



**The United States
Conference of Mayors**



Mayors Water Council

**October 8-9, 2026
Livermore, California**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Livermore
720 Las Flores Rd, Livermore, CA
94551**



USCM Mayors Water Council Meeting

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Agenda

Thursday, October 8th

Grand Ballroom 1 & 2

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 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.

The facility is located at [2655 El Charro Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588](#). Bus pickup at the DoubleTree Hilton hotel will be scheduled for 9:30 AM. The tour will run from approximately 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM. The facility asks that attendees wear closed-toed shoes.

Lunch will follow at [Locanda Wine Bar](#) at around 11:15 AM.

1:00 PM - 1:05 PM

Welcome Remarks

Remarks

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

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.

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

1:20 PM - 1:35 PM **Best Practice; Proactive Infrastructure Investments - Livermore, CA**

Remarks YANMING ZHANG
Water Resources Technical Programs Manager
City of Livermore, CA

1:35 PM - 2:30 PM **Cybersecurity 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.

Remarks BRANDON CARTER
Senior Cybersecurity Analyst
Office of Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OERC)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

TROY McCOY
Vice President, Municipal Services
Veolia North America

NORM ANDERSON, P.E., CISSP, GICSP
Chief Engineer and Vice President, Carollo Engineers

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, CA
Co-Chair, Mayors Water Council

Remarks

EPA's Regulatory Proposal for Drinking Water
KASSIDY KLEIN
Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Associate, USCM

Remarks

UCMR 5 Update
CHAD SEIDEL
Water & Health Advisory Council
President, Corona Environmental

Remarks

PFAS Litigation Update
JENNIFER BAKER
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg

Remarks

PFAS Treatment Options
LACY CAROTHERS
Senior Director of Engineering, California and Hawaii American Water

Remarks

Biosolids and Other Hazardous Substances Rulemaking
JUDY SHEAHAN
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.

Remarks

KASSIDY KLEIN
Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Associate, USCM

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM **Pasco, WA Biogas Digester Partnership**

Remarks IAN PIRO
Senior Director, Corporate Development
Burnham

4:30 PM **ADJOURN**

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM **Reception (On-Site)**
Grand Ballroom 3

Friday, October 9
Grand Ballroom 1 & 2

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM **Breakfast**

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Affordability Panel**

Driven by the need to rejuvenate aging infrastructure, deal with inflation, and comply with federal mandates, 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, CA
Co-Chair, Mayors Water Council

Remarks USCM Affordability Agenda for the 120th U.S. Congress
RICHARD ANDERSON
Energy Director
Senior Advisor, Mayors Water Council

Remarks Local Financial Challenges
KEVIN COLEMAN
Mayor of Westland, MI

Remarks THERESA RICH
Mayor of Farmington Hills, MI

Remarks Financial Capability Assessment (FCA)
JOHN EUNICE
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for
Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. EPA

Remarks FRED ANDES
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg

Remarks **Regionalization Solutions**
SARAH LEEPER
President, California and Hawaii American Water

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM **BREAK**

10:45 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 review Lower Colorado River Basin allocations and community impacts.

Moderator JOHN P. MARCHAND,
Mayor of Livermore, CA

Remarks Federal Policy and the Lower Colorado River Basin:
KASSIDY KLEIN

Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Associate, USCM

Remarks Local Impacts
ANDREA SORCE
Mayor of Vallejo, CA

Technology Solutions

Remarks Water Harvesting & Recycling Technology
SCOTT HOLBROOK
CTO, SECURE Blue LLC

Remarks The Status of Water Loss in Water Distribution Systems
STEVEN BARFUSS
Utah State University

Remarks Water Loss Prevention
TRACY HERNANDEZ
Solution Engineer, Kamstrup

12:00 PM **ADJOURN**



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October 5, 2026

Ms. Tess Richman
Engineering and Sciences Division
Office of Water
U.S. Environment Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20460

Re: U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities and National Association of Counties Joint Comments on *Draft Guidance for Reducing Risk from PFOA and PFOS in Biosolids* (EPA-HQ-OW-2026-2509)

Dear Ms. Richman,

On behalf of the nation's mayors, cities and counties, we appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Draft Guidance for Reducing Risk from PFOA and PFOS in Biosolids*. Collectively, our organizations represent the nation's 3,069 counties, 19,000 cities, towns and villages, and the mayors of the nation's 1,400 largest cities.

Local leaders are committed to protecting the environment and the public health, well-being and vitality of their communities. Local leaders take seriously this responsibility through their dual role as both owners and operators of wastewater treatment systems and as governmental co-regulators of the environment and of sewage sludge. We submit these comments with both of these functions in mind.

