



2022 NWC ANNUAL MEETING

October 26-28, 2022

Hyatt Regency Houston | 1200 Louisiana Avenue, Houston Texas

Welcome to the National Waterways Conference's (NWC) 2022 Annual Meeting! NWC is the only national organization that represents all of the entities that interface with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other federal agencies, including state and local governments, waterways shippers, carriers, farmers, flood control organizations, levee boards, port authorities, industry and regional associations, dredging contractors, water supply districts, hydropower producers, engineering consultants and more. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to create and/or strengthen connections, not only with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE/Corps) and other federal agencies, but with each other.

NWC thanks Port Houston for being our Local Host sponsor and our other sponsors for their support!

***Note: Schedule is subject to change.**

FINAL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26, 2022

1:00pm—7:00pm **REGISTRATION IS OPEN** (*Regency Foyer, 2nd Floor*)

1:00pm—1:30pm **NWC NOMINATING COMMITTEE** (*The Study, 2nd Floor*)

1:00pm—2:00pm **NWC NAVIGATION CAUCUS MEETING** (*Arboretum 4-5, 2nd Floor*)
The NWC Navigation Caucus supports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and all federal agencies whose authorizations, policies, and legislative mandates impact the navigation channels across the nation. Our goal is to facilitate the fluid movement of commerce by collaborating with federal agencies and industry to ensure the viability of the coastal and inland river navigation systems by working with Congress to secure funding for construction and ongoing operations and maintenance for USACE projects. At this meeting, members will be discussing the latest on WRDA and other federal, regional and local issues, as well as

information sharing regarding projects, challenges and opportunities in their regions and sectors.

- **Mr. Sean Duffy**, Chair, Navigation Caucus; Executive Director, Big River Coalition
- **Ms. Dena Horton**, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association

2:00pm—3:00pm

NWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (*Arboretum 1, 2nd Floor*)

NWC's officers and executive committee will meet for official business.

- **Mr. Tom Ray**, NWC Chair; Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Inc.

3:30pm—4:30pm

NWC 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (*Arboretum 4-5, 2nd Floor*)

NWC's current 2020-2021 Board of Directors will meet for official NWC business.

- **Mr. Tom Ray**, NWC Chair; Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Inc.

5:30pm—7:00pm

NWC WELCOME RECEPTION (*Window Box, 2nd Floor*)

- **The Honorable Shelia Jackson Lee**, 18th District—Texas, U.S. House of Representatives

THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 2022

(all NWC events will be held in Imperial Ballroom East and Center on the 3rd floor unless otherwise indicated).

7:00am—5:00pm

REGISTRATION (*Imperial Foyer, 3rd Floor*)

7:30am—8:30am

BREAKFAST BUFFET (*Imperial Ballroom East and Center, 3rd Floor*)

8:30am—9:30am

WELCOME/ FOCUS OF USACE INTO 2023 AND BEYOND (*Imperial Ballroom East and Center, 3rd Floor*)

- **Mr. Tom Ray**, Chair, NWC (*master of ceremonies/moderator*)
- **Incoming Director of Civil Works**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**NOTE: Mr. Ray will serve as master of ceremonies and/or moderator for NWC's Annual Meeting unless otherwise noted in the programming.*

9:30am—10:00am

SCIENCE FOR A CHANGING WORLD AND YOU: HOW USGS SCIENTISTS CAN HELP ADDRESS YOUR WATER RESOURCE DATA NEEDS

- **Ms. Kristine Blickenstaff**, Integrated Hydrology + Data Science Branch Chief, Oklahoma-Texas Water Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey

10:00am—10:20am

NETWORKING BREAK (*Outside of Imperial Ballroom East, 3rd Floor*)

10:20am—10:30am

LEARN ABOUT NWC’S NEWEST MEMBERS—LIGHTNING ROUND 1

NWC members who joined since the 2021 Annual Meeting will be given 2-3 minutes to give an overview of themselves and the organization they represent. This is a good way for NWC members to meet “the new kids” on the block.

- **APTIM** – Mr. Cris Weber
- **Gauge Engineering** – Mr. Ian Hudson
- **Illinois Farm Bureau** – Mr. Rodney Knittel

10:30am—11:15am

THE FUTURE OF FLOODING

Latest on Risk Rating 2.0; NFIP rulemaking; future of flooding; incorporation of levee safety, video.

- **Mr. Rick Johnson**, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency; Chair, NWC’s Flood Control Caucus (*moderator*)
- **Mr. David Maurstad**, Deputy Associate Administrator - Resilience, Federal Emergency Management Agency

11:15am—11:45am

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING IN THE NAVIGATION/PORT WORLD

- **Mr. Brian Hill**, Gateway Director—Western Gulf, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

11:45am – 1:30pm

LUNCH PRESENTATION – SNAPSHOTS FROM THE TEXAS COAST: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In the past decade, the Texas coast has withstood numerous hurricanes and flooding events. During this session, participants will talk about impacts, lessons learned, best practices, and solutions for the future.

- **The Honorable Jeff Branick**, County Judge, Jefferson County, Texas
- **Dr. Phil Bedient**, Director, Severe Storm Prediction, Education, and Evacuation from Disaster Center, Rice University
- **Ms. Nicole Sunstrum**, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Protection District, Texas
- **Mr. Alan Black**, Deputy Director, Engineering and Construction, Harris County Flood Control Agency

1:30pm—2:00pm

NETWORKING BREAK (*Outside of Imperial Ballroom East, 3rd Floor*)

2:00pm—2:30pm

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT: WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU?

