



Monday, April 20 – NWC Internal Meetings and Opening Day		
Time	Event	Location / Notes
9:30 am – 10:30 pm	NWC Executive Committee Meeting	McPherson Square
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	NWC Board of Directors Working Lunch	Farragut Square
12:30 pm– 1:00 pm	Welcome Networking Coffee	
1:00 pm— 2:00 pm	Welcome/ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works: Priorities, Operations, and What’s Ahead	<p>Moderator: Ms. Julie Minerva, Carpi & Clay and NWC Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ryan Fisher, Deputy to the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • Mr. Steven Hill, Director, Operations and Regulatory (Civil Works), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
2:00 pm— 2:45 pm	What’s Moving on Capitol Hill: ESA, Permitting, and Related Issues	<p><i>Congress continues to wrestle with the Endangered Species Act, permitting, and other natural resources issues that can have major ripple effects for water resources projects and policy. In this session, senior staff from the House Natural Resources Committee will share what is gaining traction on Capitol Hill, how these issues are being viewed inside the Committee, and what attendees should be watching in the months ahead. It is a chance to hear directly from key congressional staff about the policy landscape, legislative dynamics, and related issues that could shape project delivery, regulation, and federal decision-making.</i></p>

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		<p>Moderator: Mr. Steven Burns, Partner, Balch & Bingham LLP, Representing Alabama Power Company and NWC Secretary/Counsel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richie O’Connell, Staff Director (Majority), Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee, Natural Resources Committee, U.S. House of Representatives • Mr. Douglas Walker Levine, Senior Professional Staff, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee, Natural Resources Committee, U.S. House of Representatives
2:45 pm— 3:15 pm	Networking Break	
3:15pm— 4:00pm	An Insider’s View from the ASACW Office	<p>Moderator: Ms. Sarah Kirkle, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Texas Water Association and NWC Treasurer</p> <p>Ms. Robyn S. Colosimo, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Project Planning and Review), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), U.S. Army</p>
4:00pm— 5:00 pm –	Your Issues, Your Voice: Federal Priorities and Where We Connect	<p><i>You work on navigation. Or flood control. Or water supply. Or hydropower. You're focused on your mission, your project, your federal challenges. But you're not alone in this room – and you might not realize it. This session brings together leaders working across the full portfolio of water resources issues at the federal level. They'll share what they're tackling. But here's the thing: their story is just the beginning. We want to hear from you. What are you working on? What federal or regulatory barriers are you hitting? Where do you see opportunities to work across sectors with organizations you don't normally team up with? Because breaking down silos isn't something NWC does to you. It's something that happens</i></p>

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		<p><i>when all of us are in the room together, talking honestly about what we're trying to move, and seeing where we can work together.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc and Associates and NWC Executive Committee Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nicole Elko, Executive Director, American Shore and Beach Preservation Association • Mr. Scott Elmer, Chief Partnerships and Programs Officer, Harris County Flood Control District • Mr. Neil Maunu, Executive Director, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association • Mr. Dave Mitamura, Executive Director, National Water Supply Alliance
5:30pm— 6:30pm	Strategic session (PNWA only)	
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	NWC/PNWA Joint Welcome Reception	Hamilton Ballroom and Pre-Function

Tuesday, April 21 – Joint NWC and PNWA Policy Day

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7:30am a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Joint Breakfast (NWC + PNWA)	Grand Ballroom, Schuyler
8:30am— 8:45am	Welcome	NWC/PNWA

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8:45am— 9:30am	Before the Gavel Falls: What’s Moving on Capitol Hill and How to Prepare for the Next Congress	<p>Moderator: Ms. Paula Miranda, Executive Director, Port of Newport and PNWA Board President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Julie Minerva, Carpi & Clay and NWC Chair • Mr. Justin LeBlanc, Desimone Consulting Group • Mr. Ben McMakin, Crossroads Strategies LLC
9:30am— 10:15am	Cross-Sector National Perspectives on Federal Water Resources Issues	<p>Moderator: Mr. Rich Hancock, Black & Veatch and NWC Executive Committee Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Holden Haley, Government Relations Manager, American Association of Port Authorities • Mr. Craig Montesano, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, American Waterways Operators • Mr. Greg Morrison, Executive Vice President, National Water Resources Association • Mr. Connor Nelson, Manager of Regulatory Affairs and Markets, National Hydropower Association • Mr. Tracy Zea, President and CEO, Waterways Council Inc.
10:15am— 10:30am	Break	
10:30am— 11:15am	Oceans, Atmosphere, and America's Water Economy: An Update from NOAA	<p>Moderator: Ms. Kayla Dunlap, Director of Government & Public Affairs, Port of Grays Harbor and PNWA Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tim Petty, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator, NOAA
11:15am-- noon	Keeping America Moving: Maritime Policy and the	<p>Moderator: Mr. Brad Pickel, Executive Director, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association</p>

