



Water Policy Session Agenda

Monday, September 29, 2025

Session 1: 1:30 – 3 PM

Session 2: 3:30 – 5 PM

Room: S406a, McCormick Place Convention Center

Moderator

Scott Cummings

Chair, WEF Government Affairs Community

Development Services Executive Director, City of Auburn, AL

Scott Cummings serves as Development Services Executive Director for the City of Auburn, AL where he oversees, coordinates, and fosters collaboration in the activities and operations of the Development Services Business Unit, which is responsible for planning, designing and constructing public infrastructure. In his role, Scott provides strategic vision and guidance to the Development Services Business Unit to promote sustainable growth patterns, plan proper implementation of infrastructure investments, support economic development, and promote strong neighborhoods and neighborhood relations.

Scott is an Auburn University Civil Engineering graduate with a Bachelor and a Master of Science which equipped him to serve municipal governments from both the public and private sector for over 35 years. Scott also served the City of Auburn as the Water Resource Management Department Director where he helped facilitate the expansion of the Department's services to include the City's Storm Water Management Program in addition to the Water and Sewer Program. Additionally, Scott was the Assistant City Engineer and Public Works Director where he oversaw the management and maintenance of public infrastructure in the City of Auburn. Through much of his career, Scott was a consultant to municipal clients throughout Alabama providing design, construction, and management consulting services by performing strategic planning and helping clients develop processes and procedures for managing resources and assets in a more resilient manner to improve the overall level of service to customers. Scott's experience also includes long-range planning, design, and construction of public sector projects to provide reliable, cost-effective solutions for infrastructure to not only meet current demands but anticipate future service requirements for public infrastructure. This work has enabled Scott to resolve complex technical and regulatory matters in dealing with state and federal regulatory agencies.

Recently named a 2025 WEF Fellow, Scott has served Alabama's Water Environment Association and the Water Environment Federation for over 30 years. His service includes WEF Delegate for Alabama's WEA, WEF Board of Trustees, past chairman of the

Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and currently Incoming Chair of WEF's Government Affairs Community. Scott is also a member of the Alabama City County Management Association and the American Public Works Association, and the Alabama Water and Wastewater Institute.

Keynote Address

Peggy Browne

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
US Environmental Protection Agency

Peggy Browne serves as the Acting Assistant Administrator for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water. The Office of Water works to ensure that drinking water is safe, wastewater is safely returned to the environment, and surface waters are properly managed and protected.

Previously, Browne served as the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Deputy Administrator for Field Operations (DAFO) where she was responsible for the supervision and oversight of FSA's network of over 2,100 state and county offices. She has worked for over a decade as an agriculture and environmental policy consultant. As a consultant, she assisted clients with USDA Farm Bill programs and other conservation-based and collaborative projects, including the development of grazing and agriculture water management plans and conservation easements.

Browne was born and raised in Baker County, Oregon, where her family raised beef cattle and later transitioned into a dairy farm. She graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in rangeland ecology and management, along with a minor in crops and soil sciences. She earned a master's degree in rangeland ecology from Colorado State University.

EPA Leadership Panel – 60 minutes

Moderator: *Kristiana Dragash*, Vice Chair, WEF Government Affairs Community and Carollo

- *Andrew Sawyers*, Director, Office of Wastewater Management
- *Yu-Ting Guilaran*, Deputy Director, Office of Ground Water & Drinking Water
- *Mike Scozzafava*, Director of the Watershed Restoration, Assessment, and Protection Division, Office of Watersheds, Oceans, and Wetlands

Kristiana Dragash

Vice Chair, WEF Government Affairs Community
Carollo

Kristiana is a professional engineer with Carollo Engineers in Sarasota, FL with 17 years of experience in the water sector. She specializes in hydraulic modeling and planning of collection and distribution systems. She has a passion for solving problems and advocating for issues important to her, including water! She is a past president of the Florida Water Environment Association, 2025 recipient of her sludge shovel, and recently finished two terms in the House of Delegates. She is now service as the co-vice chair of the Govt affairs community.

Andrew Sawyers

Director, Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Andrew D. Sawyers is the Director of the Office of Wastewater Management at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. He oversees the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, the Clean Water Act's mechanism for the permitting of municipal and industrial discharge into surface waters of the U.S. As the Director of OWM, Andrew is also responsible for multiple technical and financial assistance tools for the development and maintenance of the country's wastewater infrastructure, including WIFIA, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) and EPA's Water Finance Center. He previously worked for the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration where he managed the state's Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs and the Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund. Andrew has a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in Geography and Environmental Engineering.

Yu-Ting Guilaran

Deputy Director, Office of Ground Water & Drinking Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Yu-Ting Guilaran is the Deputy Director of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. Yu-Ting has over 22 years of experience at the Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Water, the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, the Office of Land and Emergency Management, the Office of International Activities and Tribal Affairs, and EPA Region 10. Yu-Ting is a certified Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Washington in Seattle, WA.

Mike Scozzafava

Director of the Watershed Restoration, Assessment, and Protection Division
Office of Watersheds, Oceans, and Wetlands
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mike Scozzafava is the Director of the Watershed Restoration, Assessment and Protection Division in the U.S. EPA Office of Water. In this role, he leads several national programs under the Clean Water Act where EPA works in collaboration with states, Tribes and territories to monitor and report the condition of the nation's waters; assess and identify impaired waters; establish Total Maximum Daily Loads and watershed plans to restore and protect waters; and implement nonpoint source pollution management programs. He also manages critical water data systems like the Water Quality Portal and the How's My Waterway webapp and is responsible for EPA's weekly Harmful Algal Bloom forecasting in the nations lakes. Mike has over 21 years of experience at EPA and has served in numerous leadership roles including the Nonpoint Source Program, the Effluent Guidelines Program, and the Superfund Program. Mike has a Bachelors in Environmental Studies from Washington College (MD) and a Masters in Environmental and Energy Policy from the University of Delaware.

