



National Clean Water Policy Forum

May 6-9, 2007 ★ Renaissance Washington ★ Washington, DC

Jointly presented by:



(All speakers are from Washington, DC unless otherwise indicated.)
National Clean Water Policy Forum – Current to 5/2/07

NOTE: All meeting rooms are located on the Ballroom level of the Renaissance Washington unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, May 6

Morning

9:00 – 4:15 NACWA Committee Registration
Renaissance Registration Desk

9:30 – 12:00 NACWA Strategic Planning & Finance Committees♦
Congressional Hall A

Afternoon

1:30 – 2:45 NACWA Water Quality Committee
Renaissance West A

1:30 – 2:45 NACWA Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Committee
Congressional Hall A

3:00 – 4:00 NACWA Biosolids Management Committee
Congressional Hall A

4:15 – 5:15 NACWA Legal Affairs Committee
Congressional Hall A

4:15 – 5:15 NACWA Utility Management Committee
Meeting Room 5
(Meeting Room Level)

Evening

5:40 Meet buses for transportation to the House of Sweden
Hotel Lobby

* Confirmed Speaker

♦ NACWA Board of Directors Committees

6:00 – 7:30
House of Sweden
901 30th St., NW

WATER & THE ENVIRONMENT RECEPTION

Policy Forum attendees will have the opportunity to visit the House of Sweden during a 3-month exhibition titled Water & the Environment. The House of Sweden, opened in Washington in 2006, is the crown jewel of the Swedish presence in the U.S. It is a shimmering structure designed to stimulate creative living and working. Located in Georgetown, the view includes lush parks and harbor promenades, as well as university spires and stately brick townhouses in the surrounding neighborhood.

Monday, May 7

Morning

7:45 – 4:15 Registration
Renaissance Registration Desk

8:30 – 9:30 Climate Change Issues Forum
Renaissance West

9:45 – 10:45 Security & Emergency Preparedness Issues Forum
Renaissance West

11:00 – 12:00 Wet Weather Issues Forum
Renaissance West

Afternoon

1:30 – 4:30
Congressional Hall A/B

CLEAN WATER UTILITY EXECUTIVES SUMMIT

All Policy Forum attendees are invited to attend as utility executives from across the country engage in this provocative facilitated dialogue examining the past, the present and the future of the clean water community specifically – and the water sector as a whole.

Featured Speaker:

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)*
U.S. House of Representatives

Evening

5:30 – 6:15
Congressional Hall A

NATIONAL CLEAN WATER POLICY FORUM AWARDS CEREMONY

6:15 – 7:30
Congressional Hall B

AWARDS RECEPTION

Recognizing Award Winners & Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the National Biosolids Partnership

Tuesday, May 8

7:30 – 4:00 Registration

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Renaissance Registration Desk

7:45 – 9:00

Congressional Hall A/B

OPENING BREAKFAST

Welcoming Remarks

Ken Kirk*

Executive Director

National Association of Clean Water Agencies

The Clean Water Agenda for the 110th Congress

This year marks the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act and offers a unique opportunity to evaluate this legislation and chart a clean water agenda that addresses 21st century needs. In the first six months of the 110th Congress, environmental legislation has already been put on the fast track. The U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure has been leading these efforts. With a hearing on clean water infrastructure funding and the introduction and successful markup of new funding and wet weather legislation it is clear the Nation's clean water agencies top the priority list. Chairman Jim Oberstar and Ranking Member John Mica of the T&I Committee will share their perspectives on the direction of this vital Committee and of the 110th Congress.

Introduction:

Suzanne Goss*

NACWA Board Member

Specialist, Government Relations

JEA (Electric, Water and Sewer)

Jacksonville, FL

Featured Speaker:

The Honorable John Mica (R-FL)*

Ranking Member

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

9:15 – 12:00

Renaissance West

POLICY FORUM GENERAL SESSION I

Opening Remarks:

Mohamed Dahab*

WEF President

Professor & Chair

Department of Civil Engineering

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Lincoln, NE

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Opening Remarks & Presiding

Dick Champion, Jr.*

NACWA President

Director

Independence Water Pollution Control Department

Independence, MO

Opening Address

The Clean Water Act's 35th Anniversary . . . a D.C. Perspective

A long-time champion of the Clean Water Act and its goals of fishable swimmable waters, Representative Norton (D-DC) will provide participants with a welcome to Washington, D.C. She will also share her insights into the challenges facing D.C.'s vital waterways, including the Anacostia watershed and the Chesapeake Bay. As a senior member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Rep. Norton has been a staunch supporter of increased funding for clean water agencies in the District and nationwide. As the Nation prepares to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, Rep. Norton will offer her perspective as a D.C. resident and Congressional Representative on where we need to head to make additional water quality gains.

