

FALL 2026 MAYORS WATER COUNCIL

October 8-9, 2026

Livermore, California

DRAFT AGENDA

(as of Sept. 22 – subject to change)

Thursday, October 8th

Morning

PFAS Treatment Plant Tour - Zone 7

Join us for a tour of Zone 7's PFAS Treatment Plant to explore the advanced technology delivering safe, sustainable water to the Tri-Valley area. Guided by water treatment experts and project engineers, attendees will take a behind-the-scenes look at the facility's operations and emerging contaminant removal systems.

Full schedule and logistics to be announced. Lunch will be provided.

1:00 PM - 1:05 PM

Welcome Remarks

Remarks

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

1:05 PM - 1:20 PM

Mayor's Roundtable

Mayors share information on the current water concerns in their communities. You are encouraged to briefly highlight the major water issues in your community.

Moderator: JOHN P. MARCHAND, Mayor of Livermore

1:20 PM - 1:30 PM

Best Practice

Speaker and Topic TBD

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Cyber Security and Critical Water Infrastructure

EPA experts discuss the evolving threat landscape and current federal oversight efforts, including CISA and EPA emergency guidance for local governments. Attendees will learn actionable steps to assess system risks and leverage federal resources for local protection.

BRANDON CARTER (Confirmed)

Senior Cybersecurity Analyst

Office of Emergency Response and Cybersecurity, (OERC)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

TROY MCCOY (Confirmed)

Vice President

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Carollo Engineers (Confirmed)

Question & Answer

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

PFAS Panel - Regulatory, Operational, and Legal Landscape

From new EPA drinking water standards and biosolids rules to massive national settlements, local governments sit on the front lines of the PFAS crisis. Panelists will break down regulatory timelines, federal court challenges, and major litigation updates.

Moderator: JOHN P. MARCHAND, Mayor of Livermore

Remarks on EPA's Regulatory Proposal for

Drinking Water and Biosolids

KASSIDY KLEIN (Confirmed)

USCM Staff

JACK BALCH (Invited)

Mayor of Pleasanton, CA

JAMES STEWART (Invited)
Mayor of Irondale, AL

PFAS Litigation Update
Barnes & Thornburg (Invited)

PFAS Treatment Options

LACY CAROTHERS (Confirmed)
Senior Director of Engineering, California American Water

Zone 7 PFAS Treatment Speaker

Biosolids and Other Hazardous Substances Rulemaking
JUDY SHEAHAN (Confirmed)
Assistant Executive Director, USCM Staff

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Federal Regulatory Review: Lead Pipes and OMB Federal Grants A briefing covering EPA Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), lead service line replacement mandates, and new OMB rules governing federal grant compliance.
<i>Remarks</i>	KASSIDY KLEIN (Confirmed) Staff, United States Conference of Mayors
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Open
4:30 PM	ADJOURN
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Reception (On-Site)

Friday, October 9

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Affordability Panel

Driven by data center demands, inflation, and complex federal mandates (PFAS, lead pipes, cybersecurity), utility rates are climbing. Panelists will explore long-term financing strategies, technology solutions, and regionalization models to offset infrastructure costs and stabilize customer rates.

Moderator

Federal Financial Assistance
JOHN P. MARCHAND
Mayor of Livermore, Co-Chair

Remarks

Local Financial Challenges
ANDREA SORCE
Mayor of Vallejo, CA

JACK BALCH (Invited)
Mayor of Pleasanton

KEVIN COLEMAN (Confirmed)
Mayor of Westland, MI

Remarks

Financial Capability Assessment (FCA)
FRED ANDES (Confirmed)
Barnes & Thornburg

Remarks

Regionalization Solutions
SARAH LEEPER (Confirmed)
President, California and Hawaii American Water

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM **BREAK**

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Water Supply and Demand Challenges: Federal Policy, Data Centers and Technology Solutions

With Western cities navigating ongoing drought, diminished snowpack, and over-reliance on groundwater, securing long-term water resilience is critical. Panelists will analyze negotiations over Lower Colorado River Basin allocations, community impacts, and cutting-edge supply solutions.

Moderator JOHN P. MARCHAND, Mayor of Livermore 2-3 mins

Federal Policy and the Lower Colorado River Basin: Supply Curtailment and Local Impacts on Arizona Communities

Remarks TBA

Water Supply in Alameda County

Remarks Speaker TBD
Water District Zone 7

Water Demand and Data Centers

Remarks Carollo Engineers (Confirmed)

Technology Solutions

Water Harvesting & Recycling Technology

Remarks SCOTT HOLBROOK (Confirmed)

The Status of Water Loss in Water Distribution Systems

Remarks STEVEN BARFUSS (Confirmed)
Utah State University

Water Loss Prevention

Remarks Kamstrup (Confirmed)

Remarks

Pure Water Project

City of San Diego (Invited)