

WATER WEEK 2025
National Municipal Stormwater Alliance–Water Environment Federation
Stormwater Policy Forum

Monday, April 7, 2025; 12:00 PM Eastern Time

Hosted by the National League of Cities & National Association of Counties

660 N. Capitol St, NW, Washington, DC

11:00 – 12:00 Doors open and lunch served (lunch provided)

12:00 – 12:20 **Welcome**

- Scott Taylor, PE, Board Chair, National Municipal Stormwater Alliance
- Ralph Exton, Executive Director, Water Environment Federation
- Carolyn Berndt, Legislative Director, Sustainability, National League of Cities
- Charlotte Mitchell, Associate Legislative Director – Energy & Land Use, National Association of Counties

12:20 – 1:00 **Keynote Speaker**

- Joseph W. Kane, Fellow, Brookings Institution

1:00 – 1:30 **Congressional Update**

Moderator: Steve Dye, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Water Environment Federation

- Ed Higgins, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
- Tim Petty, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

1:30 – 2:45 **Hot Topics Panel -- Stormwater Legal Issues**

Moderator: Dave Smith, Principal, Water Innovation Services

Panelists:

- Fred Andes, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP
- Amanda Aspatore, General Counsel, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
- Becky Hammer, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Sean Rolland, Deputy Director, Association of Clean Water Administrators

2:45 – 3:00 **Break**

3:00 – 4:10 **Federal & State Update**

Moderator: Pat Bradley, Michael Baker International

- Chris Kloss, Director, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Michael Deane, Chief, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Zach Schafer, Assistant Secretary of Policy, Maryland Department of the Environment

4:10 – 4:30 **Ask Document Overview**

- Steve Dye, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Water Environment Federation
- Scott Taylor, PE, Project Specialist, AtkinsRéalis; Board Chair, National Municipal Stormwater Alliance
- Andy Sauer, PE, National Stormwater Management Practice Leader, Burns & McDonnell

4:30 – 4:50 **NMSA and WEF Updates**

- Seth P. Brown, PhD, PE, Executive Director, National Municipal Stormwater Alliance
- Lisa Deason, Stormwater Practice Lead, Water Environment Federation

4:50 – 5:00 **Wrap Up**

- Scott Taylor, PE, Project Specialist, AtkinsRéalis; Board Chair, National Municipal Stormwater Alliance

5:30 – 7:30 **Reception, hosted by AtkinsRéalis**

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