

WWEMA

48th Washington Forum

April 26 - 28, 2022

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Water Week 2022



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Onsite Program



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Schedule of Events

Tuesday, April 26

9:00 am - 5:00 pm *L'Enfant Ballroom Foyer*
Registration

9:00 - 10:30 am *Potomac*
Executive Committee Meeting

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch on Own

1:00 - 2:30 pm *L'Enfant Ballroom A&B*
Marketing & Member Services Committee Meeting (All Members)

3:00 - 4:30 pm *L'Enfant Ballroom A&B*
Legislative/Regulatory Committee Meeting (All Attendees)

5:00 - 6:00 pm *Potomac*
New Member & First Time Attendees Meet and Greet

6:00 - 7:00 pm *Solarium*
Welcome Reception (All Attendees)

Wednesday, April 27

7:00 am - 5:00 pm *Mt. Vernon Foyer*
Registration

8:00 - 9:00 am *Solarium*
Networking Breakfast (All Attendees)

9:00 am - 12:00 noon *Gallery I, II, III*
General Session

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm *Solarium*
Networking Lunch (All Attendees)

1:30 - 5:00 pm *L'Enfant Ballroom*
Joint Session with other Water Associations - EPA and Congressional Updates (All Attendees)

6:00 - 8:00 pm *Solarium*
Joint WWEMA and Water Associations Reception (All Attendees)

Thursday, April 28

7:30 am - 12:00 noon *Mt. Vernon Foyer*
Registration

8:00 - 9:00 am *Solarium*
Networking Breakfast (All Attendees)

9:00 - 11:30 am *Gallery I, II, III*
General Session

11:30 am
Meeting Adjourns

12:00 noon - 3:00 pm *Gallery IV*
Board of Directors Lunch and Meeting

Program Agenda

This year's WWEMA 48th Washington Forum is being held in conjunction with Water Week 2022. This is WWEMA's annual legislative, regulatory, and policy meeting that directly connects our members, attendees, and invited guests to leaders in the water industry and Government including Congress and EPA. This year's theme is *Advocating For Today - Educating For Tomorrow*. We welcome all attendees as we hear from leaders in our industry and Government who are at the forefront of the many changes in our industry.

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 – 9:00 am
Networking Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 am
Welcome from Meeting Chair
Bill Decker, Vice President & General Manager Equipment and Services Group, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.
2022 WWEMA Washington Forum Chair

9:15 – 10:15 am
Current Economic Conditions and 2022 Outlook
Curtis Dubay, Senior Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Curtis Dubay, the Chief Economist from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will provide an economic overview with an outlook for 2022. He will discuss economic growth, consumer sentiment, inflation, wage growth, and gas prices as well as the Federal Reserve's efforts to reduce inflation. He will take a detailed look at the jobs market and discuss consumer as well as small business sentiment and what that might mean for 2022 and beyond.

10:15 – 11:00 am
Legislative Outlook: Policy Priorities and Mid-Term Elections
Eric Sapirstein, President, ENS Resources, Inc.

Congress has been actively pursuing a host of priorities including recent passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, work on strengthening U.S. innovation and competition, addressing cyber threats and homeland security, examining emerging contaminants, and strengthening worker rights. Eric Sapirstein, President of ENS Resources, will provide an update on Congressional legislative priorities that are relevant to the water sector and discuss the lay of the land moving forward as the mid-term elections loom on the horizon.

11:00 – 11:15 am
Break

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Wednesday, April 27 (continued)

11:15 am – 12:00 noon

Cybersecurity in the Water Sector

*Kevin Morley, PhD, Manager – Federal Relations
American Water Works Association*

Cyber threats and attacks are growing, particularly in the water sector. Kevin Morley, Manager – Federal Relations at the American Water Works Association is a leader in cybersecurity risks and assessments for water. He will share the efforts under way in Congress, the Administration, EPA, and the water sector itself to identify, mitigate, and control these growing threats.