Introduction:

Jerry Johnson*

General Manager

D.C. Water & Sewer Authority

Washington, DC

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)*

Member

Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee

House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

Keynote Address

The EPA Perspective on Water Quality in the 21st Century

EPA has been strongly advocating on behalf of its Four Pillar approach to narrowing the funding gap. The Agency also recently held a highly publicized conference in Atlanta, Ga., titled *Paying for Sustainable Water Infrastructure* which focused on approaches municipalities can take to stretch their dollars further. EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson will provide a high-level overview of EPA's priority initiatives as the Agency reflects on the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

Stephen Johnson*

Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Presentation on Collaborative Effective Utility Management Initiative

NACWA and WEF are pleased to have Administrator Johnson preside over the presentation of the final product of the collaborative *Effective Utility Management* initiative – an initiative undertaken by EPA, NACWA, WEF, the American Water Works Association (AWWA), The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC), and the American Public Works Association (APWA). At last year's joint *Policy Forum*, these groups signed a Statement of Intent to complete this work and the fruits of their labor will be unveiled and brief descriptions provided at this Session.

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

Ken Kirk*
Executive Director
National Association of Clean Water Agencies

William Bertera*
Executive Director
Water Environment Federation

Billy Turner*
President
Columbus Water Works
Columbus, GA

10:30 – 10:45

Break

Panel Discussion

Legislative Priorities for the 110th Congress

Staff from key congressional committees with jurisdiction over water quality issues will be on hand to provide the most up-to-date information on their legislative efforts. With the new 110th Congress, there will be lots of activity, so bring your questions for the staff!

Moderator:

Marian Orfeo*
NACWA Treasurer
Director of Planning & Coordination
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Boston, MA

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Panelists:

Kenneth Kopocis
Deputy Staff Director
Environment & Public Works Committee
U.S. Senate

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

Ryan Seiger*
Counsel - Majority
Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

John Anderson*
Staff Director - Minority
Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Afternoon

12:15 – 1:45

Congressional Hall A/B

Luncheon

Feature Presentation

The Conservation Community's Perspectives on Water Quality and the 110th Congress

The clean water community is increasingly finding common ground with conservation groups on a host of issues, from clean water funding, wetlands initiatives, improved conservation measures in the upcoming Farm Bill, cross-cutting issues between the Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts, among others. Jim Range is the leading voice on behalf of the conservation community in Washington, D.C. and has created proactive coalitions to get the job done in the Nation's Capitol. His high-energy and forthright style will provide both an entertaining and thought-provoking presentation.

Introduction:

Christopher Westhoff*
NACWA Vice President
Assistant City Attorney – Public Works General Counsel
City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA

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Presenter:

James Range*
NACWA Environment Award Honoree
Chairman, Board of Directors
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

PRESENTATION OF WEF AWARD

Mohamed Dahab*
WEF President
Professor & Chair
Department of Civil Engineering
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Lincoln, NE

L. Preston Bryant, Jr.*
WEF Public Officials Award Honoree
Secretary of Natural Resources
Commonwealth of Virginia
Richmond, VA

2:00 – 5:00

Renaissance West

POLICY FORUM GENERAL SESSION II

Panel Discussion

Regulatory Priorities . . . EPA's Perspective

EPA's regulatory agenda and activity continues to impact clean water agencies nationwide. The peak excess flows guidance remains in the works, the Agency is looking at implementation guidance for total maximum daily loads in the wake of the D.C. Circuit Court's "daily" decision, and the Agency continues to seek a path forward on criteria for recreational waters. With the Presidential elections little more than a year away, Assistant Administrator Grumbles will provide attendees with insight into what final actions the Agency may take in advance of a change in Administration

