



Announcing the 2025 ACWA Annual Conference July 16th-- 18th, 2025...

At the Riverhouse Lodge Conference Center in Bend, Oregon

Mark your Calendars for ACWA's Biggest Event of the Year!

We hope you will plan to attend the ACWA Annual Conference, scheduled for July 16th through 18th, in beautiful central Oregon, to learn from regional and national experts on a variety of pressing topics for wastewater and stormwater management agencies.

The conference begins at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 16th and extends through noon on Friday, July 18th. As always, the conference will include lots of opportunities to network, learn, share ideas, and have fun.

Highlights of this year's conference program include:

Opening keynote presentation by Dr. David Sedlak, Plato Malozemoff Professor of Environmental Engineering at UC Berkeley. Sedlak's research focuses on the fate of chemical contaminants, with the long-term goal of developing cost-effective, safe, and sustainable systems to manage water resources. He is particularly interested in the development of local sources of water. Sedlak's research has addressed water reuse--the practice of using municipal wastewater effluent to sustain aquatic ecosystems and augment drinking water supplies--as well as the use of nature-based systems for improving water quality. Sedlak is the chair of the National Academies' Water Science & Technology Board and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2016, one of the highest honors given to an engineer, among other notable achievements.



In addition to his laboratory and field research, Sedlak is interested in developing new approaches for managing the urban water cycle. He pursues these efforts through his role as the Director of the **Berkeley Water Center**, and as of member of the Department of Energy's **National Alliance for Water Innovation**. Sedlak is also the author of "**Water 4.0**", a book that examines the ways we can gain insight into current water issues by analyzing the history of urban water systems and "**Water for All**," a book that assesses water crises and potential solutions in light of a changing climate.

More Conference Highlights...

- The importance of municipalities and tribes working hand in hand for clean and abundant water: perspectives from the Warm Springs Tribes
- Harnessing the power of digital technologies and AI to create the utility management tool of the future: smart wastewater collection systems can support compliance strategies and save money
- Clack-a-Mole: How Clackamas WES succeeded in building a new outfall for the Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility
- Get the latest on successful approaches to getting fats, oils, and grease out of your sewer pipes
- Symbiosis through industrial resource recovery: what we've learned from Denmark's success stories, and bringing tangible projects to the states
- What you need to know to chart the path for a smooth and successful NPDES wastewater permit renewal process
- Community outreach and engagement success stories: strategies you can use
- PFAS—it just won't go away!
 - National perspectives through the lens of the passive receivers
 - The Oregon DEQ Strategic Action Plan for PFAS
 - How Portland is tackling the PFAS challenges in the Columbia Slough
 - Updates from Clean Water Services on investigations and source reduction success
 - ACWA's PFAS monitoring study results and reduction resources
- Hot topics on DEQ's work plan: hear from DEQ's panel of Water Quality Division managers
- Watershed management and NPDES permitting complexities for nutrients: learn from the City of Medford's experience and how states around the nation are addressing the nutrients challenge
- News from NACWA: national issues and trends for wastewater and stormwater utilities
- Remarks from DEQ Director Leah Feldon
- The Klamath River restoration and renewal success story
- The latest on the renewable energy and energy efficiency front
- Funding and financing your capital improvements projects
- Committee gatherings
- Roundtable discussions on timely topics
- NACWA Breakfast
- Networking opportunities with industry experts
- And more...

Continuing Education Credits

Both General and Wastewater Continuing Education Units (CEU) accreditation are anticipated.

Registration

[Registration for the Conference is now open](#). Early registration, by **July 2nd**, for ACWA members and invited non-profit organizations is \$695 per person. For other non-members, early registration is \$775. Conference registration includes lunch on Wednesday and breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday. The ACWA Annual Conference Dinner will be Wednesday, and tickets for the dinner will be purchased separately for \$65 for adults and \$30 for children between the ages of 6 and 13.