

Annual Conference 2023 Agenda

Hyatt Regency Greenville, South Carolina
Monday, October 23 to Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Board Meeting Sunday, October 22
States & EPA Only, Wednesday, October 25

Sunday, October 22

- 1:00 Exhibits Setup
3:00-5:00 ASDWA Board Meeting (states-only)
5:00-7:00 **Welcoming Reception in Exhibit Hall**

Monday, October 23

- 7:30 Exhibits Open
7:30-8:30 Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
8:30-9:30 Welcoming Session
Moderator, Alan Roberson, Executive Director, ASDWA
- Bill Moody, ASDWA President, and Director, Bureau of Public Water Supply, Mississippi Dept. of Health
 - Jennifer McLain, Director, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
 - Myra Reece, ECOS President, and Director of Environmental Affairs, South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
- 9:30-10:00 Break
10:00-12:00 Service Line Inventories
Panel discussion on the lessons learned on technical assistance, field validations, using modeling, using information from customers, "limited-lead" systems, and data management.
Moderator, Alan Roberson, Executive Director, ASDWA
- Cathy Tucker-Vogel, Chief, Public Water Supply Section, Bureau of Water, Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
 - Eric Oswald, Director, Drinking Water & Municipal Assistance Division, Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
 - Matt Prater, Chief, Drinking Water Branch, Office of Water Quality, Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management
 - Tim Davis, Director, Division of Drinking Water, Utah Department of Environmental Quality
 - Duncan Wright, Environmental Engineer Associate, Drinking Water Protection Division, South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch break (on your own)

Monday, October 23 (continued)

1:30-3:00

Emergency Response

Presentations focused on state actions and responses to different types of drinking water emergencies.

Moderator, Kevin Letterly, Senior Water Policy Analyst, ASDWA

- Bill Moody, ASDWA President, and Director, Bureau of Public Water Supply, Mississippi Dept. of Health
- Amy Klei, Chief, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- *Russell Kazmierczak, Technical Services and Source Water Protection Specialist, Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority (invited)*

3:00-3:30

Break

3:30-5:00

PFAS Treatment Challenges

Presentations focused on the evaluation, selection, and implementation of various treatment methods for PFAS contamination in small, and very small systems.

Moderator, Stephanie Schlea, Senior Water Policy Advisor, ASDWA

- Holly Meyers, Director, Office of Drinking Water, Washington State Department of Health
- Brandon Kernen, Administrator, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- Thomas Speth, Senior Science Advisor, Center for Environmental Solutions and Emergency Response, U.S. EPA

5:30

Exhibits Close

6:00-9:00

Off-Site Event at FireForge Crafted Beer

Tuesday, October 24

7:30

Exhibits Open

7:30-8:30

Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:30-10:00

IJA Implementation and Earmarks

Panel discussion on the successes, challenges and lessons learned from the initial implementation of IJA, and implications of earmarks on future implementation.

Moderator, Alan Roberson, Executive Director, ASDWA

- Deirdre Finn, Executive Director, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities
- L'Oreal Stepney, Texas Water Development Board Member
- Lance Jones, Director, Engineering Section, Arkansas Department of Health
- Amy LaChance, Director, Drinking Water Program, Maine Dept. of Health and Human Services, Division of Environmental and Community Health
- *Additional State Primacy Agency Representatives (TBD)*

10:00-10:30

Break

10:30-12:00

Technical Assistance

Panel discussion about working with TA providers and other state and federal partners on water system needs including AWOP, lead service lines, capacity development, asset management, operator certification, and training.

Moderator: Deirdre White, Project Manager, ASDWA

- Doug Kinard, Director, Drinking Water Protection Division, South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
- Corey McCoid, Supervisor, Water Supply Operations Section, Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources
- Rebecca Sadosky, Chief, Water Supply Section, North Carolina Dept. of Environmental Quality
- George Russell, Public Water Supply Group Manager, Water Quality Division, Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality

Tuesday, October 24 (continued)

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:30-2:00 Dessert and Prize Drawing in Exhibit Hall

2:00-3:00 **Concurrent Sessions**

1. **Source Water Protection: Forests and Drinking Water Partnership**

Presentations about the multi-state and state forests and drinking water partnerships (from Texas to Virginia and in the State of South Carolina) that are implementing forestry practices to protect drinking water sources.

Moderator: Deirdre White, Project Manager, ASDWA

- Kathy Hawes, Coordinator, Southeastern Partnership for Forests and Water
- Devin Orr, Natural Resources Protection Specialist, South Carolina Rural Water Association
- Holly Welch, Environmental Program Manager, South Carolina Forestry Commission

2. **Water Reuse**

Presentations about state and federal efforts to implement water reuse programs and activities that address water quantity and quality needs.

Moderator, Ashley Voskuhl, Senior Water Policy Analyst, ASDWA

- Danielle Zebelean, Environmental Engineer III, Division of Drinking Water, Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Ron Falco, ASDWA President-Elect, Safe Drinking Water Program Manager, Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment (invited)
- Sharon Napier, National Program Leader for Water Reuse, Office of Water, US Environmental Protection Agency (invited)

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-5:00 **Concurrent Sessions**

1. **Improving Compliance**

Presentations about state programs and actions to improve water system compliance.

Moderator, Ashley Voskuhl, Senior Water Policy Analyst, ASDWA

- Libby Henrikson, PWS Technical and Op Cert Supervisor, Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Amanda Ames, Chief Engineer, Louisiana Dept. of Health

2. **Cybersecurity**

Panel discussion on unique state drinking water agency approaches to addressing cybersecurity, including some of the challenges and lessons learned that may help others develop their programs.

Moderator, Anthony DeRosa, Information Technology and Special Projects Manager

- Kim Larsen, Operations Supervisor, Community Public Water Supply, Minnesota Dept. of Health
- Cathy Tucker-Vogel, Chief, Public Water Supply Section, Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment
- Rich Welch, Engineer, Drinking Water Protection Division, South Carolina Dept. of Health & Environmental Control

5:30-7:00 Reception

Wednesday, October 25 – States and EPA Only

8:00-9:00 Breakfast Buffet
9:00-10:30 **Technical Assistance**
10:30-11:00 Break
11:00-12:00 **Primacy Packages**
12:00-1:15 Buffet Lunch
1:15-2:00 **SDWIS/DW-SFTIES Transition**
2:00-2:45 **OECA Inspections**
2:45-3:30 **IIJA/Earmarks**
3:30-4:30 **Parking Lot Issues**
4:30-4:45 **Wrap-up and Adjourn**

8:30 **President's Reception (states only)**

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