

Collection Systems Committee



Vision Statement

Recognizing that collection systems are a critical component of the public health infrastructure, the WEF Collection Systems Committee (CSC) will be a steward of the environment to protect and enhance the quality of life.

Membership

As of September 2012, the CSC has over 170 members which includes consultants, utility agencies, regulatory agencies, and manufacturers. Interested in joining? Visit www.wef.org/CSC

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Mission Statement

- Develop and promote cost-effective practices and policies in management, design, construction, operations, and maintenance.
- Promote comprehensive water quality solutions including addressing issues related to overflows.
- Support scientifically sound and environmentally-friendly regulatory policies by providing technical and feasible solutions and serving as advisors to policy makers.
- Advance the profession through recruiting, mentoring, and developing collection system practitioners.
- Educate the public and policy makers on collection system issues.
- Identify and acknowledge effective tools and materials, emerging technologies, and products.
- Promote collaboration within WEF and related organizations.
- Provide a forum for collection system topics.
- Facilitate cooperation throughout the integrated water environment systems.

Committee Structure

The CSC is organized in a manner that provides the maximum flexibility, participation, and leadership advancement as possible. The CSC consists of:

- *Steering Committee*—a group of 12 experienced members who provide overall direction and advisory input for the CSC.
- *Strategic Planning Subcommittee*—a group of 12 experienced members who assists with long-range planning for the CSC.
- *Permanent Subcommittees*—Member Services, Specialty Conference, WEFTEC Activities, and Program Symposium.
- *Project Teams*—execute specific tasks and responsibilities involved with publications, government affairs, webcasts, etc.

What does the Collection Systems Committee do?

The CSC is responsible for activities and projects related to wastewater collection systems. The committee's scope covers sewers, including gravity sewers (separated, storm (with Watershed Committee), and combined), pump stations, and force mains, as well as alternative-design sewers such as vacuum systems. The committee's purpose is to be WEF's resource on collection system design, management, operation, and maintenance, ranging from education to regulation to new methods, materials, and practices.

CSC Meetings

The CSC meets at the WEF annual conference (WEFTEC), the WEF Mid-year Meetings (usually in late January to early February where the upcoming WEFTEC is to be held), and at the annual WEF Collection Systems Conference. Committee business is driven by WEF and CSC Subcommittee activity schedules, which require other meetings that take place during the year over teleconference or email as different groups work on individual projects.

Active Member Guidelines

What makes the CSC successful is our members. Joining is the easy part, but participation is the key. The CSC is one of WEF's most productive committees. Committee membership requirements include the following:

- Be a WEF member.
- Select and join at least one subcommittee, project team, etc. with a yearly review of active participation.
- Remain neutral and professional regarding the promotion of specific companies, products, or services.

Additionally, members are highly encouraged to attend at least one face-to-face CSC meeting per year.

How to Join the CSC

Complete the WEF Committee Membership Application which can be found at www.wef.org/CSC. (*Remember, you must be a WEF member to apply to join a WEF Committee.*) WEF will then forward the application to the CSC Chair and Vice-Chair, who review, approve, or reject the application. Should you be approved, you will receive an email notification from WEF followed by a welcome notification from the CSC. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the CSC Member Services Chair—Luis Leon (LeonLR@cdm.com) or Vice-Chair—Kevin Waldron (kwaldron@oaconsulting.com).

New Member Orientation

The CSC holds an orientation for new members a half hour before the full CSC meetings at WEFTEC and Midyear. This is a great time for new members to meet the CSC leadership, including Subcommittee and project chairs, learn the CSC structure and to ask any questions you may have about the CSC. At the meeting, new members will:

- Receive a new member package consisting of the CSC organizational chart, committee roster, and list of subcommittees and projects.
- Meet your "buddy" who will be assigned to you.

Key Programs and Activities

Member Services (www.wef.org/CSC/)

Being one of the most active and dynamic volunteer committees of WEF, the CSC's Member Services helps members get involved in the committee, as well as informing people of CSC's activities and projects. In an effort to also exchange news and information between WEF's Member Associations, an Outreach E-Newsletter is sent out bimonthly to MA's CSC leadership.

Specialty Conference (www.wef.org/CollectionSystems/)

An annual event, the Collection Systems Conference draws professionals from around the country who share a common interest in upgrading and improving the efficiency of their collection systems. The next Collection Systems Conference is June 9-12, 2013, in Sacramento, California.

WEFTEC (www.weftec.org)

Not only having a specialized conference in collection systems, CSC volunteers are also involved in organizing the collection systems focused technical sessions, workshop, tour, and luncheon at WEFTEC, WEF's Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference.

Webcasts (www.wef.org/Webcasts/)

Understanding that webcasts provide an excellent forum for education and exchange of ideas without the cost and inconvenience of travel, the CSC commits to organizing a number of collection systems focused webcasts each year. In 2012-2013, the CSC will host a series of webcasts related to infrastructure management: Feb '12 CMMS: *How to Buy the Best Program for Your System*; Jun '12 *Condition Assessment: Building Out Your CMMS*; Nov '12 *Asset Management: Translating Your Data to Information*; Feb '13 *Business Case for Action*; Jun '13 *Optimize Systems Operations*; and Nov '13 *Designing for Asset Management*.

Manuals of Practice and Other Peer Reviewed Special Publications (www.e-wef.org)

- *Existing Sewer Evaluation and Rehabilitation, MOP FD-6*
- *Wastewater Collection System Management, MOP 7*
- *Prevention and Control of Sewer System Overflows, MOP 17*
- *Wastewater System Capacity Sizing Using a Risk Management Approach—Technical Practice Update*
- *Core Attributes of Effectively Managed Wastewater Collection Systems*

Private Property Virtual Library (www.wef.org/PrivateProperty/)

A growing online repository, the PPVL is intended to be a resource for wastewater utilities seeking information or advice about private property programs. It aims to bring utilities together to compare technologies and solutions, alleviate complications, share experiences, and exchange ideas, all to improve private property systems nationwide.

Other Activities (www.wef.org/CSC/)

Throughout the year, the CSC is called upon to review collection systems related documents and materials for the U.S. EPA and other WEF Committees such as Government Affairs and Public Communication & Outreach. The CSC also coordinates with other committees on topics such as stormwater and utility management.

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