WASHINGTON FORUM: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 12
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Berkeley
Executive Committee Meeting

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. National Ballroom A
Legislative/Regulatory Committee Meeting
All are encouraged to attend.

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. National Ballroom A
Marketing & Member Services Committee Meeting
All are encouraged to attend.

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. West Room
Joint Water Sector Officers Meeting
WWEMA Executive Committee Members

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Congressional Reception
9th Floor Rotunda, 101 Constitution Ave. NW
Bus to leave from hotel lobby at 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
8:00 - 11:30 a.m. National Ballroom
Joint Breakfast and Regulatory Roundtable General Session
Join us for this Joint Water Week event! We will meet with regulators and policy makers to discuss the most pressing issues facing the water and wastewater industry today in a joint session with the Water Environment Federation, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Research Foundation, and the WateReuse Association. Panelists include:

- Gina McCarthy, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (invited)
- Andrew Sawyers, Director, EPA Office of Wastewater Management
- Peter Grevatt, Director, EPA Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water
- Jeff Lape, Deputy Director, EPA Office of Science and Technology
- Benita Best-Wong, Director, EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. National Ballroom C
WWEMA Networking Luncheon

1:00 - 1:10 p.m. National Ballroom AB
Welcome from the Program Chairman
Thacher Worthen, Schreiber LLC

1:10 - 1:30 p.m.
Congressional Update: Infrastructure Funding and 2016 Priorities
The Hon. Keith Rothfus, U.S. Congress
U.S. Rep. Keith Rothfus (R-PA) will discuss water infrastructure funding, including private activity bonds, as well as 2016 Congressional priorities. Rothfus is a second-term Congressman from Western Pennsylvania. He serves on the House Committee on Financial Services, the House Energy Action Team, and the Republican Policy Committee’s Subcommittee on Jobs and Economic Development in addition to numerous caucuses.

1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
How Congressional Legislation Impacts the Economy, Business, and the Environment
Adam Schank, Bloomberg Government
Analyst Adam Schank will provide an overview of how the elections will affect the Congressional agenda for the year, including an overview of the budget and appropriations process, the effect on federal rule making, and what Congress might accomplish as we head into the election season.

Schank is a Legislative Analyst with Bloomberg Government, where he covers health care, environment, science, and social policy. Previously, he was an analyst for Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, where he wrote summaries and analysis of legislation. He analyzed federal regulatory proposals relating to pollution control, energy development, and utilities for CQ Legal. Adam has a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Minnesota and a master’s degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Lessons Learned: Lead, Legionella, and Leaks in Flint, Michigan
Pan Ji, Virginia Tech Flint Water Study Team
Researchers at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, have been credited with bringing to light the high level of lead in the drinking water in Flint, Michigan. In this session, graduate student Pan Li, part of the Flint Water Study Team, will share the team’s work, including the data it has uncovered and its efforts to help address the issues of lead, Legionella, and distribution system leaks.

Team members have testified before the U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and have been appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to the Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee, tasked with finding a long-term strategy to address the water crisis. Ji is a doctoral candidate in the Charles E. Via Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Tech. She holds a master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor’s degree from Peking University.

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Break

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
Economic Outlook for 2016 and Beyond
Kenneth D. Simonson, Associated General Contractors of America
Ken Simonson, Chief Economist for AGC, will speak on construction spending, labor, and the materials outlook for 2016 and beyond. His presentation will offer data, analysis, and future projections for construction spending in the residential, non-residential, power, transportation, public works, education, health care, and retail sectors, as well as the employment outlooks and producer price indices.
Prior to joining AGC in 2001, Simonson worked in the Office of Advocacy for the U.S. Small Business Administration. He is a Past President of the National Association for Business Economics, and he serves as an appointed member of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee and the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Data Users Advisory Committee.

3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
The Circular Economy – Can it Transform the Future of Manufacturing?
Robert K. Wilson, CGMA, WeiserMazars

Robert Wilson will discuss a soon-to-be released white paper on the “Circular Economy” and the potential impacts it could bring to the manufacturing sector, including lesson learned from case studies at SUEZ and environment Treatment Solutions and at Philadelphia Water.

Wilson is a Partner in the Water and Utilities Practice of WeiserMazars, an international accounting, audit, tax, and advisory services organization. The company is active in the water sector and is publisher of the U.S. Water Industry Outlook Report. He is a former chief financial officer for American Water.

