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Dear members of the CEU Committee:

Please consider this request for your approval of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Spring 2026 Webcasts for 0.9 CEU's.

DATE	AWWA Spring 2026 Webcasts	CEU's: 0.9
3/31/26	Using AI + Satellite Technology to Reduce NRW and Monitor Critical Infrastructure Assets at Scale - FREE Sponsored Webinar, Presented by ASTERRA	0.1
4/8/26	Water 2050: Playbook for Building a Community-Centered Utility	0.1
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4/29/26	The Reuse Revolution: What's Happening in Water Reuse Today	0.1
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5/13/26	Seismic Strength in Utilities: Global Lessons and Local Strategies – Presented with The Water Research Foundation	0.1
5/14/26	Modernizing Water Assets with Polysiloxanes - FREE Webinar, Sponsored and Presented by Sherwin-Williams Protective & Marine	0.1
6/3/26	Leveraging Corporate Water Stewardship Commitments to Generate Utility and Community Benefits	0.1
6/10/26	Water 2050: Innovative Technologies Shaping the Future of the Water Sector	0.1

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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Enclosures:

1. Letter of request to review
2. AWWA Webcast Summaries and Speaker Bios

Spring 2026 AWWA Webinars

Using AI + Satellite Technology to Reduce NRW and Monitor Critical Infrastructure Assets at Scale - FREE Sponsored Webinar, Presented by ASTERRA

March 31, 2026

Overview:

Traditional leak detection approaches are often localized, labor-intensive, and can make it difficult to assess priorities system-wide. As utilities seek broader, data-driven strategies, satellite-based technology combined with AI analysis has emerged as a proven tool that can detect potable water leaks up to 10 feet underground across large geographic areas of up to 1,000 square miles in a single satellite pass.

This webinar will discuss how these technologies are being integrated into utility operations to support system-wide monitoring, prioritize field investigations, and inform decision-making. Hear from the City of Duncanville, Texas, who will share how they leveraged this advanced technology to identify 80 leaks in just 15 days. This webinar will also explore how the same technology can be applied to monitoring critical infrastructure such as earthen dams, levees, and canals. By identifying subsurface soil moisture anomalies, this approach supports inspection programs, enhances safety considerations, and contributes to long-term asset management.

Learning Objectives:

- How large-scale satellite monitoring supports proactive management of water distribution systems and other critical infrastructure assets.
- How AI algorithms and advanced satellite technology can increase utility efficiency, save money, and improve safety.
- How incorporating satellite technology can enhance traditional leak detection methods and optimize operations.

Presenter Biographies:

- Matt Bryant, Director of Public Works, City of Duncanville, Texas

Matt Bryant has proudly served the residents of Duncanville, Texas, since 2008 and was appointed Director of Public Works in 2025. Beginning his career with the City as a Utilities Maintenance Worker, Matt steadily advanced through the ranks, serving as

Utilities Crew Leader, Water Systems Operations Supervisor, Utilities Superintendent, and Assistant Public Works Director. His progression reflects both his technical expertise and his commitment to public service.

Matt holds five professional licenses issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, including Class A licenses in Water and Wastewater; a Gas and Wastewater Collections license, and certifications as a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester and Customer Service Inspector. Prior to joining Duncanville, Matt gained valuable underground infrastructure installation, repair; and maintenance experience with the cities of Balch Springs and Lancaster. He also worked for three years as an Apprentice Electrician with Groves Electrical Services.

- Gary Eaton, Retired Director of Operations & Maintenance, San Diego County Water Authority and Executive Vice President of Operations, ASTERRA

Gary Eaton brings over 30 years' experience in both the public and private sectors, including previous roles as Chief Innovation Officer and Director of Operations & Maintenance for the San Diego County Water Authority, where he managed all aspects of water treatment, delivery, hydropower generation, and reservoir operations. In addition, Gary participated in the development of international standards for innovation in the water industry and the first in-pipe deployment of acoustic fiber optics to monitor the condition of large-diameter pipelines. Gary currently serves as Executive Vice President of Operations at ASTERRA, leading strategic initiatives and innovative solutions that enable organizations to conserve water, monitor critical infrastructure, and achieve their operational goals.