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Networking Lunch

1:30 – 5:00 pm

Joint National Water Policy Plenary Session

Opening Comments

Kishia Powell, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, DC Water

U.S. EPA and Federal Agency Water Priorities Discussion

Featured Speaker

Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Water

Panel One: EPA Office of Water

Andrew Sawyers, Director, EPA Office of Wastewater Management

Jennifer McLain, Director, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Deborah Nagle, Director, EPA Office of Science and Technology

Brian Frazer, EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

Panel Two

John O'Neill, Program Manager for Better Plants, Advanced Manufacturing Office, U.S. Dept. of Energy

David Palumbo, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Dept. of Interior

Sharon Nappier, Water Reuse Practice Leader, U.S. EPA

Congressional Speakers

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC); Member, U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV); Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee

The Honorable Tom Carper (D-DE); Chairman U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Joint Water Week Reception

Join with your colleagues from WWEMA and the Water Week Partnering Organizations as we celebrate water.

Thursday, April 28

8:00 – 9:00 am

Networking Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 am

Urban Water Resiliency and Sustainability through the Lens of Equity and Justice

Howard Neukrug, Executive Director, The Water Center, University of Pennsylvania

The global water industry is expanding its role from simply drinking water and wastewater utility service providers to community-based resource stewards. As such, social, economic, and environmental planning and investment decisions are increasingly being made through the lens of urban resilience and sustainability, climate change, equity, justice, and inclusion. This presentation will explore how this mission adjustment may impact our system's host cities and their waterways and the future prioritization of capital expenditures for water projects.

9:45 – 10:15 am

New State SRF Implementation Priorities

Deirdre Finn, Executive Director, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law added significant new funding for state drinking water and clean water State Revolving Loan Funds (SRFs) but also added new requirements and priorities for the use of those funds. Deirdre Finn, the Executive Director of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities, which represents state SRF programs, will share those changes and discuss what they might mean for both drinking water and clean water infrastructure projects going forward.

10:15 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 – 11:30 am

Buy America Panel and Roundtable Discussion

Zach Schafer, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water, U.S. EPA

Kiri Anderer, Senior Environmental Engineer, State Revolving Fund Team, U.S. EPA

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Buy America Guidance* was released on April 18, 2022. While this is an important first step in implementing the new Buy America requirements that become effective May 14, 2022, much work still needs to be done at the Agency level to develop more specific implementation procedures. Zach Schafer and Kiri Anderer of EPA will be joining us for this panel and roundtable discussion to review the *Guidance* and begin the critical conversation on next steps for implementation. Come prepared to ask questions and share your input as we work with EPA to ensure that the new Federal funding gets out the door "on time, on task, and on budget".

11:30 am

Closing Comments and Adjournment

Bill Decker, 2022 WWEMA Washington Forum Chair

12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

Board of Directors Lunch and Meeting



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Nevertheless, it is recognized by the Board of Directors of WWEMA that its activities could be regarded by some as a forum of opportunity to promote anti-competitive conduct. For this reason, the Board of Directors has taken this occasion, through this Statement of Policy, to make 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
- Allocations 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.

Water Week 2022 – April 24 - 30, 2022

Partnering organizations include:



Code of Ethics

The Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association (WWEMA) and its member companies voluntarily pledge to conduct themselves according to the highest professional standards and laws of society.

- We shall strive to provide products and services of quality and value.
- We shall conduct our business with honesty and integrity.
- We shall make truthful representations as to the performance of our products.
- We shall work to maintain our professional skills—and those of our employees—at the state of the art.
- And we shall hold paramount the health and safety of the public in the performance of our business.

Adopted by the WWEMA Board of Directors on May 6, 1991, in Washington, D.C.

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WWEMA Attendee Conference Call & Meetup Room: For use of all attendees, located in Gallery IV, available from 8:00 am - 5:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and 8:00 -10:00 a.m. on Wednesday.



