

Pre-Forum Meetings & Functions

April 30 – May 1, 2006

Capital Hilton

Washington, DC

National Clean Water Policy Forum – Current to 4/26/06

Sunday, April 30

Morning

8:00 – 4:15

NACWA Committee Registration

8:30 – 10:30

NACWA Strategic Planning and Budget & Audit Committee♦
(Joint Meeting)

10:45 – 12:00

NACWA Clean Water Funding Task Force

Afternoon

1:30 – 2:45

NACWA Utility Management Committee

1:30 – 2:45

NACWA Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Committee

3:00 – 4:00

NACWA Biosolids Management Committee

3:00 – 4:00

NACWA Security & Emergency Preparedness Committee

4:00 – 5:30

NACWA Facility & Collection System Committee

Evening

6:00 – 7:30

NACWA Welcoming Reception

Featuring NACWA's 2006 National Environmental Achievement Award and Peak Performance Award Honorees

Monday, May 1

Morning

7:45 – 12:00

Registration

8:00 – 9:30

NACWA Legal Affairs Committee

9:30 – 10:45

NACWA Water Quality Committee

9:30 – 10:30

NACWA Legislative Policy Committee

10:45 – 11:45

NACWA Regulatory Policy Committee

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Afternoon

12:00 - 2:00

NACWA's 2006 Awards Luncheon

2:00 - 4:15

Registration

2:15 - 3:45

NACWA Board of Directors Meeting

2:15 - 3:45

WEF Government Affairs Committee

4:00 - 5:00

Special Briefing – Pandemic Preparedness for Public Utilities

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Director of Planning & Coordination

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

Boston, MA

Speakers:

Kathie McCracken*

Infrastructure Analyst

Infrastructure Partnerships Division, Health Care Sector

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Gregg Pane*

Director

Department of Health

District of Columbia

Evening

5:00 - 6:30

Policy Forum Welcoming Reception

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Jointly presented by:



Monday, May 1

Afternoon

2:00 – 4:15

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Tuesday, May 2

Morning

7:15 - 4:00

Registration

7:45 - 9:00

OPENING BREAKFAST

Welcoming Remarks

Donnie Wheeler*
NACWA President
General Manager
Hampton Roads Sanitation District
Virginia Beach, VA

J. Michael Read*
WEF President
Vice President
HDR Engineering
Portland, OR

Featured Speaker

The Honorable Thelma D. Drake (R-VA)
Member, House Resources Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

9:00 - 9:15

Break

9:15 - 11:45

POLICY FORUM GENERAL SESSION I

Introductions:

Donnie Wheeler*
NACWA President

Opening Address

The Shifting Political Landscape. . .

Congressional Elections and the 2008 Presidency

Back by popular demand is one of the nation's most sought-after, insightful and wittiest political analysts, Charlie Cook. Cook will put the spotlight on the upcoming Congressional and 2008 Presidential elections, as well as on "hot button" issues of great relevance to the Nation's clean water utilities such as lobbying reform and the future of earmarks. Those familiar with Cook's vast knowledge and entertaining style know that this is a must-attend event.

Charles Cook*
Political Commentator
Author, *The Cook Political Report*

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Panel Discussion

Legislative Priorities for 2006

The Senate Environment & Public Works Committee and the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee set the legislative priorities for clean water issues in Congress. As the federal budget faces a growing deficit, the role of these Committees, as they authorize funding for vital water quality legislation, becomes increasingly complex and demands innovative approaches. The panelists will provide an overview of current legislative initiatives; what's in store for the remainder of the 109th Congress; and, what's on the horizon for the 110th Congress in the clean water arena.

Moderator:

John Salo*
Senior Vice President
Brown and Caldwell
Andover, MA

Panelists

Michele Nellenbach*
Professional Staff Member – Majority
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

Catharine Ransom*
Professional Staff Member – Minority
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

Jonathan R. Pawlow*
Counsel
Majority Staff Director
Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Kenneth J. Kopocis*
Minority Staff Director
Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

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Panel Discussion
International Water Initiatives

Introduction:

Edward Wagner*
Vice President
CH2M Hill
New York, NY

Panelists:

USAID's Blue Revolution Initiative
James R. Kunder*
Assistant Administrator
Bureau for Asia and the Near East
U.S. Agency for International Development

Water for the Poor Act Implementation
David Douglas*
President
Water Advocates

Afternoon
12:00 -1:30

Luncheon

Introduction:

Robert Matthews*
Senior Vice President
Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.
Ontario, CA

Briefing

Water Is Life & Infrastructure Makes it Happen
Linda Kelly*
Water Environment Federation

1:45 -5:00

POLICY FORUM GENERAL SESSION II

Introductions

Ken Kirk*
Executive Director
National Association of Clean Water Agencies

Bill Bertera*
Executive Director
Water Environment Federation

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Address

Regulatory Priorities . . . EPA's Perspective

With the recently finalized pretreatment streamlining rule and the proposal of guidance on peak flow management, as well as key initiatives on utility management and sustainability, hearing from Assistant Administrator Grumbles on such efforts is very timely. Given the provocative nature of these issues, a lively question and answer period is anticipated following this session.