- Eric Trerotola, Senior Sales Manager, ASTERRA

Eric Trerotola is a Senior Sales Manager responsible for managing strategic partnerships at ASTERRA, an infrastructure intelligence company supporting water utilities in their efforts to conserve resources, reduce non-revenue water (NRW), and strengthen long-term system resilience. In his role, Eric collaborates with partners and utilities across North America, helping them harness advanced satellite technology, transform their operations, and achieve their goals.

Water 2050: Playbook for Building a Community-Centered Utility

April 8, 2026

Overview:

Learn how critical building blocks like public education can help create a more community-engages and equitable utility. This Water 2050 webinar provides a playbook and case studies for building public trust with community engagement.

Objectives:

- Discover strategies for engaging a wider range of stakeholders, including contractors, developers, and private corporations.
- Apply lessons from case studies to design practical approaches for building more community-centered utilities.
- Evaluate how these approaches build public trust and promote equity in utility decision-making.

Presenter Biographies:

- Felicia Heaton, Communications Director, Portland Water Bureau
Felicia Heaton (she/her), Communications Director; leads the bureau's Communications & Outreach team, a part of the Business Services group. Felicia guides the bureau's strategic communications initiatives and media engagement. Felicia, a born-and-raised Portlander, joined the Water family in 2018. She spent the first fifteen years of her career in news and broadcasting, her byline and voice associated with The Oregonian, News Radio 1190 KEX, 620 KPOJ, Portland's K103, and ABC News. Her coverage primarily focused 0111 government and politics, but often included stories that grabbed national headlines-some serious (Oregon National Guard deployments, Occupy Portland, the search for Kyron) and some not so serious (the occasional American Idol audition and many interviews with celebrities, Molly Ringwald a favorite).
- Sara Sgantas, Communications & Public Outreach Manager, Northern Kentucky Water District.
Sara Sgantas is a local government and public sector enthusiast currently serving as the Communications & Public Outreach Manager for the Northern Kentucky Water District. Previously worked for Kenton County Fiscal Court. Proud alumna of Northern Kentucky University and Morehead State University.
- Jessica Green, Program Manager - Water Division Education, Orange County Utilities (Orlando, Florida)
Jessica Green is the Water Division Education Program Manager at Orange County Utilities in Orlando, Florida. She has a bachelor's degree in Theatre Studies, and a Master's in Nonprofit Management from the University of Central Florida. She serves as the Events Coordinator for the Central Florida Chapter of FWEA, the Events Coordinator for Region III of FSAWWA, and serves on the Public Affairs Council for

AWWA. Jessica is passionate about community outreach and truly enjoys working with people of diverse backgrounds and varied experiences. In her spare time, Jessica enjoys Texas Hold 'Em poker, volunteering, and bartending to fund her travel obsession.

The Essentials of Collaborative Project Delivery

April 22, 2026

Overview:

Collaborative delivery is the fastest-growing project delivery method in the water sector. This webinar will cover the basics of collaborative delivery, including the different delivery methods and how to select them, how to set up a project for success, and how to manage risk from the perspectives, of utilities, engineers, and contractors.

Objectives:

- Define the different types of collaborative delivery methods and their benefits for the delivery of water infrastructure projects.
- Increase knowledge of key utility organizational drivers influencing the success of collaborative delivery implementation for water infrastructure projects.
- Learn how a utility can prepare in advance for a successful collaborative delivery project.
- Identify critical factors that help set up a collaborative delivery project for success.
- Understand the importance of risk management strategies to enhance project outcomes.

Presenter Biographies:

- Aliza Caraballo, PE, Engineering Manager, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD)
Aliza Caraballo is a civil engineer with 25+ years of experience in water/wastewater infrastructure design, construction, project, and program management. She is currently the Engineering Manager for the Water and Solid Waste Capital Projects delivery team at North Texas Municipal Water District. NTMWD is a wholesale provider of water, wastewater and solid waste in the north Texas region serving approximately 2.2M residents and managing a projected OP in the \$18 range per year. Aliza also currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the AWWA Capital Projects Delivery committee.