As EPA developed and has implemented the agency's *Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) Action Plan*, including through the regulation of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanoic sulfonic acid (PFOS), our organizations have coordinated with EPA and our state partners to ensure that regulatory objectives and treatment milestones have both respected the public health needs of communities and remained actionable and practical for local governments of all sizes. As passive receivers of PFAS, we share EPA's concern about wastewater and environmental contamination from PFAS. Although

private industry created these chemicals for their own use, their durability has brought them into the waste stream, where they can persist even in treated biosolids.

EPA's collaborative effort to issue guidance on PFOA and PFOS in biosolids is a welcome opportunity for intergovernmental consultation and for the agency to ensure that any guidance is based on complete data. We appreciate the agency's clarification of claims made in the 2025 *Draft Sewage Sludge Risk Assessment for PFOA and PFOS* and EPA's proposed revisions in offering more workable guidance for both the regulated community and regulators themselves.

This guidance will be used by local governments to determine which of the available management practices are best suited for their communities and how to explain those practices to residents. To this end, local leaders must be able to assess the totality of impacts of their actions. The guidance should therefore provide as much detail as possible, so local leaders can make informed decisions that are suited to the environmental, public health and regulatory contexts and constraints in their areas.

Local governments also appreciate the Draft Guidance's commitment to PFOA and PFOS management practices that mitigate contaminant levels while preserving land application of biosolids as a viable disposal method. As EPA acknowledges, managing source contamination of biosolids entering the waste stream has been effective at lowering concentrations of PFOA and PFOS. The reuse of treated biosolids through land application has proven to be an environmentally and fiscally sustainable method of disposal.

As EPA finalizes the draft guidance, we urge the agency to consider the following changes to better meet the needs of local governments:

- 1) Better delineate and clarify guidance based on its intended audience.** The Draft Guidance section "Existing Practices for Managing PFAS in Biosolids" should clarify that it is primarily an overview of management techniques implemented by states. An additional section on management programs implemented by local governments should be added based on available cases.
- 2) Add additional details to the section on state management programs, including estimated costs and the administrative structure of the programs.** The Draft Guidance acknowledges, for instance, that Maine's outright ban on land application "has led to significant issues and cost increases for utilities in Maine." Additional context and information on Maine's and other states' management programs should be included, when available, to provide fuller context to states and local governments as they contemplate management actions.

- 3) Clarify the site-specific environmental contexts that impact management practices.** The guidance for bulk lands applicators of biosolids is somewhat vague with use of terms such as “near,” which can be interpreted in a variety of ways. EPA should clarify the environmental conditions that are relevant for assessing the suitability of land applying biosolids containing PFOA and PFOS. At minimum, EPA should specify a quantified buffer or setback distance, drawing on an existing state standard where one is available, rather than rely on an undefined term such as “near.”
- 4) Bolster guidance for the general public to include plain-language information on how to evaluate and understand risks associated with PFOA and PFOS in biosolids.** Local governments are not only responsible for assessing and mitigating any risks associated with PFAS, but also for communicating to the general public about how they should understand these risks. EPA should revise this section to include plain-language guidance suitable for a non-technical audience.

Local leaders welcome EPA’s finalized guidance as they work to address the presence of PFAS in their communities. On behalf of the nation’s mayors, cities, towns and villages, and counties, we thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Guidance and look forward to future partnership on addressing the shared challenge of PFAS contamination.

For any questions or additional information, please reach out to our organizations: Judy Sheahan (USCM) at 202-355-8540 or jsheahan@usmayors.org; Carolyn Berndt (NLC) at 202-626-3101 or Berndt@nlc.org; or Charlotte Mitchell (NACo) at 202-661-8826 or cmitchell@naco.org.

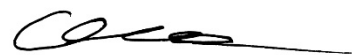
Sincerely,



Matthew D. Chase
CEO/Executive Director
National Association of
Counties



Tom Cochran
CEO and Executive
Director
The U.S. Conference of
Mayors



Clarence E. Anthony
CEO and Executive
Director
National League of Cities



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United States Conference of Mayors “Affordability Agenda” for the Next (120th) Congress

“A home families can afford. Food they can count on. Utilities they can pay. Health care they can reach. Childcare that lets them work

Marshall Plan for America’s Housing Crisis

- Pass legislation that infuses a generational investment to spur housing production, especially for medium and low-income residents,
- Establish a multi- billion flexible grant program for cities to increase housing production and build homes faster, cheaper, better and safer within codes,
- Expand the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and create a new Middle Income Housing Tax Credit for workforce housing.
- Restore the American Dream of owning a home through downpayment assistance;
- Create a renters tax credit to lessen the number of households spending more than one-third of their income on housing costs;
- increase funding for key domestic housing programs, such as CDBG, HOME, Project Based Vouchers (PBVs), and rental assistance.
- Restore Emergency Housing Vouchers

Address High Cost of Food and Food Insecurity

- Restore SNAP cuts and nutrition assistance;
- Delay implementation of benefits cost shift to states;
- Create a Healthy Neighborhoods Food Access Fund to incentivize grocery stores and food cooperatives in underserved areas;
- Drive down costs of food production and processing, e.g., remove costly tariffs; and decrease cost of fertilizer, diesel and energy by resolving global conflicts;
- Guarantee access to school and summer meals by expanding community eligibility for free school meals.

