

COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The Watershed Management Committee (WMC) develops and conducts activities to advance the understanding, planning, implementation, and use of watershed management tools and techniques to more effectively enhance the global water environment. The committee was established in 1997.

MISSION AND OVERALL CHARGE

Mission Statement:

The committee shall recommend, develop, and conduct activities to advance the understanding, planning, implementation, and use of watershed management tools and techniques to more effectively protect and enhance the global (one) water environment.

Membership:

The WMC members consist of utility personnel, academia, government employees (federal, state, local), non-governmental organizations employees, industry representatives, manufacturers, and consultants. The role of watershed management is growing in the face of changing regulatory requirements, global climate change, and regional watershed needs. As such, the committee is looking to grow in terms of membership numbers as well as in diversity of member backgrounds and experience.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

- Provide a forum for WEF members to share and learn concepts and technology related to watershed management.
- Coordinate, integrate, and leverage ongoing efforts in WEF related to watershed management and then initiate activities on important topics not being addressed, such as institutional, socioeconomic, intergovernmental, and policy issues.
- Use watershed management as a vehicle to promote partnerships with other organizations and agencies to further the mission of WEF.
- Promote public policies that encourage effective watershed management by providing WEF members, the public, and policy makers with technical information.
- Review, evaluate, and disseminate information on best practices in watershed management, based on actual agency experiences.
- Encourage adoption of new advances and applications for watershed management.
- Develop workshops and organize/moderate technical sessions each year at WEFTEC.

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- Sponsor or cosponsor specialty conferences or webcasts for watershed management issues and regulations, such as stormwater and TMDLs.
- Author articles for WEF's technical journals.
- Participate in the development of Manuals of Practice for watershed management related topics.
- Coordinate watershed management activities with other professional organizations, such as the International Water Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

LIASIONS WITH OTHERS

To better accomplish its mission, the committee shall coordinate and integrate its activities with other WEF committees that consider science and technologies relevant to watershed management, currently including:

- WEF Stormwater Committee
- WEF Technical Practice Committee
- WEF Program Committee
- WEF Government Affairs Committee
- The committee will also strive to partner with Member Associations and other organizations, such as:
 - The Water Environment & Reuse Foundation
 - Organizations outside WEF that are active stakeholders in watershed management.

ORGANIZATION

The committee organization chart is shown in **Figure 1**. A list of all the committee chairs and vice chairs can be found on the WEF website.

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Figure 1 - Committee Organization