- Scott Phillips, Assoc. DBIA, Second Vice President/Secretary, Garney
Scott has been involved in water/wastewater, utility infrastructure, and industrial construction for over 25 years. He is the senior manager of national industry engagement for Garney, headquartered in Kansas City. Scott leads Garney's presence in national water / wastewater and A/E/C industry organizations. Along with continuing his own decade-long involvement, he supports Garney employee owners looking to make their impact in our industry. These touchpoints include industry associations, committees, boards, conferences, exhibits, abstracts/presentations, and panels. Scott's responsibilities also include continuing his advocacy for water/ wastewater infrastructure and collaborative delivery methods, as well as being a liaison between Garney and key engineering and supplier partners. His industry involvement outside of WCDA induces current and previous roles as a board member and committee chair in: Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA), national and regional; American Water Works Association (AWWA), national and regional; and Water Environment Federation (WEF), national and regional.
- Jessica Adams-Weber, PE, Vice President & North Central Region Water Business Development Director, HDR
Jessica Adams-Weber is a vice president and the Water Business Group client development lead for HDR's Missouri and Kansas service area. Jessica is a registered engineer in California, Missouri, and Kansas with a focus on drinking water and wastewater planning, design, and construction services. She has spent most of her career focused on collaborative delivery methods as well as serving as an owner advisor on a wide range of project types.

The Reuse Revolution: What's Happening in Water Reuse Today

April 29, 2026

Overview:

Adoption of water reuse is accelerating nationwide! Hear from members of AWWA's Water Reuse Committee as they share updates on current activities in reuse. Presenters will discuss topics ranging from planning to operations and from traditional reuse practices to emerging applications such as data centers.

Objectives:

- Analyze recent developments and trends in the water reuse sector across the U.S,

- Evaluate the role of potable reuse as a viable alternative in long-term water supply planning.
- Identify key components of operator certification programs and compare how different states are preparing their workforce for potable reuse implementation.
- Assess technical challenges and potential solutions for implementing water reuse in data center operations.
- Explore innovative approaches and emerging technologies shaping the future of potable reuse.

Presenter Biographies:

- Carrie Del Boccio, Practice Leader, Woodard & Curran
Based in Walnut Creek, California, Carrie Del Boccio is a professional civil engineer with 21 years of experience and serves as Woodard & Curran's National Technical Leader for Recycled Water and Water Resources. She works on conception and implementation of water reuse projects primarily in the agricultural and potable reuse spaces. She is the current vice-chair of the AWWA Water Reuse Committee.
- Susheera Pochiraju, Principal Engineer, Hazen and Sawyer
Susheera works primarily on drinking water and reuse initiatives at Hazen and serves as the Intermountain Reuse Practice Lead. Her experience ranges from working on potable reuse rulemaking, applied research, bench-scale testing, piloting and full-scale design of ozone, UV, and advanced oxidation systems. Susheera is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Colorado and serves on the Journal Advisory Board for Journal AWWA.
- Ufuk Erdal, Global Water Reuse Practice and Solutions Director, Black & Veatch
Dr. Erdal leads Black & Veatch's Global Water Reuse practice with over 30 years of experience in planning, facility design, technology validation, and commissioning advanced treatment facilities for water reuse. He developed a cooling patent (US20240230176A9) to reduce carbon footprint and has delivered water reuse projects for major data center clients. Dr. Erdal earned his master's from Ohio State University and his PhD from Virginia Tech. He enjoys ocean swimming, bridge, and wine tasting.
- Larry Schimmoller, Global Principal for Water Reuse, Jacobs
Larry Schimmoller has spent most of his 30+ year career at Jacobs advancing water reuse practices in the global water sector and helping clients respond to the impacts of climate change. As the Global Principal for Water Reuse, Larry helps our clients to plan, design and implement potable and non-potable water reuse projects that provide communities with sustainable and resilient water supplies.

Larry received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Clarkson University in upstate New York and a master's degree in civil & environmental engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. During college, Larry was first intrigued by the water industry because of a water and wastewater treatment class that featured a highly energetic and passionate professor from Australia.

In 1996, Larry moved out west to Denver where water scarcity is more prevalent and began working on other water reuse projects. This eventually led to his current role as Global Principal for Water Reuse, where he focuses on helping Jacobs' clients deliver water reuse projects throughout North America and abroad.

LCRI Checklist: Staying on Track for Compliance

May 6, 2026

Overview:

This webinar will review the LCRI requirements with a focus on the November 1st deadline and any changes to the regulations as a result of the legal challenges. Attendees will be provided with a printable checklist to stay on track with the requirements in the various areas of the LCRI.