Benjamin Grumbles*
Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

2:45 - 3:00

Break

Panel Discussion

Securing the Nation's Critical Water Infrastructure

While the federal government continues its focus on the water critical infrastructure sector, many collaborative efforts are bringing the experiences and perspectives of utilities to bear. Three such efforts will receive attention in this panel. The Government Accountability Office is invited to be on hand to address the late April release of *Securing Wastewater Facilities*, a report requested by the leadership of the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee – and both the Department of Homeland Security and Environmental Protection Agency will take the dais to describe efforts to create a National Infrastructure Plan and an associated Sector Specific Plan for the water sector.

Moderator:

Billy Turner*
President
Columbus Water Works
Columbus, GA

Panelists:

Timothy Minelli*
Senior Analyst-Natural Resources and Environment
Government Accountability Office

Charles Davis*
Director, NIPP Program Management Office
Department of Homeland Security

Curt Baranowski*
Acting Deputy Director – Water Security Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Panel Discussion

Refocusing Federal Attention on Nonpoint Source Pollution

With over 40% of the Nation's waters still impaired, and the majority of this impairment attributed to nonpoint sources, this dynamic panel will address the vital importance of identifying cooperative and innovative solutions to address this water quality challenge. The focus will be on what the nonpoint source community is doing to help achieve the Clean Water Act's objectives and to explore innovative and cooperative methods, including watershed approaches, to make sure the decades-long struggle to protect and enhance our waterways continues.

Bruce Knight*
Chief Executive Officer
National Resources Conservation Service
Department of Agriculture

Richard Davis*
Director
Beveridge & Diamond

Doug Siglin*
Director of Federal Affairs
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Carol A. Forthman*
Director of Ocean Resource Policy
American Sportfishing Association

Closing Remarks/Announcements

Donnie Wheeler*
NACWA President

Evening

6:00 - 7:30

Capitol View Business Center

Capitol Hill Reception

Wednesday, May 3

Morning

7:15 - 8:30

Registration

7:45 - 9:30

POLICY FORUM GENERAL SESSION III

Introductions

Donnie Wheeler*
NACWA President

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J. Michael Read*
WEF President

Technical Roundtable Breakfast

Don't miss this *Policy Forum* favorite! Program representatives from EPA and the U.S. Geological Survey will be on hand for technical discussions on the clean water community's priority issues. Register for the issue of your choice at the registration desk during the *Policy Forum*.

Introductory/Featured Speaker

James Hanlon*
Director
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Topics Include:

Asset Management/Utility Management

Sheila Frace*
Director, Engineering & Analysis Division
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Monitoring/TMDLs

Benita Best Wong*
Director, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Donna Myers*
Chief, The National Water Quality Assessment Program
U.S. Geological Survey

Biosolids Management

Richard Stevens*
Environmental Protection Specialist
Office of Science & Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Watershed/Permitting Issues

Linda Boornazian*
Director
Water Permits Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Pretreatment Issues

Jan Marie Pickrel*
National Pretreatment Team Coordinator
Water Permits Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Wastewater

Infrastructure Security

Debbie Newberry*
Chief, Security Assistance Branch
Water Security Division
Office of Ground & Drinking Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Wet Weather

Kevin Weiss*
SSO Program Manager
Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Water Quality Criteria/Emerging Pollutants

Ed Ohanian*
Director, Health and Ecological Criteria Division
Office of Science & Technology
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Non-Point Source Pollution/Farm Bill

Russ Collett*
Conservation Technical Assistance Branch Chief
Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance Division
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Gus Jordan*

Conservation Improvement Programs Branch Chief
Financial Assistance Division
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Adjourn

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Post-Forum Meetings & Functions

Wednesday, May 3

9:30 – 11:00

USAID: Blue Revolution Initiative
John Wilson*
Senior Environmental Officer
Bureau for Asia and the Near East
U.S. Agency for International Development

Afternoon

11:30 – 2:00

National Press Club

American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE) Awards Luncheon
(For additional information, please contact the AAEE directly at 410.266.3311 or visit their website at <http://www.aee.net>.)

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