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	Inland/Coastal Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sang Yi, Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration
Noon— 1:15pm	LUNCH/SPEAKER: Civil Works at the Crossroads: Priorities from the ASACW Office	<p>Moderator: Mr. Tim Feather, CDM Smith and NWC First Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lee Forsgren, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), U.S. Army
1:15pm— 1:30pm	Networking Break	
1:30pm— 2:15pm	Permits, Protections, and Pipelines: The Regulatory Landscape for Water Infrastructure	<p>Moderator: Mr. Chris Collins, Director, Waterways, Office of Multimodal Commerce, Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development and NWC Vice Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Stacey M. Jensen, Director of Oceans, Wetlands, and Communities Division, Office of Water, U.S. EPA • Mr. William “Tom” Walker, (Acting) Regulatory Chief (Civil Works), USACE Headquarters • Ms. Tanya Dobrzynski, National Marine Fisheries Service • Mr. Craig W. Aubrey, Division of Environmental Review, Ecological Services Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2:15pm— 3:00pm	Show Me the Money: Energy & Water Appropriations and What's at Stake for Civil Works CLOSED TO PRESS	<p>Moderator: Mr. Patrick Harbison, Commissioner, Port of Kalama and PNWA Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Katie Williams, Professional Staff Member (Majority), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. Senate • Ms. Daniela Todesco (Minority), Professional Staff Member (Minority), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. Senate

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Corey Kuipers, Professional Staff Member (Majority) Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. House of Representatives • Mr. Scott McKee, Clerk (Minority), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. House of Representatives
3:00pm— 3:15pm	Networking Break	
3:15pm— 4pm	<p>Writing the Next Chapter: WRDA 2026 and the Road Ahead</p> <p>CLOSED TO PRESS</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Ryan Hart, Chief External Affairs Officer, Port of Vancouver USA and PNWA Boardmember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Libby Callaway, Professional Staff (Majority), Environment and Public Works Committee, U.S. Senate • Ms. Mayely Boyce, Senior Policy Advisory for Water Infrastructure (Minority), Environment and Public Works Committee, U.S. Senate • Mr. Ryan Hambleton, Subcommittee Staff Director (Majority), Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, U.S. House of Representatives • Mr. Ryan Seiger, Subcommittee Staff Director (Minority), Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, U.S. House of Representatives
4:30pm— 5:30pm	National and Regional Associations – Meeting on Data Centers	Participating organizations: NWC, National Hydropower Association, Western States Water Council, Interstate Council on Water Policy, Association of California Water Agencies, Texas Water Association, Tract

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	NWC Breakfast	Hamilton Ballroom – NWC-only breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Navigating the Corps and Beyond: Insider Baseball on How Projects Get Built</p> <p>CLOSED TO PRESS</p>	<p>If you have ever wondered why your project is stuck, who actually makes the decisions, or how some sponsors seem to know exactly who to call and what to say - this is where you get those answers. We are pulling back the curtain on the full Civil Works system: the Corps, Capitol Hill, the Office of Management and Budget, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and everyone in between. You will leave knowing who the players are, what they care about, and exactly when and how to engage them.</p> <p>The stakes are especially high right now. The Administration's "Building Infrastructure, Not Paperwork" initiative is rewriting the rules - how studies and projects get prioritized, which projects face deauthorization, and how much non-federal sponsors are expected to take on. This session will help you understand what that means for your project and your mission area.</p> <p><u>Moderator/Speaker:</u> Mr. Tab Brown, Senior Executive Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Retired)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Wethington, Vice President, HNTB • Mr. Pete G. Perez, Army Civil Works Program Manager, HDR • Mr. Lowry Crook, Partner, Best, Best & Krieger • Ms. Katie Williams, Professional Staff Member (Majority), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, U.S. Senate • Mr. Jon Pawlow, NWC consultant (previously counsel, Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee,

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		<p>Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, U.S. House of Representatives)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Michael Brain, Partner and Director of Government Affairs, Best, Best, & Krieger• Mr. Charles Brittingham, Executive Vice President, Cassidy & Associates• Ms. Amy Larson, Principal, Larson Strategies LLC
12:00 p.m.	Adjournment	Hill meetings