Objectives:

- Understand the requirements of the LCRI and any changes due to the legal challenges.
- Identify the risks of having unknowns on the inventory with the baseline inventory.
- Recognize how to customize your lead service line replacement plan.
- Understand the steps for readiness on preparation for compliance in 2027.
- Evaluate the water system's current tap sampling and how it will change under the LCRI and what is needed for school and childcare sampling.

Presenter Biographies:

- Sandra Kutzing, Lead and Copper Strategy Leader, CDM Smith
Sandra Ku1tzing is a professional engineer and Senior Vice President at CDM Smith in New Jersey with 24 years of experience in drinking water. She has a B.S. from the University of Illinois and an M.S. from the University of Washington. Ms. Ku1tzing is CDM Smith's Lead and Copper Strategy Leader, assisting utilities with meeting the Lead and Copper Rule and implementing lead service line replacement programs.

- Quirien Muylwyk, Municipal Water Strategist and Public Health Engineer, AECOM

Over the course of her career, Quirien has seen the focus of water quality expand to include the role water plays in helping communities thrive. The quality - and reliability of drinking water systems goes beyond public health considerations and extends to its influence on economic development, community resilience and social equity.

Quirien leads a team that advises on regulatory requirements, treatment for contaminants of concern, cost and maintenance of treatment and supported the City of Ann Arbor in Michigan, U.S., to develop a strategic plan for rehabilitating the City's water treatment plant. The project aimed to ensure reliable, high-quality water for generations to come.

- Eric Walker, LCR National Practice Leader, Arcadis
Erica brings over 9 years of experience in the areas of water quality analytics, training, regulatory compliance, asset inventory, replacement planning and implementation, data management, funding, and technical management of programs. She has been helping water utilities and state agencies prepare for federal and state regulations targeting lead and in locating and remediating sources of lead in distribution and premise plumbing systems.

Seismic Strength in Utilities: Global Lessons and Local Strategies – Presented with The Water Research Foundation

May 13, 2026

Overview:

Water Utilities face growing seismic risks, but proven strategies can reduce service disruptions and speed recovery. Explore cutting-edge earthquake-resilient systems with international experts. Innovators in North America, Japan, Taiwan, and Turkiye will share creative solutions, mutual aid strategies and a new approaches to protect critical infrastructure. This session is ideal for utility leaders and engineers preparing for the next major quake.

Objectives:

- Exchange knowledge between countries on earthquake preparedness and response in water systems.

- Showcase innovations and share best practices in earthquake-resistant design and construction.
- Integrate global innovations in utility seismic planning.

Presenter Biographies:

- David Goldbloom-Helzner, Physical Scientist, US EPA
David Goldbloom-Helzner has 34 years of experience in helping critical infrastructures prepare for and respond to disasters. For the last 12 years, he has been with the US Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water, Water Security Division, developing tools to help water and wastewater utilities become more resilient to flooding, earthquakes, wildfires, and other natural disasters, to apply for federal disaster funding, and to be trained in the incident command system.
- Kenichi Soga, Professor; Donald H. McLaughlin Chair in Mineral Engineering, UC Berkeley
Kenichi Soga is the Donald H. McLaughlin Professor in Mineral Engineering and the Director of the Berkeley Center for Smart Infrastructure. He is also a faculty scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He obtained his BEng and MEng from Kyoto University in Japan and his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. He was Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Cambridge before joining UC Berkeley in 2016.
- Masakatsu Miyajima, Professor Emeritus, Kanazawa University, Japan
Masakatsu Miyajima (宮島 昌克) is a distinguished Japanese geotechnical and seismic engineer, Professor Emeritus at the Institute of Science and Engineering, Faculty of Environmental Design, Kanazawa University. He is recognized internationally for his research in geotechnical engineering, structural and seismic engineering, and disaster prevention engineering, with a focus on urban disaster mitigation, earthquake engineering, and lifeline systems

Modernizing Water Assets with Polysiloxanes - FREE Webinar, Sponsored and Presented by Sherwin-Williams Protective & Marine

May 14, 2026

Overview:

As demand increases for coatings that balance performance, safety, and sustainability, polysiloxane technology stands out as a next-generation solution for long-term water storage protection. Attendees will learn how polysiloxane coatings can extend life expectancy compared to traditional epoxy/polyurethane alternatives based on their UV stability, reduced deterioration rates, and lower maintenance frequency.

