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Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC

## AGENDA

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

### **MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024**

*\*Note: all presentations will be in the Rotunda unless otherwise specified.*

- 8:00AM – 5:00PM     **REGISTRATION** (Room: Rotunda Foyer)
- 8:30AM —11:45PM   **NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY ALLIANCE MEETING** (Room: Horizon)
- 12:00PM—1:00PM    **NWC /NWSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS LUNCH** (Room: Rotunda)
- 1:15PM—1:45PM     **NWC BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** (Room: Horizon)
- 1:45PM—2:45PM     **NWC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** (Room: Horizon)
- 2:45PM—3:00 PM    *BREAK*
- 3:00PM—5:00PM     **NWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** (Room: Horizon)

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

- 7:00AM—5PM        **REGISTRATION** (Room: Rotunda Foyer)
- 7:30AM—8:30AM    **BREAKFAST BUFFET** (ROOM: Rotunda)
- 8:00AM – 8:45AM    **FIRST TIME ATTENDEE MEETING**  
*Join us for the "First-Time Attendee Meeting" at the National Waterways Conference (NWC) Legislative Summit! This exclusive session is tailored for newcomers, providing valuable insights on how to make the most out*



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*of your attendance. Learn tips and tricks to maximize your experience, navigate conference events, and connect with fellow attendees. Discover the key opportunities available to you during the Legislative Summit, ensuring you leave with a comprehensive understanding of how to fully engage and benefit from this dynamic conference. Don't miss this chance to kickstart your NWC experience on the right foot!*

- Welcome and Introductions
- Navigating the Summit
- Networking Tips
- Q&A
- Closing

9:00AM – 9:30AM

**DIRECTOR'S INSIGHT: MR. EDDIE BELK ON USACE'S ACTIONS IN 2024**

*Dive into the future of water resource development with Mr. Eddie Belk, Director of Civil Works at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Join us as he unveils USACE's sustainable solutions and priorities for 2024, emphasizing integrated water resources management. Explore their collaborative efforts with non-federal sponsors in crafting innovative infrastructure for navigation, flood control, water supply, hydropower, and ecosystem restoration. Gain insights into how USACE maximizes economic, environmental, and safety returns on investment.*

- **Mr. Eddie Belk**, Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

9:30AM—10:45AM

**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT: HOW AND WHEN TO INFLUENCE THE PROCESS**

*This session, led by former Capitol Hill staffers, focuses on demystifying WRDA complexities. It dissects WRDA's interaction with appropriations, emphasizes the roles of USACE and OMB, and navigates the legislative process intricacies. Attendees gain insight into Congressional water*



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*resource bills and effective navigation of WRDA complexities. Discussions span internal and external processes, offering a detailed view of WRDA's formation. The session provides a strategic roadmap, empowering participants to influence the process. It aims to equip attendees with tools and knowledge for impactful engagement in the legislative sphere of water resources development.*

**Moderator:** Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates

- **Jen Armstrong**, Director of Government Relations, Waterways Council Inc.
- **Charles Brittingham**, Senior Vice President, Cassidy & Associates

10:45AM—11:00AM BREAK

11:00AM—11:45AM **LATEST ON CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

*Stay informed and ahead of the curve by attending this crucial session dedicated to exploring the most recent updates to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Our expert speakers will guide you through the latest policy changes, regulations, and enhancements affecting flood insurance. Gain a comprehensive understanding of how these modifications impact stakeholders, communities, and individuals. Whether you're a policymaker, insurance professional, or concerned citizen, this session offers invaluable insights to navigate the evolving landscape of flood insurance.*

- **David Maurstad**, Resilience Assistant Administrator, Federal Insurance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency

11:45AM – 1:30PM **LUNCH: FORGING AHEAD: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW FOR WATER RESOURCE STUDIES AND PROJECTS**



- **Ms. Robyn Colosimo**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Project Planning and Review), Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), U.S. Army

1:30PM – 2:00PM      BREAK

2:00pm—3:00pm      **2024 (AND BEYOND) WATER AND WATERWAYS LEGISLATIVE/  
REGULATORY WATCHLIST**

*In this session, our speakers will discuss the range of regulatory and legislative and judicial issues and trends that may be facing water and waterways entities in both the short- and long term.*

Moderator: Jim Sartucci, Government Affairs Counselor, K&L Gates

- **Steven Burns**, Partner, Balch & Bingham
- **Jim Crum**, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates
- **Deidre Duncan**, Partner, Hunton, Andrews & Kurth
- **Craig Montesano**, Vice President—Legislative Affairs, American Waterway Operators
- **Sunny Simpkins**, Executive Director, National Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies

3:00pm—4:00pm      **CHARTING THE COURSE: CAPITOL HILL'S FOCUS ON WATERWAYS AND  
PENDING LEGISLATION**

***\*NOTE: THIS SESSION IS CLOSED TO THE PRESS***

- **Ryan Hambleton**, Staff Director (Majority), Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, U.S. House of Representatives



