



The United States Conference of Mayors

Mayors Water Council

**October 23-24
Livermore, California**

DoubleTree by Hilton Livermore



USCM Mayors Water Council Meeting

October 23-24, 2025
Livermore, California

Agenda

Thursday, October 23, 2025
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Thursday, October 23rd

Grand Ballroom 1 & 2

1:00 PM - 1:05 PM

Welcome Remarks

Remarks

JOHN MARCHAND
Mayor of Livermore, CA
Co-Chair, Mayors Water Council

1:05 PM - 1:45 PM

Mayor's Roundtable

Mayors share information on the current water concerns in their communities. You are encouraged to bring up information and issues including capital needs, rate and affordability pressures, lead pipes, preparing for PFAS compliance and other critical issues.

JOHN MARCHAND (*Moderator*)
Mayor of Livermore, CA
Co-Chair, Mayors Water Council

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM

City of Livermore Best Practice

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Water Sector Regulatory Review

The session is intended to cover several current regulatory policies in process or in the courts. Staff and water sector experts will provide

briefings on the EPA's ongoing regulatory development programs, with a focus on PFAS and Lead. We will also provide an update on EPA's Financial Capability Assessment (FCA). Attendees are encouraged to provide information and ask questions on the following topics:

MARY LOU PAULY (*Moderator*)
Mayor of Issaquah, WA
Vice Chair for Water, USCM Environment Committee

PFAS and Drinking Water

Water sector regulatory concerns about PFAS drinking water standards remain under court review and EPA has made announcements about defending the rule and has also proposed to extend compliance by two years. Key PFAS issues include the maximum containment level (MCL) and the Hazard Index comprised of 4 PFAS chemicals. Additionally, a second round of class action lawsuits is underway, and cities need to file by January of 2026.

KASSIDY KLEIN
Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Associate, USCM

PFAS in Municipal Public Works Operations

ANDRE MONETTE
Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP

JUDY SHEAHAN
Assistant Executive Director, USCM

Lead and Copper Rule

The Lead and Copper Rule imposes several annual local responsibilities such as lead pipe inventory updates and public notifications. This session reviews what those annual responsibilities are and what resources are available. Additionally, we will review information on federal financial assistance.

Financial Capability Assessment (FCA)

Affordability issues are a critical concern for municipalities as they deal with funding ongoing water and wastewater operations, as well as new and expanding regulatory mandates. EPA's current guidance on affordability poses challenges for communities in seeking reasonable control requirements and compliance schedules for Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act obligations. Fred Andes of the law firm Barnes & Thornburg (an MWC affiliate member) will discuss strategies for addressing these affordability issues, as well as opportunities to address our concerns with the EPA guidance.

FRED ANDES
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg

Question & Answer

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

BREAK

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Compliance Challenges with Drinking Water Standards and Wastewater Quality Standards

Cities are facing challenges to comply with regulations in their utilities. Some cities are facing drinking water standards that may be too expensive or impractical to eliminate. Other cities face the constant challenge of maintaining and improving water quality in their lakes, streams, and estuaries. This session will explore some of those challenges.

Nutrient Management

JOEL PRATHER
Assistant General Manager, Wastewater
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Managing Arsenic in Local Drinking Water Systems

JAVIER PEREA
Mayor, City of Sunland Park, NM

Local Stormwater Solutions

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cybersecurity and Physical Resilience for Water Infrastructure

With rising cyber threats and more frequent weather events, water utilities face increasing pressure to boost both cybersecurity and physical resilience. This session will cover current federal oversight and evolving roles across federal, state, and local governments to support stronger infrastructure protections for these critical infrastructure facilities. Best practices will also be explored.

Staff Briefing

MICHAEL LUU

SVP, Corporate Services and Chief Risk Officer
California Water Service

EVAN JACOBS

External Affairs, California and Hawaii American Water

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Open Evening Reception

Located in Grand Ballroom 3.

Friday October 24, 2025

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday, October 24th

Grand Ballroom 1 & 2

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast Available

Grand Ballroom 1&2

9:00 AM- 9:40 AM

Water Sector Innovative Technologies & Services

Panelists will introduce new technologies and services designed to improve water quality, efficiency, and infrastructure resilience.

