

2022 MWMA FALL SUMMIT AGENDA¹



Sunday, October 30th

5:00pm – 7:00pm Welcome Reception

Monday, October 31st

9:00am – Noon **The Urban Summit** (PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS ONLY). Join your colleagues from across the country for this closed-door session featuring candid dialogue on topics important to your success. Find out how other cities are dealing with problems that you face every day & share what works in your community.

12:00pm – 1:00pm LUNCH

1:00pm – 2:30pm **Carrot and Stick, or Managing Recycling Through Local and State Legislative Leadership.** Effective ordinance-making at the local level – bans in a growing number of jurisdictions on single-use plastics, for example – can be instrumental in a long-term policy to reduce the types of hard-to-recycle or non-recyclable commodities in the waste stream. But for many municipalities, these aren't a choice, as states have enacted legislation preventing local governments from enacting such legislation. In this session we'll discuss both model legislation that municipalities have enacted and the types of strategies that local governments can take when these avenues are closed to them.

2:30pm – 4:00 pm **Best Practices, New Strategies for Addressing Worker Shortages.** In the current employment environment, where there's increasing competition for scarce human resources, what strategies can municipalities employ to attract employees for open positions in the MSW field? In this session we'll hear from experts in the field who are tapping overlooked constituencies and employing creative new recruitment and retention strategies. We'll also look at creative ways in which municipalities are re-configuring their operations and employing technology to reduce to deliver services in the wake of worker shortages.

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7:00pm – 9:00pm Adventure! @ LA LIVE

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Tuesday, November 1st

- 9:00am – 10:30am** **The Complex Calculus of Fleet Electrification.** The environmental services industry, however, represents one of the most challenging operational profiles for fleet electrification. This session will explore the multiple facets of development and planning that are required to achieve success. You'll also learn how pilot operations are going, is the current state of performance of electric trucks in operation today, and the likely path forward for the industry.
- 10:30am – 12:00pm** **Innovations in Technology.** As ever, innovations in processing waste stream commodities – fueled largely by private-sector investment – aim to revolutionize the ways waste and recyclables are managed and processed. In this session a number of these promising and ambitious technologies will be explored.
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:00pm – 2:15pm** **Food Waste in Focus I.**
- 2:15pm – 3:30pm** **Food Waste in Focus II.**
- These two sessions will explore, in a macro sense, the diversion of food waste from the landfill. First, we'll discuss alternative strategies for processing food waste in ways that result in a product or residue that may have value; beyond that, we'll discuss strategies to divert food waste from the landfill, and ultimately to reconceive what's classified as food "waste" in the first place.
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm** **Executive Committee Meeting (CLOSED)**
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm** **OFF-SITE EVENT**

Wednesday, November 2nd

- 9:00am – 10:15am** **Advanced Recycling: Miracle or Myth?** Some hail advanced recycling as the only truly viable way forward for managing plastics in the recycling stream, since it makes it possible to capture and reuse large volumes of used plastic that currently go unrecycled. Others maintain that chemical recycling poses serious environmental risks, and that so much of the plastics processed are lost in the process that "advanced recycling" can't truly claim to be either. In this session we'll hear from experts on both sides of the issue.
- 10:15am – 11:30am** **Closing Session: Industry Trends & Forecasts.** In this session we'll discuss emerging issues in the solid waste space, such as the disruption, or "Uberization," as some are calling it, of the industry; ongoing supply chain issues – how they'll affect MSW operations in the short and long term and when – or whether – conditions are expected to improve; and more.
- 12:00pm – 3:00pm** **Local Environmental Tour (TBD)**