

# ACWA Annual Conference 2013

## Annual Conference Agenda

### Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Location	Time	Topic
	8:30 am	<i>Registration and continental breakfast</i>
Winter's Hope A/B	9:30 am	<b>Welcome</b> ~ Paul Eckley, ACWA Chair
	9:40 am	<b>Attributes of the Utility of the Future</b> ~ Tom Sigmund, NEW Water
	10:45 am	B R E A K
Winter's Hope A/B	11:00 am	<b>The Cleaner Water Act</b> ~ George Hawkins, DC Water
	12:00 pm	Lunch with roundtable discussions
Winter's Hope A/B	1:30 pm	<b>Speeding Technology Research to Practice – WEF/WERF Leader's Innovation Forum for Technology</b> ~ Jeff Moeller, Water Environment Research Foundation ~ Peter Schauer, Clean Water Services
	2:30 pm	B R E A K
Summer Twilight A	2:45–3:45 pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Transforming Your Utility to the Digital Age</b> ~ Lisa Obermeyer, CH<sub>2</sub>M Hill</li> <li><b>Developing a 30-year Financial Forecast for Your Utility</b> ~ Paul Matthews, Tualatin Valley Water District</li> <li><b>Loaded Words: How Language Shoots Down Understanding</b> ~ Linda Macpherson, CH<sub>2</sub>M Hill</li> <li><b>Show me the Money – Infrastructure Funding Panel</b> ~ Rick Watters, Oregon DEQ ~ Ray Bartlett, Economic &amp; Financial Analysis ~ Mike Solt, Infrastructure Finance Authority ~ Pam Swires, USDA Rural Development ~ Matthew Harris, Oregon Dept. of Transportation</li> </ol>
Winter's Hope A		
Winter's Hope B		
Summer Twilight B		
	4:00–5:00 pm	<b>Repeat Concurrent Sessions</b>
Patio	5:00 pm	<b>Hosted bar and reception</b> GeoEngineers, Inc, Richwine Environmental, Inc., CH2M Hill, DEA Associates, HDR Inc., Kennedy/Jenks, Inc., Barney & Worth, Perkins Coie, LLP, Brown & Caldwell, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, Carollo Engineers Inc., GeoSyntec Consultants, Stoel Rives LLP, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., ESA Vigil-Agrimis

### Thursday, July 25, 2013

Location	Time	Topic
Winter's Hope A/B	8:30 am	<b>Setting Water Quality Standards – Ideas for getting out of the 'do' loop</b> ~ Grace Robiou, Office of Science & Technology, EPA
Winter's Hope A/B	9:30 am	<b>The Future of ACWA – A Discussion with Members</b> ~ Jerry Linder, Clean Water Services
	10:00 am	B R E A K
Winter's Hope A/B	10:20 am	<b>Public Opinion Research Information for Water Policy Makers</b> ~ John Horvick, DHM Research ~ Su Midghall, DHM Research
Winter's Hope A/B	10:50 am	<b>National Priorities for Wastewater and Stormwater Utilities</b> ~ Ken Kirk, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
	11:30 am	L U N C H
Winter's Hope A/B	1:00 pm	<b>DEQ and EPA – Collaboration for Oregon's Water Quality</b> ~ Greg Aldrich, Oregon DEQ ~ Christine Psyk, EPA – Region 10
Winter's Hope A/B	2:00 pm	<b>Recycled Water Wetlands – Using a Green Approach to Meeting Stringent Standards</b> ~ Dr. Bob Knight, Wetland Solutions, Inc.
	2:45 pm	B R E A K
Winter's Hope A/B	3:05 pm	<b>The Compelling Case for Natural Gas Vehicles</b> ~ Rick Wallace, Oregon Department of Energy
Winter's Hope A/B	3:45 pm	<b>Best of the Best – ACWA Annual Awards</b>
Patio	4:00 pm	<b>DEQ Staff Available for One-on-One Discussions</b> ~ Judy Johndohl - State Revolving Fund/Groundwater Policy ~ Nina DeConcini - Northwest Region ~ Steve Schnurbusch - Western Region ~ Eric Nigg - Eastern Region ~ Jennifer Wigal - Water Quality Standards/303(d) listings ~ Dennis Ades - Water Quality Permitting
	4:00 pm	<i>Informal Activities</i>
Patio	6:30 pm	<i>No-Host Reception</i>
Patio	7:00 pm	<i>Dinner on Patio</i>

### Friday, July 26, 2013

Location	Time	Topic
Winter's Hope A/B	8:30 am	<i>An Interview with DEQ Director Dick Pedersen</i>
Winter's Hope A/B	9:15 am	<b>A Restoration Vision for the Willamette River</b> ~ Pam Wiley, Meyer Memorial Trust
	10:15 am	B R E A K
Winter's Hope A/B	10:30 am	<b>Effective Engagement on Water Utility Issues with Elected Officials</b> ~ Commissioner Roy Rogers, Washington County ~ Council Member Mark Capell, City of Bend
Winter's Hope A/B	11:30 am	<b>The Legacy of Tom McCall, Oregon's Environmental Governor</b> ~ Matt Love
	Noon	<i>Adjourn – Box lunches available</i>
Summer Twilight B	12:15-2:00 pm	<b>OPTIONAL Temperature Standard – It's a Whole New Ballgame</b> <b>Predictions and Options for Wastewater Treatment Plants</b> ~ Dick Pedersen, Oregon DEQ ~ Bob Baumgartner, Clean Water Services ~ Mark Yeager, City of Albany ~ Walt Meyer, West Yost & Associates



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