JESS BROMLEY

Sr. Director of Enterprise Sales

Kamstrup North America

From Data to Decisions: The Expanding Role of AI & Machine Learning Toolkits for Utilities

SANDEEP SATHYAMOORTHY

Vice President, Director of Water Innovation & Technology

Stantec

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9:40 AM - 10:20 AM

Western Water Supplies

Water conservation is a common and necessary element of water supply management but may prove to be insufficient to meet future water demand. Current debate over the water supply from the Colorado River and annual water allocations are spurring western cities to secure long-term water security while also addressing the pressures of population growth, economic development, and the expansion of data centers.

JOHN MARCHAND (*Moderator*)

Mayor of Livermore, CA

Mayors Water Council, Co-Chair

KATHRYN SORENSON

Director of Research

Kyl Center for Water Policy, Arizona State University

MAYRA JIMENEZ

Communications & Community Outreach Manager

Veolia North America

KEN JENKINS
VP, Water Resources Planning and Sustainability
California Water Service

10:20 AM - 10:35 AM **BREAK**

10:35 AM - 10:50 AM **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Update**

JOHN EUNICE
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator
Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. EPA

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM **Water Affordability Crisis**

Local government spent over \$150 billion on water and sewer utilities in 2022, the latest data available. Several factors are driving the price up including inflation, population shift, and compliance costs. As water bills consume a growing share of household income, the affordability gap strains local governments struggling to maintain aging infrastructure without further burdening residents.

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EVAN JACOBS
External Affairs, California and Hawaii American Water

JENNIFER CAPITOLO
Executive Director, California Water Association

Discussion

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM **Federal Financial Assistance - Update**

Federal stimulus provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) boosted aid to the water sector by some \$53 billion dollars. As

the funding ends in 2026, and local government will need to tap new resources to maintain systems and comply with regulations. This session will review the President's FY 26 budget request and the House appropriations legislation.

Staff Briefing

12:00 PM

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In Support of Colorado River Negotiations to Address Western Water Supply

Adopted at the 93rd Annual Meeting in 2025

WHEREAS, the Colorado River is a vital water resource that serves over 40 million people across seven states-including Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming-and plays a crucial role in agriculture, municipal water supply, and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing negotiations regarding the management and allocation of Colorado River water are critical to ensuring long-term sustainability and balance among the basin states, especially considering ongoing drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between basin states is essential to preserve the health of the river and to maintain cooperation among all states that depend on its waters; and

WHEREAS, collaborative solutions should take into account the needs of all users while protecting the health of the Colorado River and its ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation plays a critical role in facilitating discussions and negotiations among states, managing water resources, and implementing policies that affect the Colorado River, making federal government involvement and support crucial in this process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors encourages the federal government, particularly the Bureau of Reclamation, to actively engage in negotiations pertaining to the management of the Colorado River by providing necessary resources, guidance and technical assistance to facilitate discussions among basin states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors calls for the equitable treatment of all states in the Colorado River Basin, advocating for a balanced approach that recognizes the unique needs and challenges across the basin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors supports the formation of collaborative frameworks that promote sustainable water management, innovative demand management practices, and long-term irrigation strategies across the basin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges the federal government to prioritize investment in infrastructure, development of alternative water resources, and water efficiency programs that will aid in the effective management of this critical water

resource for the benefit of all stakeholders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors asserts the importance of inter-state collaboration and the role of local governments in advocating for policies that lead to fair and sustainable water management practices, underpinning the need for federal support in achieving these goals.

Andre Monette

Partner, Best Best & Krieger



Andre Monette is a partner and member of Best Best & Krieger's (BBK) Government Affairs, Environmental Law & Natural Resources, Municipal Law and Water Law practice groups. He also serves as Office Managing Partner of the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Andre provides counsel to both public and private clients in matters involving water quality issues and works extensively with water districts, cities, counties and agricultural interests, and other private entities on matters involving the Federal Clean Water Act and its state law analogues. He also advises public agencies and farmers on matters involving water rights, water supply and water quality and investors interested in water projects, helping funds assess the viability of potential water related investments.

A major area of focus for Andre's practice is the intersection of the water quality and water supply regulation. Federal and state laws across the nation divide water quality and water supply regulations into separate categories that often do not intersect and can preclude efficient use of the supply. Andre's practice focuses on areas of overlap where acute knowledge of multiple regulatory schemes is required, including; streambed restoration, groundwater recharge projects, indirect potable reuse projects, large scale recycled water projects, and effluent limitation compliance. Most recently, Andre was the recipient of the International Municipal Lawyers Association's President's Award for his achievements and contributions to the organization throughout 2024. He received his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University and his B.S. from San Diego State University.