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
President’s Initiative on Water Sustainability and Security
Kelly Kryc, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

President Obama has made innovation in water and wastewater a priority for the Administration, holding an Innovation Roundtable session in December 2015 and a Water Summit in March 2016 to explore innovative technologies, programs, and funding mechanisms. Kelly Kryc will share a report from these events and insight into what’s next.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Networking Reception

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Ashlawn North Board of Directors Dinner

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
National Ballroom Foyer Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
National Ballroom AB
Water Sustainability: The Coca-Cola Story from Risks to Opportunities
Paul Bowen, Ph.D., The Coca-Cola Company

Coca-Cola is a leader in industrial water and wastewater management, and in his presentation, Dr. Bowen will offer insight into how the company has developed, implemented, and sustains its water sustainability program to achieve water neutrality.

As Director of Sustainable Operations for Coca-Cola, Bowen leads the company’s Plant Performance Program with a focus on improving water efficiency, developing water reuse, and promoting compliance with corporate wastewater standards. He currently serves as President of the Board of Trustees for the Water Environment Federation. He holds a doctorate in systems engineering from Clemson University.

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.
Trends and Opportunities in the Industrial Sector
Guy Carpenter, P.E., Carollo Engineers

Guy Carpenter will address trends and opportunities for water and wastewater treatment and reuse in the industrial sector.

Carpenter is Water Reuse Technical Practice Director and Power Sector Leader for Carollo Engineers and has more than 20 years of experience in water, water resources, wastewater, and recycled water consulting and master planning. He serves as President of the Water Reuse Association and on the Board of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District and is a Past President of the Phoenix Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Break

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
Innovation in Municipal Water and Wastewater Treatment
Andy Kricun, Camden County (NJ) Municipal Utilities Authority; Sudhir Murthy, DC Water; Aaron Fisher, Water Environment Research Foundation

Andy Kricun is Executive Director/Chief Engineer of the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, which operates an 80 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant and a regional sewer system serving more than 500,000 customers in southern New Jersey. He will discuss community service and environmental stewardship as core priorities for the Clean Water Utility of the Future.

Sudhir Murthy, Ph.D., is Innovations Chief for DC Water, which provides water and wastewater treatment for more than 640,000 residents, 17.8 million annual visitors, and 700,000 people employed in the District of Columbia. Previously, he served as DC Water’s Manager, Clean Water Quality and Technology. He will discuss innovative approaches toward water and wastewater treatment and management at DC Water.

Aaron Fisher, Ph.D., is Technology and Innovation Manager in the LIFT program for the Water Environment Research Foundation, where he leads work on the National Water Resource Recovery Test Bed Facility Network and Directory. Previously he served as Program Manager and as a Senior Energy Consultant to the U.S. Department of Energy.

11:45 a.m.
Closing Remarks

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
National Ballroom C
Board of Directors Meeting
Congressional Technology Exposition

As part of Water Week 2016 and the Washington Forum, WWEMA is once again collaborating with NACWA, WEF, WERF, and the WateReuse Association to participate in the Congressional Water Infrastructure and Innovation Exposition.

Several WWEMA members are participating in this event, April 13 in the House Rayburn Office Building Foyer from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the Exposition is to help educate Congress about water issues and expose them to various types of water infrastructure technology.

Antitrust Policy

The WWEMA Board of Directors has made clear its unequivocal support for the policy of competition served by the antitrust laws, as well as its uncompromising intent to comply strictly in all respects with those laws. To that end, the following will not be discussed at meetings:

- Current or future prices.
- What constitutes a “fair” profit level.
- Possible increases or decreases in prices.
- Standardization or stabilization of prices.
- Pricing procedures.
- Cash discounts.
- Credit terms.
- Control of sales.
- Allocation of markets or geographical division of markets.
- Refusal to deal with a corporation because of its pricing or distribution practices.
- Whether or not the pricing practices of any industry member are unethical or constitute an unfair trade practice.
- Plans to bid or refrain from bidding or submit pricing to bidders on future public projects.

Compliance with these guidelines involves not only avoidance of antitrust violation, but avoidance of any behavior which might be considered improper. Antitrust laws are complex and far reaching. This statement is not a complete summary of all applicable laws. It is intended to highlight and emphasize certain basic precautions designed to avoid antitrust problems.

In case of doubt, seek the guidance of staff, management, or the organization’s counsel or your own corporate counsel should antitrust questions arise.