Make Health Care Affordable and Accessible

- Restore Affordable Care Act Premium Tax credits to make Health Care affordable;
- Reverse the OBBA Medicaid reductions: restore the federal funding and eligibility protections;
- Stabilize the hospital safety net: protect Medicaid revenue and DSH funding for urban and rural hospitals at risk of closure.
- Reverse rising uninsurance: restore the enhanced premium tax credits and the Medicaid eligibility protections driving coverage losses.
- Integrate housing and health— Allow Medicaid to pay for housing supports that keep people healthy and housed.

Lower Utility Bills, Increase Reliability, Invest for the Future



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- Increase electricity production, including restoration of the Renewable Energy Tax Credits to spur development of clean energy projects to keep up with growing demand.
- Ensure residents do not pay for the grid upgrades to supply the electricity needs of Data Centers.
- Fund the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to spur local clean energy projects for diversity and reliability, home energy efficiency and conservation upgrades, and community energy systems.
- Increase the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program with emergency assistance for extreme heat and cold events,
- Establish a permanent national water affordability program.

Child and Dependent Care That Lets America Work

- Increase Tax Incentives for Providers to Expand Childcare Capacity
- Provide Childcare subsidies for low and moderate income families to ensure no family pays more than 7% of household income,
- Increase the Child Care and Development Block Grant with predictable and multi-year allocations.
- Provide Childcare subsidies for low- and moderate-income families by permanently expanding a fully refundable federal Child Tax Credit (CTC),
- Expand the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit by making it fully refundable

Brandon M. Carter
Senior Cybersecurity Analyst
United States Environmental Protection Agency



Brandon M. Carter is a Senior Cybersecurity Specialist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water Emergency Response and Cybersecurity (OWERC), where he works to strengthen the security and resilience of the nation's water and wastewater systems. With over 20 years of cybersecurity experience, he has supported federal agencies including the U.S. Department of State, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Defense. Brandon holds a Master of Science in Information Systems Management and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and is a strong advocate for cyber hygiene and user awareness as critical defenses against evolving threats.

Norm Anderson, P.E., CISSP, GICSP
Chief Engineer and Vice President, Carollo Engineers



Norm Anderson, P.E., CISSP, GICSP is a Chief Engineer and Vice President with Carollo Engineers and a certified information system security professional and global industrial cybersecurity professional. He has been providing secure and reliable SCADA, physical and cyber security, and electrical solutions for water, wastewater, and environmental projects in both the public and private sectors for over 20 years. He is skilled in the planning, design, commissioning, and management of highly technical automation projects and excels at developing innovative solutions to complex challenges. Additionally, Norm specializes in industrial control system network security, master planning, and has previously served as the SCADA manager for a municipal utility, where he faced the challenges of maintaining and expanding automation and communication systems firsthand as well as serving as the former chairman of the AWWA Cybersecurity Subcommittee and is the current chairman of the FSAWWA cybersecurity committee.

Lacy Carothers
Senior Director of Engineering, California/Hawaii American Water



Lacy Carothers is the Senior Director of Engineering for California American Water and Hawaii American Water, where she leads statewide engineering, planning, capital investment, and project delivery teams. With more than 17 years of engineering experience, including 13 years with American Water, she oversees the development and execution of critical infrastructure programs that support reliable

water and wastewater service across California and Hawaii.

Lacy earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Sciences from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from San Diego State University.

Jennifer Baker
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg



Jennifer Baker has over 20 years of experience advising municipal, industrial, commercial, and landowner clients on environmental regulatory matters, environmental liability management, and environmental litigation. She provides grounded legal guidance shaped by her deep involvement with both the regulatory and litigation sides of environmental law. Her work is centered on achieving practical, cost-effective outcomes that align with clients' operational and business goals.

In addition to representing clients in environmental disputes in federal and state court and administrative proceedings, Jennifer routinely helps clients navigate challenges and risks tied to PFAS, property use, due diligence, urban redevelopment, wetlands, operational changes, infrastructure projects, and compliance obligations. She has worked extensively with state regulatory agencies on remediation projects, voluntary cleanup programs, and site redevelopment initiatives.