Fredric P. Andes

Partner, Barnes & Thornburg



Fredric P. Andes is a partner in the Chicago and Washington, D.C. offices of Barnes & Thornburg LLP. He advises trade associations, municipalities, and industries on water quality and PFAS-related regulatory, compliance and enforcement matters on the state and federal levels. He is also the coordinator of the Federal Water Quality Coalition, and manages the activities of the PFAS Regulatory Coalition. Mr. Andes graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and obtained his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University.

Amy Dzialowski
Senior Principal, Geosyntec
Vice-Mayor, City of Stillwater, OK



As an urban planner with environmental, land use, and government expertise, Amy understands the many challenges of capital development projects and redevelopment initiatives. She works closely with public and private clients to deliver advisory services, environmental strategies, socioeconomic analysis, environmental justice studies, public participation, and funding plans.

Amy is a nationally recognized expert in grant programs. She has successfully secured millions of dollars in grant funds and brings an understanding of best practices, program strategy, and partnership development. Recently, these grants have supported carbon capture, emerging contaminants, solid waste infrastructure, brownfields assessment, and brownfields cleanup. She has helped dozens of communities throughout the United States revitalize brownfields sites through the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA's) Brownfields Program.

To advance the state of practice, Amy speaks regularly at state and national conferences about the benefits of land recycling. She is actively involved in the USEPA and International City/County Management Association (ICMA) national brownfields conference and environmental justice caucus, and she previously served as a member of the local and national planning committees.

Amy is serving her community as Vice Mayor until 2026. In this role, she develops policy around grant and funding programs, utility services, land use, economic development, and rate structures. She supports broad general fund decisions and provides budget direction across municipal departments.

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Michael Luu
Senior VP, Corporate Services & Chief Risk Officer
California Water Service



Michael Luu is the Senior Vice President, Corporate Services and Chief Risk Officer at California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT), the largest regulated water utility in the western United States. He leads cybersecurity strategy, information technology, safety and physical security, and enterprise risk management efforts across the organization. With a multidisciplinary background spanning utility operations, customer service, engineering, water quality, and public-private partnerships, Michael brings a system-level view to protecting critical infrastructure.

He previously served as the President of the Board of Directors for the San Francisco Bay Area InfraGard Chapter, supporting over 1,000 members representing 16 critical infrastructure sectors in partnership with the FBI. Michael holds a U.S. Department of Homeland Security SECRET clearance and works closely with state and federal agencies to strengthen resilience in the water sector. He earned both his Bachelor's and MBA degrees from San Jose State University and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and Information Security Manager (CISM).

Evan Jacobs
Director, Corporate Communications and External Affairs,
California and Hawaii American Water



Evan got his start in the water industry in 2003 when he began consulting for American Water on local public policy issues. Evan then served as an external affairs manager for American Water in Northern California, New Mexico and Texas.

During the 2012-2016 drought, Evan managed California American Water's state drought response team and led successful efforts to achieve a 26 percent reduction in water use. He serves on the boards of California Water Association and several Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in Yolo, Sacramento, and Sonoma Counties.

Jess Bromley
Sr. Director of Enterprise Sales
Kamstrup North America



Jess Bromley is a Senior Director at Kamstrup Water Metering. He manages the growth and commercial engagement for Kamstrup in drinking water systems with large utilities in the U.S. market. For over 25 years, he has contributed to the advancement of water management practices by engaging with utilities of all sizes. He specializes in connecting municipalities with innovative technologies and solutions and has a passion for customer engagement.

Jess lives in Salt Lake City, UT. He enjoys activities with his family skiing and hiking in the outdoors of the mountain west and traveling to customers located throughout the country. Kamstrup has over 1,700

employees in more than twenty countries with headquarters in Denmark. Kamstrup develops, produces, and sells smart energy and water meters, relating reading systems, data analysis tools and services to utilities and other users over the entire world. Through our leadership, expertise, and passion for partnership, we always think forward in pursuit of a brighter energy future; one that advances the performance of every customer while creating lasting value for the communities they serve. We take responsibility for the way we act, and we are committed to reduce waste with the purpose of securing clean water and energy to a maximum number of people.

