addressing Energy and Climate Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Moldal and Joshua Reed, Energy Trust of Oregon Nicole Singh, Oregon DEQ Bob Patterson, City of Pendleton Communications and Outreach—Effective Ways to Engage Your Communities and Communicate the Value of Clean Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travis Loop, WaterLoop
	3:50 pm	TRANSITION TIME
	4:00 pm	Repeat Concurrent Sessions
	5:00 pm-6:30 pm	Reception Hosted by ACWA Associate Members Sponsors to date: Apex, Kennedy Jenks, Brown and Caldwell, Carollo, Hazen and Sawyer, Jacobs, Cable Huston, Stoel Rives, West Yost, Parametrix, Mead and Hunt, Leeway Engineering Solutions, Consor, and HDR Associate Members, please contact the ACWA office to add your sponsorship to this event!
		DINNER ON YOUR OWN—ENJOY REDMOND!

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

ROOM	TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTER
	7:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
	7:30 am	NACWA Breakfast (hosted by Nathan Gardner-Andrews)
	8:30 am	EPA—After 50 Years of the Clean Water Act, What’s Next? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, US EPA
	9:15 am	Puget Sound Nutrient Permitting—an Update from the Association of Washington Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda McInnis, Jacobs
	10:00 am	B R E A K
	10:20 am	Microplastics—Relevance to Wastewater and Approaches to Source Reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susanne Brander, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Oregon State University
	11:05 am	PFAS—It Just Won’t Go Away... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACWA PFAS Strategic Actions: Ron Wierenga, Clackamas WES EPA PFAS and Phthalate Reduction Grant—Resources for ACWA Members: Kevin Masterson, Stony Creek Consulting The EPA Road Map and DEQ’s Strategic Action Plan: Pat Heins, Oregon DEQ Biosolids PFAS Study: Frank Dick, ACWA Biosolids Committee Chair; Abigail Tomasek, Ph.D., Professor, Oregon State University
	12:00 pm	Recognition of ACWA Board and Committees; 2023 ACWA Priorities
	12:15 pm	L U N C H—
	1:30 pm	Oregon DEQ Water Quality Programs—Building on Foundations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Wigal, Administrator, Water Quality Division, DEQ
	2:30 pm	B R E A K
	2:50 pm	Complying with Oregon’s Temperature Standards and Making a Real Difference for Fish—Strategies for Wastewater Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todd Miller, Environmental Services Supervisor, City of Springfield/MWMC Laurel Stratton Garvin, Ph.D., USGS Josh Proudfoot, Owner, Good Company (a division of Parametrix)
	4:00 pm	Optional Organized Activities to be Announced
	6:30 pm	No-Host Bar Reception
	7:00 pm	DINNER

Thursday, July 27, 2023

ROOM	TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTER
	7:30 am	Breakfast Buffet
	7:30 am	Joint Energy and Utility Management Committee Meeting
	8:30 am	Building a Strong Foundation for Oregon’s Clean Water Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leah Feldon, Director, OR DEQ
	9:15 am	National Issues and Trends for Wastewater and Stormwater Utilities Nathan Gardner-Andrews, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
	10:00 am	B R E A K
	10:20 am	The Best of the Best—Annual Awards and Recognitions
	10:30 am	Protecting the Chesapeake through Water Reuse—A Case Study in Regional Collaboration Jay Bernas, Hampton Roads Sanitation District
	11:30 am	Why We Protect Oregon’s Water Quality Ed Jahn, Executive Producer, Oregon Field Guide
	12:00 pm	Conference Adjourns—Box Lunches Available...
	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm	Committee/Work Group Meetings to be Announced



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