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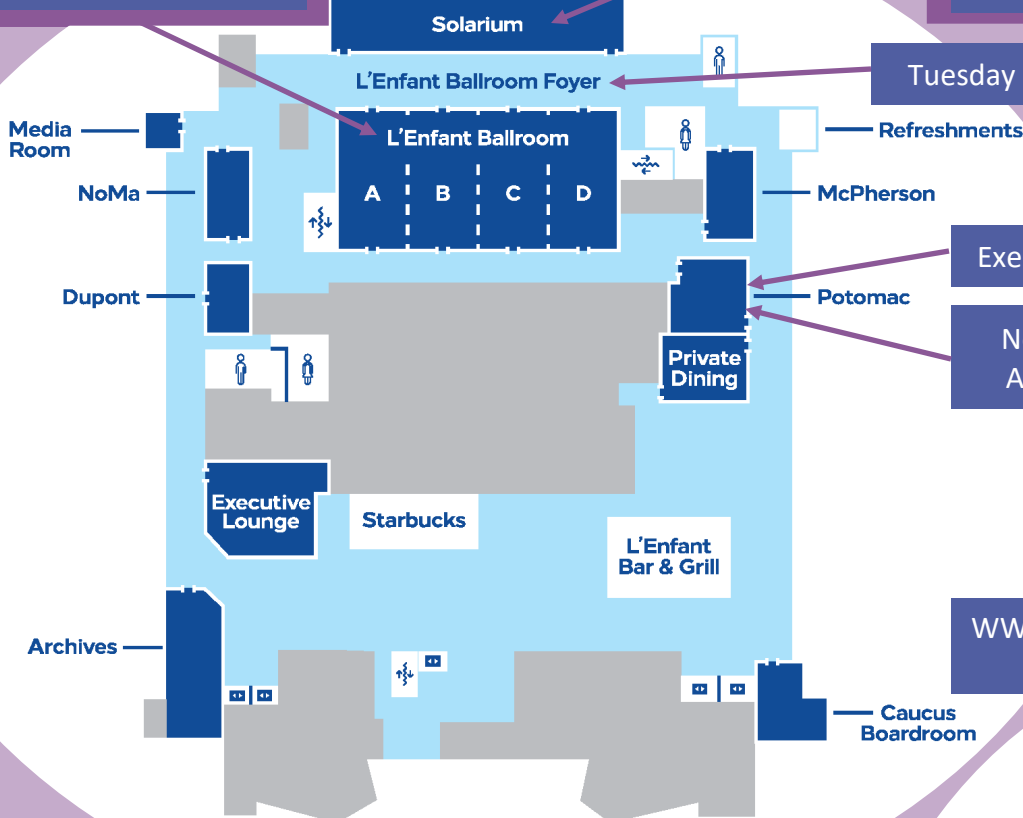
WWEMA Welcome Reception

Networking Breakfasts

Networking Lunch

Joint WWEMA and
Water Associations Reception

Lobby Level



Tuesday Registration

Executive Committee Meeting

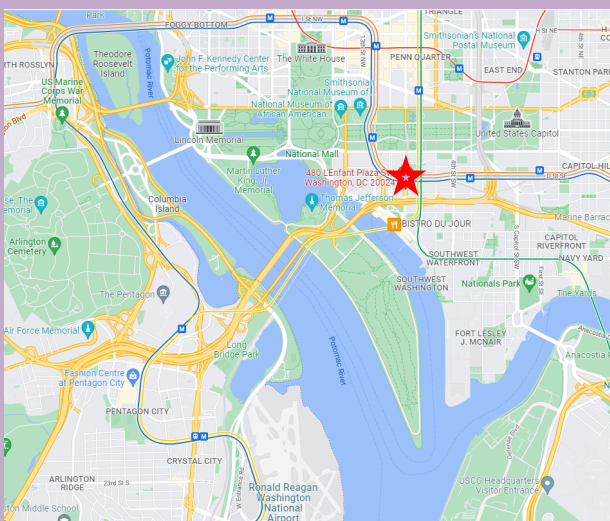
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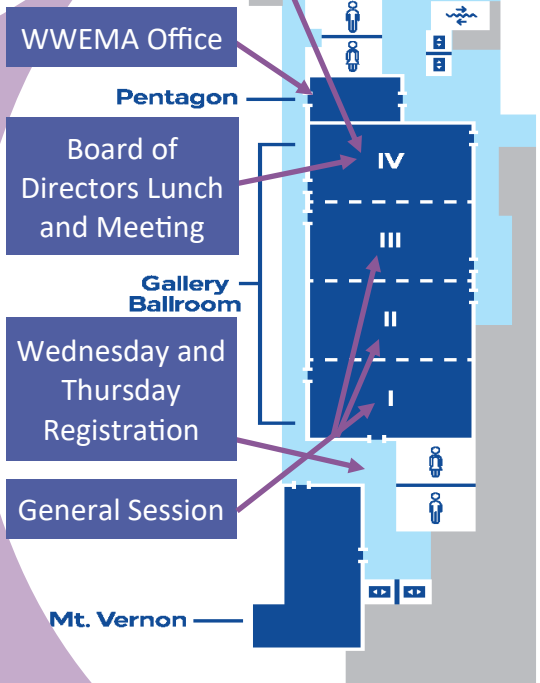
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Directors Lunch
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General Session

Mt. Vernon



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