



Mid-Year 2017 Meeting Agenda

March 19-21, 2017
Hilton Garden Inn, Washington DC/ US Capitol
1225 First St NE

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

- 12:00 – 5:00 PM **Board Meeting**
Paint Branch & Stansbury Room
- 6:00 – 9:00 PM **Board of Directors & Leadership Dinner**
Clyde's of Gallery Place
707 7th Street NW

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

*ACWA's meeting this year is open to Members,
EPA Office of Water Partners, and Invited Guests Only.*

All sessions will take place in the Noma Ballroom on the 2nd Floor

- 7:00 - 8:30 AM **Registration/ Continental Breakfast**
Prefunction area outside of Noma Ballroom
- 9:00 - 9:30 AM **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Speaker:
Pete LaFlamme, ACWA President

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Introduction to New Administration & Congress

The US EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will join us to discuss the Administration's priorities and we will hear from key Congressional Committees who will join us to discuss their priorities for the coming year that will impact state water quality programs.

Speakers:

Susan Bodine, Chief Counsel, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
Christophe Tulou, Chief Minority Counsel, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

Scott Pruitt, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 - 12:00 PM

Water Quality Program Priorities for working with the New Administration

Attendees will discuss several questions to help the Board of Directors identify ACWA's priorities and strategies for moving forward on implementing the CWA over the next 18 months. ACWA Board of Directors Members will lead these small breakout discussions and each group will be asked to report out to the larger group at the end of the session. The identified priorities will be captured by ACWA staff and used to inform the Association's priorities.

Discussion Leaders:

Pete LaFlamme, ACWA President
Martha Clark Mettler, ACWA Past President
Jennifer Wigal, ACWA Vice President

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Lunch Provided to Attendees

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Nutrients Projects Update & Discussion

Update on ACWA's Nutrients Reduction Progress Tracker, a collaborative project with EPA that was recently tested by select ACWA state members.

Speakers:

Adam Schmieders, Water Quality Resource Coordinator, Iowa DNR
Tom Wall, Director, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, US EPA

Update on ACWA's role in EPA's National Study of Nutrient Removal and Secondary Technologies.

Speakers:

Janet Goodwin, Chief, Technology & Statistics Branch, Engineering & Analysis Division, Office of Water, US EPA

3:00 - 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 - 4:30 PM

Update & Discussion on ACWA/EPA HABs Focus Group Discussions on Cyanotoxin Recreational Criteria/Advisory and Lake Numeric Nutrient Criteria and Implementation

Discussion of the on-going work of the ACWA/EPA HABs Focus Group on the cyanotoxins recreational criteria/advisory levels and numeric nutrient criteria for lakes including state implementation needs and plans for next steps.

Speakers:

Martha Clark Mettler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Water Quality, Indiana DEM
Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, Utah DEQ
Sara Hisel-McCoy, Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, Office of Science and Technology, US EPA
Betsy Behl, Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, US EPA

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Report Out from Morning Discussion

5:30

Wrap-Up & Adjourn

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Off-Site Reception for Attendees & Friends of ACWA

*The 201 Bar
201 Massachusetts Ave, NW*

All attendees of the ACWA Mid-Year Meeting, as well as attendees at the ACWA, ASDWA, GWPC Clean Water Act/ Safe Drinking Water Coordination Workshop and ACWA Subscribers, Affiliates and Friends of ACWA are invited to join us.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

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8:30 - 10:30 AM

Strategic Plan Update & Discussion

ACWA President Pete LaFlamme & ACWA Alumni Member Paul Davis will present the draft ACWA Strategic Plan to the membership and solicit feedback and comments on the draft plan.

Discussion Leaders:

Pete LaFlamme, ACWA President
Jennifer Wigal, ACWA Vice President
Paul Davis, ACWA Alum

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 - 12:00 PM

Office of Water Program Updates & Discussion of Priorities

Office Directors from the Office of Water will participate in a moderated discussion. Audience members will be encouraged to participate in the dialogue.

Speakers:

Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, US EPA

Betsy Southerland, Director, Office of Science and Technology, US EPA

John Goodin, Acting Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Waterways, US EPA

Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, US EPA

12:00 PM

Closing Remarks & Meeting Adjourns

*The following post meeting sessions are by invite only.
Please contact ACWA staff for more information.*

1:00 - 5:00 PM

**ACWA, ASDWA and GWPC Clean Water Act /Safe Drinking Water Act
Coordination Workshop**

Noma Ballroom

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss where states are making progress at CWA/SDWA and other program coordination and collaboration, identify challenges/barriers that impede progress on collaboration and to brainstorm next steps to continue to make progress on CWA/SDWA collaboration to further action to better protect sources of drinking water (both groundwater and surface water) and improve water quality. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Julia Anastasio](#).

1:00 - 5:00 PM

NPDES Updates Rule Discussion

Freemont Room

The purpose of this workshop is to provide further discussion between the state technical workgroup and EPA regarding options provided in the proposed NPDES Updates Rule provisions. In particular, EPA is interested in getting feedback from the state technical workgroup on how EPA could address state concerns. This workshop is the culmination of a series of conference calls that EPA has held with states to listen to states' concerns on the proposed rule. Please note, this session is now at full capacity. For more information please contact [Sean Rolland](#).