



# **The United States Conference of Mayors**

## **Mayors Water Council**

**92ND WINTER MEETING OF  
THE UNITED STATES  
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS**

**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 17, 2024  
Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC**

**Senate**

**The United States Conference of Mayors  
Mayors Water Council  
January 17, 2024**

**7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Senate**

**AGENDA**

- Co-Chair*      ***Welcome and Introductions***  
DEBORAH ROBERTSON  
Mayor of Rialto
- Discussion*      ***EPA’s Proposed Final Lead and Copper Rule Improvement: What Cities Need to Prepare***  
STEVE VIA  
Director, Federal Relations  
American Water Works Association
- ALAN ROBERSON  
Executive Director  
Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
- Discussion*      ***PFAS in Public Water Systems – EPA’s Second Monitoring Data Release***  
CHAD SEIDEL  
President, Corona Environmental Consulting  
Water & Health Advisory Council
- DAVID CHOATE  
Vice President for Engineering  
American Water
- CHRISTINA MURYN  
Mayor of Findlay
- Discussion*      ***Water’s Digital Future***  
KENDRA MORRIS  
President, North East Region  
Veolia Water North America
- Discussion*      ***EPA’s Water Regulatory Program 2024: Update***  
JAMIE PIZIALI  
Municipal Ombudsman  
United States Environmental Protection Agency



# Mayors Water Council January 2024 Mayoral Membership



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## Steve Via



Steve Via is Director of Federal Relations for the American Water Works Association (AWWA) working in AWWA's Washington, D.C., office. Steve's primary responsibility is working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies on the development of regulations that affect the water sector. Steve's professional experience has focused on regulatory compliance related to federal and Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and solid / hazardous waste regulations. He is also involved in water policy related to reducing risks to drinking water, sustainable water infrastructure, adequate water supply, and management of water quality in the built environment.

Steve is a graduate of the University of Virginia (BA, 1985) and Virginia Polytechnic and State University (MS, 1995).

## J. Alan Roberson, P.E.



Alan Roberson is Executive Director of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA). ASDWA's members (the state drinking water agencies) are co-regulators with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He has over 30 years of experience in Washington, D.C. on the development of drinking water policy, and federal drinking water regulations on water quality, and security and preparedness issues.

He provides technical and policy input on all aspects of the drinking water regulations, as well as working with Congressional staff on potential amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). He works closely with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on ensuring the safety and reliable of water systems. He has developed both an understanding and an appreciation of the varied perspectives of the federal government, the state primacy agencies, and the water systems, and how to blend those perspectives so that the goal of public health protection is maintained.

He has been on the Board of Fairfax Water for over 11 years, and currently serves as Treasurer and as Chairs of both the Finance and Audit Committee and the Water Quality and Supply Committee.

## Chad Seidel



Chad Seidel is President of Corona Environmental Consulting and a Research Affiliate at the University of Colorado Boulder. He also a member of the Water & Health Advisory Council. He obtained his Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from CU-Boulder and is a registered engineer in several states. Chad and the Corona Environmental team are helping water utilities, regulatory agencies, and research entities in California and across the U.S. addressing the most challenging public health concerns in drinking water.

Chad has devoted his career to researching and improving how drinking water is regulated and implemented - including the MDBP Rule package, arsenic, nitrate, hexavalent chromium, TCP, lead, PFAS and more. He and his team particularly focus on addressing small water systems challenges.

## Jamie Piziali



**Jamie Piziali** is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) first [Municipal Ombudsman](#). She serves as a resource for communities seeking to comply with clean water regulations and provides support in navigating federal funding opportunities, technical assistance, flexibilities, and integrated planning. Prior to leading the Office of the Municipal Ombudsman, Jamie spent over fifteen years in EPA's Office of Water working on issues such as municipal and industrial wastewater, permits, and EPA's National Green Infrastructure Program.

## David Choate



David Choate is Vice President of Engineering for American Water, the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company.

In this role, Mr. Choate is responsible for strategic planning, management, and delivery of American Water's capital investment program of approximately \$3 billion annually. Mr. Choate also leads the corporate engineering department to provide support for American Water's water and wastewater systems across 14 regulated state subsidiary companies and market-based businesses.

Mr. Choate joined American Water in 2005 and has 30 years of experience in water and wastewater utility-related fields. David is a licensed Professional Engineer in Maryland and Virginia. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering from Duke University, a master's degree in environmental engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and a Master of Business Administration from the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland.

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,500 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to an estimated 14 million people across 14 regulated states and 18 military installations. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable, and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit [amwater.com](http://amwater.com) and follow American Water on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

## Kendra Morris



**Kendra F. Morris** has 15 years' experience in business development and general management of sustainable public infrastructure. She is President of Veolia North America's Northeast Region to provide municipal water service to 3 million people. Her focus is to ensure our municipal partners achieve their public health and economic development goals through well-run water and wastewater systems.

Kendra's background is in infrastructure investment and is passionate about water workforce and environmental protection. She earned her *BA in International Relations* and a *Master of City & Regional Planning* both from the University of Pennsylvania. Kendra enjoys hiking, reading, and travel with her husband and four sons.



# Mayors Water Council

## **A Task Force of The United States Conference of Mayors**

The primary purpose of the Mayors Water Council (MWC) is to assist local governments in providing high quality water resources in a cost effective manner. The MWC provides a forum for local governments to share information on water technology, management methods, operational experience, and financing of infrastructure development. The MWC will monitor and respond, as appropriate, to federal legislative, regulatory or policy proposals affecting the delivery of municipal water services. The MWC will also provide a forum to assist local government in exploring competition and public-private partnership approaches, and alternative methods of financing water infrastructure development.

The Mayors Water Council (MWC) officially commenced operations within the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) on August 1, 1995. The MWC began its first program year with an August 4, 1994 forum held in Washington, DC. At the forum, Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner noted that the federal government will not be able to meet the future water development financing needs of cities. Therefore, local governments must seek public/private partnerships to finance future water development projects.

Participation in the Mayors Water Council is open to all mayors, and functions like a USCM task force.