- **Ryan Seiger**, Staff Director/Senior Counsel (Minority), Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, U.S. House of Representatives
- **John Kane**, Senior Policy Advisor (Majority), Environment and Public Works Committee, U.S. Senate (invited)
- **Libby Callaway**, Professional Staff (Minority), Environment and Public Works Committee, U.S. Senate (invited)

6:00PM—7:30PM     **CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION** (*Co-hosted by NWC, Texas Water Conservation Association and National Water Supply Alliance*)  
*(2167 Rayburn House Office Building)*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024**

7:00AM--NOON     **REGISTRATION** (ROOM: Rotunda Foyer)

7:30AM—8:30AM     **BREAKFAST BUFFET** (ROOM: Rotunda)

8:30AM—9:30AM     **NAVIGATING THE FUTURE: USACE'S COMMITMENT TO WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

*Join us for a comprehensive discussion on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program's commitment to sustainable water resource solutions. Our session features key leaders addressing current challenges and future initiatives, emphasizing integrated management for economic, environmental, and safety benefits. Discover their collaborative efforts with non-federal sponsors in developing crucial infrastructure for navigation, flood control, water supply, hydropower, and ecosystem restoration.*

- **Tab Brown**, Chief, Programs Integration Division (Civil Works), USACE



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- **Tom Smith**, Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division (Civil Works), USACE
  - **Aaron Snyder**, Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program Director/P3 Program Director, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

9:30AM—10:00AM BREAK

10:00AM—11:00AM **USACE 101: UNRAVELING WRDA, PROJECT PLANNING, AND COLLABORATION**

*This session offers a comprehensive guide to navigating the intricate landscape of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) civil works program. Gain insights into the processes that drive studies and projects, uncovering the behind-the-scenes workings. Explore the significance of Chiefs reports and understand their pivotal role. Delve into the impact of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) on policies and projects, and unravel the involvement of the Office of Management and Budget. This session is crafted to empower participants with essential knowledge and perspectives for navigating the multifaceted landscape of USACE.*

- **Wes Coleman**, Programs Director, Southwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer
- **Let Mon Lee**, Senior Associate, Gahagan and Bryant Associates, Inc.

11:00AM—11:30AM **RIPPLES OF RESILIENCE: CYBERSECURITY MEASURES FOR A SECURE FUTURE IN WATER AND WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT**

*Explore the urgent challenges of cybersecurity for water infrastructure, from ports to carriers, in this dynamic session. Discover strategies and insights on threat detection, risk mitigation, and robust cybersecurity measures as we navigate toward a sustainable future in a world where cyber threats ripple across interconnected systems.*



- **Justin Louchheim**, Food and Agriculture Liaison—Sector Engagement Division, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Department of Homeland Security (invited)
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11:30AM—12:00PM **PRIORITIES FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR CIVIL WORKS**

- **Stacey Jensen**, Director of Policy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), U.S. Army (invited)

12:00PM – 1:30PM **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**

1:30PM – 2:30PM **NWC NAVIGATION CAUCUS MEETING**

*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.*

- **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**
  - **Ms. Kristin Meira**, Chair – Navigation Caucus; American Cruise Lines
- **FEDERAL UPDATES** (2-5 minutes each)
  - **TBD**, U.S. Maritime Administration (invited)
  - **TBD**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (invited)
- **SPEAKER TBD**
- **OTHER ISSUES/DISCUSSION**
- **ADJOURN**

2:30PM – 3:30PM **NWC FLOOD CAUCUS MEETING**

*The Flood Caucus is charged with examining issues tied to flood management and flood control for waterways and levees nationally. Primary federal agencies of interest include but are not limited to the U.S.*



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*Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.*

- **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

- **Mr. Rick Johnson**, Chair – Flood Caucus; Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency; Caucus Vice Chairs: **Scott Elmer**, Harris County Flood Control Agency and **Karin Jacoby**, Husch and Blackwell

- **SESSION TBD**

- **OTHER ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

- **ADJOURN**

3:30PM—4:30PM

**NWC WATER SUPPLY CAUCUS MEETING**

*The Water Supply/Reuse Caucus is tasked with studying issues that pertain to water supply storage and reuse issues. Primary federal agencies of interest include but are not limited to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Reclamation.*

- **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

- **Brandon Wade**, Chair—Water Supply Caucus; Gulf Coast Water Authority; **Vincent Gin**, Vice Chair—Water Supply Caucus, Valley Water

- **FEDERAL UPDATES** (2-5 minutes each)

- **Meridith Ladart**, Technical Director, WMRS PCX, Southwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- **TBD**, Bureau of Reclamation (invited)

- **SHOULD WATER SUPPLY BE A KEY CORPS MISSION—MEMBER DISCUSSION**

- **MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

- **OTHER ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

- **ADJOURN**





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