



FALL 2026 MAYORS WATER COUNCIL

October 8-9, 2026
Livermore, California

DRAFT AGENDA **(as of August 18, 2025)**

Key topics of discussion will include:

- **Cyber Security** – as Cyber threats against water utilities increase local leaders will be pressed to adopt Best Management Practices. Join us as EPA experts discuss the evolving threat landscape and current federal oversight efforts, including CISA and EPA emergency guidance for local governments.
- **PFAS** - Mayors and industry experts discuss recent developments in EPA's PFAS Roadmap for drinking water and biosolids. Additionally, legal experts will discuss the status of court challenges to EPA's rulemakings and class action lawsuits. Subject matter experts will provide information on available PFAS treatment technologies.
- **Affordability**- Utility customer rates are rising rapidly. Among the causes for this rise is new development of data centers, inflation, and a rash of new and complex unfunded regulatory mandates, (e.g., PFOS/PFOA, lead pipes, perchlorate, cybersecurity, etc.) Community water systems have had to turn to long term financing to pay for upgrades that are a pass through to the customer. This session will review financing opportunities, technology solutions, and best practices to stabilize rates.
- **Water Supply** - Western cities are facing a continued drought, several years of light snowpack, and increased reliance on groundwater sources. A panel will discuss the current negotiations over water supply allocations from the lower Colorado River Basin, the impacts on their communities, and strategies to avoid water shortages.

Meeting Schedule:

Thursday, October 8, 2026

- Morning: Attendee Downtown Walking Tour
- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Afternoon Program
- Evening : Opening Reception

Friday, October 9, 2026

- 8:00 am - 9:00 am - Breakfast Networking
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Morning Program
- 12:00 PM: Meeting Concludes

To: The Mayor

From: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

I am pleased to announce the 2025 Mayors Water Council Meeting will convene on **October X in Livermore, California** at the (location). Water Council Chair **Livermore Mayor John Marchand** will host the meeting. The Council provides a forum for Mayors and their staff to share information on water and wastewater services, innovative technology, best management practices, infrastructure financing and the growing list of regulatory requirements.

There is no registration fee for Mayors and their staff. Hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate. See below for more information.

Key topics of discussion at the Meeting will include:

- **Livermore?**
- **Review of Critical EPA Water Regulations and Policy** – The Mayors Water Council continues to communicate to its member cities on major regulatory developments including: PFAS, local implementation of Lead Pipe Inventory and Removal efforts, new Perchlorate standards, and the Microbial/Disinfection Byproducts rule.
- **Water Policy and the New Administration** – Mayors and government affairs experts will discuss how changes in the 119th Congress, its water committees, and changes in the leadership at EPA, will affect cities.
- **Public Risk Communications** – Mayors and experts will share information on how to notify customers about the risk posed by lead and PFAS substances in community water systems without causing a loss of confidence in the public water supply.
- **Water Affordability** – Mayors and city staff will share how rising water bills continue to impact local ratepayers in their communities. Additionally, water sector leaders will review financing options, including: public-private partnerships, alternative project delivery methods, and available federal financial assistance programs.
- **Water and Cybersecurity -**