Keynote Address

The Honorable Serena Coleman McIlwain
Secretary of the Environment
State of Maryland

Secretary Serena McIlwain was confirmed as the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) 11th Secretary in March 2023. Prior to this appointment, McIlwain was undersecretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency. A lifelong resident of the Washington, D.C. area, McIlwain worked in the federal government for 30 years, spending the first half of her career as an operations administrator and leading large organizations with billion-dollar budgets. Midway through her career, she transitioned to managing policy issues in the energy and environmental sector, holding senior executive positions at both the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). McIlwain was Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Assistant Secretary at DOE in the Office of Fossil Energy. At the EPA, she served as Assistant Regional Administrator in Region 9, San Francisco. With a broad and diverse background in

the public sector, working for six executive branches of government, the legislative branch of government, and serving as a Fellow for a United States Congressman, McIlwain uses her experience to lead MDE. McIlwain's priorities include ensuring that Maryland is positioned to meet its aggressive climate goals, strengthening environmental protection efforts by ending systemic environmental injustices, restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay, and leading with the purpose of achieving organizational excellence.

Clean Water Act 2.0 Panel – 60 minutes

Moderator: *Jay Hoskins*, Vice Chair, WEF Government Affairs Community and Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

- *George Hawkins*, Chief Executive Officer, Moonshoot Missions
- *Susan Bodine*, Partner, Earth & Water Law
- *Ellen Kohler*, Director of Applied Research and Programs, The Water Center, University of Pennsylvania
- *Susan Sullivan*, Executive Director, NEIWPEC

Jay Hoskins

Vice Chair, WEF Government Affairs Community
Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

Jay Hoskins is the Assistant Director of Engineering for the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's (MSD) Planning Division. He oversees MSD's program planning, development review and permitting, and GIS teams.

Jay has served MSD since 2007, playing an instrumental role in several significant environmental programs including MSD's green infrastructure program; system-wide environmental compliance programs, including total maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation; facility master planning for compliance with air emissions and water quality standards; industrial pretreatment program; and environmental laboratory operations.

Jay is a leader in the Water Environment Federation, Association of Missouri Cleanwater Agencies, Missouri Water Environment Association, and Conservation Federation of Missouri. He has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Missouri University of Science & Technology, and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering & Science from Clemson University. Jay is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Missouri.

George Hawkins
Chief Executive Officer
Moonshot Missions

George Hawkins launched the non-profit Moonshot Missions after stepping down as CEO of DC Water. Moonshot helps agencies deliver better service at lower cost, with a focus on under-resourced water utilities. Moonshot has served more than 230 communities of every size and demographic in 52 states, territories and Tribal Reservations.

George transformed DC Water into an innovative enterprise while tripling its investment in clean water. DC Water's innovations ranged from Green Infrastructure to a \$500 million investment in clean energy. DC Water issued the first century bond, first environmental impact bond, and spearheaded programs to support low-income customers and provide for local workforce.

George served on the National Infrastructure Advisory Council and is an Executive in Residence for XPV Water Partners and an advisor to Xylem. He serves on the Board of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and has served as a Senior Lecturer at Princeton University and American University.

Mr. Hawkins also served as Director of the DC Department of the Environment and served as Director of non-profits and held positions with USEPA and the firm Ropes & Gray.

George is a popular speaker on water and environmental issues. He is included on GWI's list of top 20 transformational water leaders, the AWWA's Fuller Award, Governing Magazine's Public Official of the Year in 2015, WEF Public Official of the Year in 2016. DC Water was awarded the US Water Prize in 2016.

He graduated from Princeton University (Summa Cum Laude) and from Harvard Law School (Cum Laude).

Susan Bodine
Partner
Earth & Water Law

Susan Parker Bodine is an environmental attorney with over 36 years of public and private experience with environmental public policy issues including water pollution control, wetlands issues, federal regulation of property, regulation of wastes, remediation of contaminated properties, and water resources development.

Ms. Bodine's experience includes serving as the assistant administrator of EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and as the assistant administrator of EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (now the Office of Land and Emergency

Management). Ms. Bodine also served as the Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and as the staff director and senior counsel for the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Before and after her government service Ms. Bodine practiced environmental law at Covington & Burling and at Barnes & Thornburg. She currently is a partner with Earth & Water Law.

Ms. Bodine is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

Ellen Kohler

Director of Applied Research and Programs
The Water Center, University of Pennsylvania

Ellen Kohler is the Director of Applied Research and Policy at the Water Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Her work focuses on collaborating with municipal and water utility managers to find sustainable solutions to the water quality and quantity challenges they face, ranging from managing increased stormwater flows related to climate change to developing equitable financing policies for water infrastructure investments. She has more than 25 years of experience addressing the legal, regulatory and policy context of water and natural resource management. Her career has included serving as a trial attorney for the US Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division, representing the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians on treaty fishing rights, and partnering with the US Environmental Protection Agency to further the adoption of integrated water planning. She holds a MS from the University of Michigan's School of Environment and Sustainability and a JD from the University of Colorado School of Law. She lives with her family in the Schuylkill River watershed in the Delaware River basin.

Susan Sullivan

Executive Director
New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

Susan joined NEIWPCC in 1989. In July 2017, she accepted the position of executive director after serving as the deputy director for twenty years. She coordinates and helps implement regional and state policies and programs, manages contracts, and grants, and provides overall supervision of NEIWPCC's staff and office operations. Susan serves in a leadership capacity with many water-related organizations, including the Association of

Clean Water Administrators (ACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA).

She has just completed a term a chair of the Government Affairs Community of WEF.