Polysiloxane coating technology represents a significant advancement in the protection of water storage, treatment, and infrastructure assets. Known for their exceptional durability, polysiloxane systems exhibit a long life expectancy – often exceeding that of traditional epoxy and polyurethane coating systems – due to superior UV resistance, chemical stability, and minimized chalking or degradation over time. These characteristics translate into extended maintenance cycles and reduced total lifecycle cost for utilities and industrial operators. Beyond longevity, polysiloxane coatings deliver notable operational benefits in water storage and treatment environments. Their smooth, non-porous surface resists biofilm formation, making tanks, piping, and other assets substantially easier to clean while helping inhibit algae growth.

Objectives:

- Learn about the extended life expectancy of polysiloxane coatings.
- Explore water storage operational benefits for maintaining high water quality standards.
- Discover the advantages of polysiloxane coating technologies, including improved durability, aesthetic retention, and better long-term cost efficiency.

Presenter Biographies:

- Paul Trautmann, Marketing Director, Water & Wastewater, Sherwin-Williams Protective & Marine
Paul Trautman has more than 30 years of experience in the paints and coatings industry working in various capacities, including more than 20 years with Sherwin-Williams Protective & Marine, where he is currently Market Director of the Water Infrastructure segment. Trautman has authored technical papers related to protective coatings and presented educational programs for the Society of Protective Coatings (SSPC) Coatings+ Conference and regularly hosts educational luncheons for municipalities, industrial facility owners and consulting engineering firms.
- Steven Roetter, Market Segment Manager for Water Infrastructure, Sherwin-Williams Protective & Marine
Steven Roetter, P.E., is a Market Segment Manager for Water Infrastructure for Sherwin-Williams Protective & Marine. He has been with the company for six years. Prior to that, he was a consulting engineer in the water and wastewater industry for more than 35 years. His current geographic area of responsibility is the Western region of the United States and Canada. He is a professional engineer registered in Indiana and New York, an AMPP Protective Coating Specialist, an AMPP Level 2 Certified Coatings Inspector and a Past President of SSPC: The Society for Protective Coatings.

- Charles Kucherka, PE, Principal for Treatment, Transmission and Utilities – Central Division, Freese and Nichols
Charles Kucherka is an Engineer in the Central Texas Treatment, Transmission & Utilities group in the San Marcos office. He has been with Freese and Nichols for 15 years. Charles has been instrumental in making Freese and Nichols relevant in design of elevated and ground storage tanks by developing himself into a technical expert, leading and supporting sales efforts and design teams across the state of Texas to build our corporate resume. Charles is Freese and Nichols' Senior Technical Professional in water storage tank design, rehabilitation and coatings and was instrumental in building our business in San Antonio and San Marcos.
- Vicente Garza, PE, Senior Project Manager, Freese and Nichols
For 28 years, he's worked as an engineering manager and project engineer for the San Antonio Water System where he was an established resource for clients seeking a wide range of projects, focusing on major pump stations and storage tanks, transmission pipelines, treatment plans, lift stations and design-build contracts. Vicente brings a multifaceted level of expertise that positions him with skills for creating new and strengthening existing client relationships. Vicente earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a master's degree in business administration from Texas A&M University, San Antonio.

Leveraging Corporate Water Stewardship Commitments to Generate Utility and Community Benefits

June 3, 2026

Overview:

The water and energy demand of data centers have generated significant attention and media coverage with the widespread deployment of AI. Less attention has been given to the associated “water positive” and water replenishment commitments that all major hyperscalers (Microsoft, Google, Amazon, and Meta) have made. Through these water positive and replenishment commitments, companies fund projects in their operating communities to generate community and volumetric benefits intended to exceed their water consumption. Their commitment to making these types of investments provides utilities with a significant opportunity to identify projects that benefit the utility while also aligning with hyperscalers' interests.

Objectives:

- This webinar will explore what water positive commitment means in practical, on-the-ground terms and highlight companies providing water replenishment services that can also generate benefits for local utilities.