Moderator:

Sandra Ralston*
Chair, WEF Government Affairs Committee
Consultant
Red Oak Consulting
Charleston, SC

Introductory Speaker:

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

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Panelists:

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

Cynthia Dougherty*
Director
Office of Drinking Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Suzanne Rudzinski*
Deputy Director
Office of Science & Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Craig Hooks*
Director
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Roundtable Discussion

**An Integrated Approach to Water Quality for the 21st Century. . .
From Nonpoint Source Control to Climate Change**

Increasingly, the phrase “water is water” in the context of addressing new and emerging 21st century challenges. Thinking in silos— whether in the context of wastewater treatment, drinking water treatment or stormwater control – appears to be an impediment to dealing with current water quality challenges. What happens upstream becomes a downstream problem. Furthermore, growing air emissions and the increasing consensus around climate change are having, and will lead to even more, severe water cycle impacts. In this context the viability of the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts and even the definition of “waters of the United States” are being re–evaluated and innovative solutions offered. This panel seeks to explore how an array of organizations are meeting these challenges and what they think the future national policy landscape.

Moderator:

Franklyn Pogge*
Director
Kansas City Water Department
Kansas City, MO

Roundtable Participants:

Don Parrish*
Senior Director
Environment, Energy, Labor, Transportation, Conservation
American Farm Bureau

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Virginia Albrecht*
Partner
Resources, Regulatory & Environmental Law
Hunton & Williams

Doug Siglin*
Director of Federal Affairs
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Annapolis, MD

Wenonah Hauter*
Executive Director
Food & Water Watch

Jon Devine, Jr.*
Senior Attorney
Natural Resources Defense Council

Special Presentation
Clean Water Utility Executives Summit
Dick Champion, Jr.*
NACWA President
Director
Independence Water Pollution Control Department
Independence, MO

Closing Remarks/Announcements
Mohamed Dahab*
WEF President
Professor & Chair
Department of Civil Engineering
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Lincoln, NE

Evening
5:30
Hotel Lobby

Meet buses for transportation to Capitol Hill Reception

6:00 – 7:30
Capitol View Business
Center
101 Constitution Ave., NW

Capitol Hill Reception

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Wednesday, May 9

Morning

7:30 – 8:30

Registration

Renaissance Registration Desk

8:00 – 10:00

Renaissance East

POLICY FORUM GENERAL SESSION III

Introductions

Dick Champion, Jr.*

NACWA President

Director

Independence Water Pollution Control Department

Independence, MO

Technical Roundtable Breakfast

Topics Include:

Asset Management/Utility Management

Steve Allbee*

Project Director/Gap Analysis

Office of Wastewater Management

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

James Horne*

Special Assistant

Office of Wastewater Management

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Biosolids Management

Richard Stevens*

Environmental Protection Specialist

Office of Science & Technology

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Financial Capability and Affordability

Donald Brady*

Chief, Municipal Branch

Water Permits Division

Office of Wastewater Management

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Green Infrastructure

Jennifer Molloy*

Biologist

Water Permits Division

Office of Wastewater Management

U.S. EPA

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Infrastructure Security and Decontamination Wastewater Issues

Patricia Tidwell-Shelton*

Chief, Threats Analysis, Prevention
and Preparedness Branch

Water Security Division

Office of Groundwater & Drinking Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Nonpoint Source Pollution/Farm Bill

Douglas McKalip*

Director, Legislative and Public Affairs Division

National Resource 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

Nutrient Control

James Pendergast*

Nutrient Coordinator in the Office of Science & Technology
Health and Ecological Criteria Division

U.S. EPA

Total Maximum Daily Loads

Benita Best-Wong*

Director, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division

Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Wastewater Treatment Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Melissa Weitz*

Environmental Protection Specialist

Climate Change Division

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Leif Hockstad*

Climate Change Division

Office of Atmospheric Programs

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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

POLICY FORUM ADJOURNS

10:00 – 12:00
Congressional Hall A

NACWA Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 – 12:00
Congressional Hall B

WEF Government Affairs Committee

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