Sandeep Sathyamoorthy, PhD
Vice President, Director, Water Innovation and Technology
Stantec



Sandeep Sathyamoorthy is Vice President and Director of Water Innovation and Technology at Stantec, where he leads transformative initiatives at the intersection of advanced treatment, digital solutions, and sustainable water infrastructure. With over two decades of experience, Sandeep specializes in integrating emerging technologies into utility and industrial applications, driving impact across water reuse, resource recovery, and climate resilience. He holds a Ph.D. in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering from Tufts University and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Cornell University, grounding his work in both technical rigor and systems-level thinking. Sandeep is passionate about fostering cross-sector collaboration and mentoring the next generation of water professionals.

Kathryn Sorensen
Director of Research
Kyl Center for Water Policy, Arizona State University



Kathryn Sorensen oversees the research efforts of the Kyl Center for Water Policy, teaches Arizona Water Policy for the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, and contributes to the Global Futures Laboratory.

As Director of Phoenix Water Services until October 2020, she was responsible for the reliable delivery of safe, clean drinking water in a desert city of nearly 1.7 million inhabitants. Previously she served in the City of Mesa for many years as a water resource manager.

Kathryn earned a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Michigan.

Kathryn's service in water management includes Member of the Arizona Water Banking Authority Commission, Member of the Arizona Colorado River Reconsultation Committee, Member of the Board of Directors of the Water Research Foundation, Member of the State of Arizona's Colorado River Steering Committee, Advisory Committee member of the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Arizona, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Member of the EPA's Effective Utility Management Utility Leadership Group, and Member of the Rates and Charges Subcommittee of the American Water Works Association.

Kenneth Jenkins
Vice President, Water Resources Planning & Sustainability
California Water Service



Ken Jenkins is the Vice President, Water Resources Planning & Sustainability at California Water Service Group, a regulated water utility serving two million people in California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington.

He is responsible for long-term water supply sustainability, including water resources, conservation, water loss control, drought response, and climate change. He graduated from Beloit College with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics & Management and Political Science.

Jennifer Capitolo
Executive Director, California Water Association



Jennifer Capitolo is the Executive Director of the California Water Association (CWA) which represents the interests of almost 90 California Public Utilities Commission regulated water utilities that provide reliable, high-quality drinking water utility services to 6 million people throughout California.

CWA provides a forum for sharing best management practices, a means of promoting sound water policy to legislators and regulatory agencies, and opportunities for educating the public on the protection and efficient use of water resources. Jennifer represents drinking water utilities in the State of California before the Public Utilities Commission, the State Legislature and Office of the Governor, the State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Water Resources, other state agencies, and multiple industry groups.

John Eunice

Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. EPA



John Eunice joined U.S. EPA in May of this year as the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator in the Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs. Immediately prior to this role John served in Governor Brian Kemp's Administration as the Deputy Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GEPD) from 2021-2025. In that capacity John supervised all aspects of GEPD's day to day operations but focused most of his time supervising legal affairs, external affairs, stakeholder relations, legislative affairs, industry relations, and communications. Prior to assuming his appointment at GEPD John served in several capacities with increasing responsibility to former U.S. Senator (and current U.S. Ambassador to China)

David Perdue. John's tenure with former Senator Perdue culminated with him jointly serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and General Counsel. In addition to John's state and federal service, he also served two terms on the City Council in Valdosta, Georgia while attending college. John earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication and Master of Public Administration from Valdosta State University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Mayra Jimenez

Communications & Community Outreach Manager Veolia in North America



Mayra A. Jimenez leads communications and community engagement for Veolia North America's municipal water operations across the western U.S. Veolia partners with cities to operate and optimize drinking water, wastewater, and recycled water systems. She collaborates with cities and regional agencies to advance water reuse, conservation, and digital transformation initiatives that strengthen community water reliability and operational transparency.

With over 20 years of experience spanning public outreach, workforce development, government affairs and sustainability, she bridges complex technical and policy issues to build public trust and drive results. Her work focuses on helping communities navigate drought, infrastructure investment, and the evolving challenges and opportunities of water management in the Southwest U.S.



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 officially commenced operations within the U.S. Conference of Mayors 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.