HOW TO REMOTELY PARTICIPATE IN WATER WEEK

Members of the Water Environment Federation and other water sector organizations from across the country will gather in Washington, D.C. on April 16-21 for <u>Water Week 2018</u>. They will come together to advocate for national policies and resources necessary for clean, safe, and reliable water. Water Week 2018 will communicate the value of water to environmental protection, to economic development, and to job creation – and inspire action.

WEF's involvement is centered on the <u>National Water Policy Fly-In</u> on April 17-18. The issues of infrastructure funding, affordability, regulatory reform, and research support will be front-and-center in 2018, and members of the water sector nationwide must make their voices heard on these critical priorities.

For those who are unable to make it to Washington for Water Week, WEF is providing resources and suggestions for advocacy at home. This remote participation in Water Week is vital to our sector sending a loud and strong message.

- <u>Policy Asks</u>: This document outlines the requests for funding and policies that WEF will be communicating to Congress and federal agencies. You can use this information in your communications with members of Congress and federal officials.
- Infographics: These infographics were created by WEF to be used in communicating the value of water and importance of investment in infrastructure. They can be used as handouts during discussions and shared on social media.
 - o U.S. Overview
 - o U.S. Region Northeast
 - o <u>U.S. Region South</u>
 - o U.S. Region Midwest
 - o U.S. Region West

• Suggested Activities:

- Contact your congressional office: Contact the offices of your members of Congress. Let them know it is Water Week and voice your support for the policy asks. Invite them to visit a water facility or project.
- Post to social media: Be active on social media. Use #WaterWeek2018 in your posts.
 Voice support for funding and policies outlined in the document. Tag your members of Congress. Follow and share posts from WEF on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.
- Publish an op-ed or blog: Use the policy request document as the basis for an op-ed for the local newspaper or blog for your website. Include local examples of why water is important and why investment is needed.
- Join WEF's Water Advocates: It is a grassroots advocacy program that makes it easy for WEF members to engage with their federal elected officials on matters of importance to the water sector. Membership is free and you will raise your profile among your water professional colleagues as a champion for our sector.

If you have any questions about Water Week, please contact Steve Dye at sdye@wef.org.

Thank you for adding your voice to WEF's advocacy for water!