In August, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-169), into law. The measure includes eight titles that provide funding and

financial incentives on emissions reductions, adaption and resilience, and more. Mr. Anderson will give an overview of the Act, including potential opportunities for the water and waterways resources community.

- **Mr. John Anderson**, Vice President, Van Scoyac Associates

2:30pm—3:00pm

PORT HOUSTON. PORTING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Join our local host, Port Houston, and their partners, for an informational session on programs and projects that help move Houston, as well as the rest of the nation, into the future.

- **Ms. Lori Brownell**, Channel Improvement Director, Port Houston
- **Mr. Charlie Jenkins**, Senior Director, Asset Management & Strategic Coordination, Port Houston
- **Mr. Byron Williams**, Deputy District Engineer, USACE Galveston District

3:00pm—4:00pm

USACE IN THE 21st CENTURY—INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Mr. Tab Brown**, Chief, Civil Works Programs Integration Division, USACE
- **Mr. Thomas Smith**, Chief, Civil Works Operations and Regulatory Division, USACE

4:00pm—4:10pm

LEARN ABOUT NWC'S NEWEST MEMBERS—[LIGHTNING ROUND 2](#)

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- **American Cruise Lines**—Kristin Meira
- **Corn Belt Ports** – TBD
- **LJA Engineering, Inc** – Mr. John Grounds and Ms. Dawn Pincher
- **Yuba Water Agency** – Mr. Adam Robin

4:10pm—5:00pm

NWC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION OF BOD

During this meeting, NWC members will hear from NWC representatives on the state of the association. Additionally, members will vote on the FY2022-2023 Board of Director candidates who will take office immediately following this meeting.

- **Mr. Tom Ray**, NWC Chair; Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Inc.
- **Ms. Linda Christie**, NWC Treasurer; Tarrant Regional Water Authority
- **Mr. Andrew Sinclair**, NWC Vice Chair/Membership Chair; Port of Virginia
- **Mr. Steven Burns**, NWC Secretary/Nomination Committee Chair

6:00pm—9:00pm

RECEPTION/DINNER (*Off-site*)

Join NWC and Annual Meeting attendees at The Rustic for meeting old and new friends, a Texas-style reception and dinner, and entertainment by Allan Hendrickson.

The Rustic, 1836 Polk St Houston, Texas 77003

FRIDAY, OCT. 28, 2022

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7:30am—11:00am

REGISTRATION (*Imperial Foyer, 3rd Floor*)

7:30am – 8:30am

BREAKFAST BUFFET (*Imperial Ballroom East and Center, 3rd Floor*)

7:30am—8:30am

2022-2023 NWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ORIENTATION BREAKFAST MEETING

(Arboretum 4-5, 2nd Floor)

Orientation meeting for newly elected (and continuing) FY2023 NWC BoD members only. The 2022-2023 NWC Board will also vote on the proposed slate of candidates for 2022-2023 NWC officers and executive committee members.

- **Mr. Tom Ray**, NWC Chair; Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Inc.
- **Ms. Julie Ufner**, President and CEO, National Waterways Conference

8:30am—9:45am

WELCOME TO SECOND DAY/ VISION OF WATER RESOURCE INFRASTRUCTURE MISSION

NWC Chairman and Master of Ceremonies Mr. Tom Ray will kick off the second day by introducing Mr. Ric Campo, the Chairman of the Port Houston Authority, our local host, for a few remarks. Mr. Campo will be followed by Mr. Connor, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to talk about ASACW priorities and policies coming down the pike.

- **Mr. Tom Ray**, NWC Chair; Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Inc.
- **Mr. Ric Campo**, Chairman, Port of Houston Authority
- **Mr. Michael Connor**, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Defense

9:45am—10:45am

USACE DIVISIONS – VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES

- **Mr. Wes Coleman**, Acting Programs Director, Southwestern Division, USACE
- **Mr. Eddie Belk**, USACE

10:45am—11:00am	NETWORKING BREAK (<i>Outside of Imperial Ballroom East, 3rd Floor</i>)
11:00am—12:00pm	<p>NAVIGATING EVOLVING WEATHER PATTERNS IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD</p> <p><i>During this session, Dr. Hal Needham will give a down-to-earth overview about emerging weather patterns, where we are in the hydrologic cycle and how to plan for the unknown. Dr. Needham is a coastal hazard scientist and science communicator with more than ten years' experience conducting data-driven risk analysis. He currently hosts a weekly podcase on extreme weather and disasters called the GGeoTrek Podcast (https://rss.com/podcasts/geotrek/). Dr. Needham also is the founder of Galveston Hurricane Tours (Galveston, Texas), which tell the story of Galveston's hurricane history and amazing resiliency to overcome hurricanes and other flooding events.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hal Needham, Extreme Weather and Disaster Scientist, GeoTrek/ Flood Information Systems
12:00pm	CLOSING
12:10pm—4:30pm	HOUSTON HARBOR BOAT TOUR (<i>Pre-registration required; Bus starts the pre-load at 12:10pm and leaves at 12:30pm</i>)

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PLATINUM:

- ***Port Houston, NWC Local Host***
Welcome reception

DIAMOND:

- ***Iowa Corn Promotion Board***

GOLD:

- ***Harris County Flood Control District—***
Thursday luncheon
- ***TetraTech—***Thursday reception and dinner

SILVER:

- ***Port of New Orleans--*** Sponsor Thursday & Friday Breakfasts and General Sessions

BRONZE NETWORKING BREAKS

(THURSDAY/FRIDAY):

- ***Freese and Nichols***
- ***Gulf Coast Water Authority***
- ***Port Freeport***
- ***Tarrant Regional Water District***
- ***Woolpert***

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