- As a result of this webinar, AWWA members should better understand how they can leverage companies' water positive and replenishment commitments to generate benefits for both utilities and the communities they serve.

Presenter Biographies:

- Anh Quach Crandall, Technical Program Manager, Water Risk & Replenishment, Google
Anh Quach Crandall has led the Water Risk and Water Replenishment Programs within Google's Data Center Sustainability team for 4 years. In her role, she developed and operationalized Google's Water Risk Framework ensuring responsible water use at all new data center sites. She's also charged with scaling Google's water replenishment program to meet their goal of replenishing more water than they consume across data center locations by 2030.
- Tim Hyde, CEO and Co-Founder, SWAN Systems
Tim Hyde is CEO and Co-Founder of SWAN Systems, a water and nutrient management technology company helping agriculture, public open space and corporate water stewardship partners deliver measurable water savings. SWAN Systems works with irrigators and organizations seeking water replenishment outcomes by identifying practical irrigation efficiency opportunities, implementing water-saving programs, and providing the monitoring and reporting needed to quantify the benefits created.
Tim's work focuses on connecting corporate water stewardship commitments with practical projects across farms and irrigated landscapes, helping create shared value for growers, communities, utilities and corporate funders.
- Todd Reeve, Executive Director, Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF)
Todd Reeve is CEO of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) and Founder of Business for Water Stewardship (BWS). For more than 25 years, Todd has led work with companies to understand business water risk and shape proactive water strategies that deliver value to companies while advancing regional water resilience. Todd has led partnerships with Fortune 500 companies, cities, universities, Tribes, and NGOs to help build a corporate-led water stewardship movement. Collectively he has overseen the development, financing, and tracking of more than 500 corporate-funded water stewardship projects in the U.S. and abroad.
- Michael Bernardo, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Conservation Division Manager.
Michael serves as the Enterprise Conservation Manager for the Southern Nevada Water Authority, where he leads a team of professionals dedicated to advancing water conservation and sustainability across the driest metropolitan area in the

nation. He builds strategic partnerships with business and community leaders and directs programs that drive large-scale conservation within Southern Nevada's commercial, institutional, and industrial sectors. His portfolio includes oversight of the state mandated removal of nonfunctional turf and the Water Efficient technologies program, which provides financial incentives for companies implementing innovative water saving solutions.

Water 2050: Innovative Technologies Shaping the Future of the Water Sector

June 10, 2026

Overview:

AWWA's Technology and Innovation Strategic Implementation Team (SIT) Subcommittee is advancing key technology themes to support a resilient, equitable, and secure water sector. This webinar will highlight five priority focus areas and preview recommendations from the upcoming Strategic Implementation Plan white paper. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of the five themes driving the Technology and Innovation SIT Subcommittee's work:

1. Equitable Technology Innovation and Development
2. Digital and Smart Infrastructure
3. Cybersecurity
4. Data and Technology Governance
5. Enhanced Customer Engagement

Objectives:

- See results from case studies across all five focus areas.
- Discover strategies to address challenges within each focus area in support of the AWWA Water 2050 vision.
- Understand upcoming steps for AWWA's Water 2050 Strategic Implementation Team (SIT) for Technology and Innovation.
- Learn how to engage with the SIT Committee's goals, processes, and opportunities for member input.

Presenter Biographies:

- Gigi Karmous-Edwards, CEO; Co-chair, Karmous-Edwards Consulting; AWWA Water 2050 Technology and Innovation Water Subcommittee

With over 25 years of experience working with the Internet of Things, big data, and digital technologies, Gigi Karmous-Edwards now specializes in AI and digital twin technologies in the water sector. Throughout her career, Gigi has seamlessly navigated academia, entrepreneurship, and industry, and is now considered a thought leader in AI and digital transformation within the water sector.

- Robert Bornhofen, Director of Innovation, DC Water

As the Innovation Leader for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, Dr. Robert Bornhofen is tasked with formulating and executing a comprehensive strategy across the entire organization. As an academic, Dr. Robert teaches innovation strategy at Cornell University. He also teaches the MBA Capstone course at the University of Maryland. His past industry experience includes such well-known companies as IBM, Citibank & Delta Air Lines. Robert holds two U.S. Patents for original & patentable technologies.