Chad Seidel, PH.D., P.E.
President, Corona Environmental,
Water & Health Advisory Council



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.

Ian Piro
Senior Director, Corporate Development
Burnham



Ian Piro has spent the last several years working with municipalities to unlock the value of wastewater assets at Anaergia, where he was instrumental in the development of multiple anaerobic digestion projects. Ian brings over ten years of experience in the wastewater sector and has held various roles in the public and private sectors. Ian can frequently be found on panels and delivering presentations on resource recovery at many of the large wastewater conferences and events. Ian received his Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Villanova University with minors in Bioengineering and Chemistry. As well as a Master of Science in Environmental Science from Drexel University and maintains a Class A Wastewater Treatment License for the State of Pennsylvania.

Fredric P. Andes
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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.

John Eunice
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. EPA



John Eunice was appointed Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. EPA in May 2025. In this role he is a Presidential appointee in the Trump Administration and a member of the Senior Executive Service of the federal government. John leads all national external engagement with state and local partners on ensuring EPA's core tenet of cooperative federalism is maintained across the country. Immediately prior to joining the Trump Administration John served in Georgia Governor Brian Kemp's Administration as the Deputy Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division from 2021-2025. Prior to assuming his appointment there 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. John earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Valdosta State University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law. John is a licensed attorney with the State Bar of Georgia.

Sarah Leeper
President
California and Hawaii American Water



Sarah Leeper is the President of California and Hawaii American Water, where she leads teams delivering safe, reliable and affordable water and/or wastewater service to about 800,000 people in two states. With more than 20 years of experience in the water industry, Sarah is known for her deep regulatory expertise, strong legal acumen, and people-centered leadership approach.

Since joining American Water in 2011, Sarah has served in several key leadership roles, including Vice President and Managing General Counsel. In that capacity, she oversaw state operations legal functions nationwide, guiding state general counsels and offering legal expertise on customer matters while leading strategic initiatives including Artificial Intelligence. Her

work has influenced nearly every aspect of the company's operations—from regulatory and policy issues including drought response and rate design to corporate governance, risk mitigation, and customer-focused initiatives. Earlier in her career, Sarah practiced law at prominent national firms, where she represented water, energy, and telecommunications clients in regulatory litigation, environmental compliance, infrastructure development, and governance matters.

Sarah holds a Juris Doctorate and a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in International Relations. She is admitted to the California Bar and has held leadership roles in industry organizations, including the Conference of California Public Utility Counsel and Women in Telecommunications. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the California Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of the California Water Utilities Executive Council.

Sarah approaches leadership with a deep commitment to listening, learning, and creating partnerships to foster a workplace where employees feel valued, supported, and safe. She strongly believes that people are capable of more than they often realize – a philosophy shaped both by her professional journey and her family life.

Looking ahead, Sarah is committed to sustaining the positive momentum California and Hawaii American Water have built—especially in safety and operational excellence. A Southern California native now residing in Northern California, Sarah enjoys staying active in her community, spending time outdoors, and practicing Bikram yoga.

Scott Holbrook
CTO, SECURE Blue LLC



Scott Holbrook bridges the gap between complex physical operations and automated digital oversight. With over a decade of executive experience in manufacturing and physical-product companies, he understands the operational friction, reliability demands, and scale constraints of legacy infrastructure.

At SECURE Blue, Scott leads strategic partnership development and technology sourcing, identifying the most advanced IoT, automation, sensing, and infrastructure solutions for large-scale deployments. He works with municipalities, manufacturers, data centers, agricultural operations, and enterprise facilities to build practical,

secure systems that turn physical assets into connected, measurable, intelligently managed networks.

Steven L. Barfuss
Research Professor, Utah State University



Steven L. Barfuss is a Research Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Utah State University and has been performing research at the Utah Water Research Laboratory for nearly 40 years. His work has focused extensively on water infrastructure, flow measurement methods, pipeline hydraulics, and pipe failure analysis.

He has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications featured in national and international journals and is widely recognized for his contributions to civil and environmental engineering research.

Tracy Hernandez
Solution Engineer, Kamstrup



Tracy Hernandez, a Solution Engineer at Kamstrup and a global leader in intelligent utility solutions, brings over 15 years of experience in smart water technologies. Her expertise spans AMR, AMI, IoT, and cellular-enabled solutions for leak detection, network monitoring, and pressure management.

Tracy led teams at Fluid Conservation Systems, Orbis Intelligent Systems, and StormSensor while helping utilities deploy data-driven technologies to improve operational efficiency and system performance. Her focus centers on leveraging sensor networks and advanced analytics to optimize utility infrastructure and strengthen distribution networks.



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.