

Wisconsin Rural Water Association Annual Technical Conference
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
6 Municipal Water/6 Wastewater Continuing Education Credits

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8:30-5:00	WRWA Committee Meetings Suite 5 & 6 (Upper Level)		
8:00 am Registration ~ Lobby			
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS			
WATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE Suites 1 & 2 (Upper Level)		WASTEWATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE Suites 3 & 4 (Upper Level)	
9:00	<i>Water Distribution Products – Features & Benefits</i> Royce Van Roekel ~ A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co.	9:00	<i>Reed Beds: Implementing Native Reeds to Allow for Sludge Land Application</i> Alex Roll ~ CBS Squared & Dan Knapp ~ Midwest Plant Solutions
10:00	<i>Lead & Copper Rule Revisions Service Line Inventory – Lessons Learned</i> Anthony Mach ~ Neenah Water Utility & Scott Daniel ~ GRAEF USA	10:00	<i>Understanding Toxicity in Biological Wastewater Treatment Systems</i> Melissa John ~ AquaFix Inc.
11:00	<i>Water Distribution Metering & Monitoring</i> Steve Dauster ~ Midwest Meter Inc.	11:00	<i>Chemical Phosphorus Removal in Lagoons ~ Successes & Lessons Learned</i> Pat Morrow, P.E. ~ MSA Professional Services, Inc.
12:00	LUNCH ~ Upper Level		
1:00	<i>Controlling Your Control Valves</i> Mike Barreau ~ ESI/Cla-Val	1:00	<i>Start from Scratch: Construction through Startup for a 0.35 MGD Greenfield Municipal Facility</i> Greg Markle & Nathan Cassity ~ Donohue & Associates
2:00	<i>Preparing for this Year’s Water Tank Evaluation</i> Dan Popehn ~ KLM Engineering, Inc.	2:00	<i>Keeping Pace with the Current Dynamic State of UV Disinfection</i> Romeo Vela, M.E., MBA ~ Glasco UV/William Reid
3:00	<i>Back in Packerland ~ Cross Connection Control Touchdowns</i> Gary “The Backflow Nerd” McLaren ~ HydroCorp	3:00	<i>Sewer Rehabilitation Techniques</i> Ken Hayes ~ Core & Main

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8:00	Registration ~ Lobby
9:00	Opening Session ~ Expo Hall A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome: Chris Groh, WRWA Executive Director ▪ Opening Speaker: Jared Abbrederis ▪ WRWA Annual Awards Presentations
*	Exhibit Hall opens following Opening Session (Expo Hall B & C)
11:30	LUNCH ~ Expo Hall A
1:00-5:00	Expo Hall A 1:00 PM – 2:00PM: <i>USDA Rural Development Updates</i> ~ Stephen Opatik, & Scott Schatschneider 2:00PM – 3:00PM: <i>WI Department of Natural Resources Updates</i> <i>Drinking Water and Groundwater Updates</i> ~ Adam DeWeese <i>Lead Service Line Replacement Program Updates</i> ~ Kate Leja-Brennan <i>Emerging Contaminants/PFAS Funding Program & Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL or IIJA) Updates</i> ~ Matt Marcum 3:00PM – 4:00PM: <i>Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Regulatory Updates</i> ~ Kathleen Butzlaff and Brad Rose 4:00PM – 5:00PM: <i>Open Discussion</i>

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Thursday, March 27, 2025 – Divided Classrooms on 1st-Floor Level

7:30	Registration ~ Lobby			
8:00	Exhibit Hall Opens ~ Expo Hall B & C			
	Suites 1&2 (Upper Level)	Suites 3&4 (Upper Level)	Suites 5&6 (Upper Level)	Expo Hall A
8:30	<p><i>Facility Improvements Adapt Existing Site to New Treatment Limits</i></p> <p>Randy Langer & Evan Hunsanger ~ Strand Associates, Inc.</p>	<p><i>Taking Tanks Offline & Maintaining System Pressure</i></p> <p>Brett Hansen ~ Maguire</p>	<p><i>Training for the Transition from WAMS to My Wisconsin ID</i></p> <p>Grace Anne Ogle and Natalia Hernandez ~ Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</p>	<i>WRWA Annual Meeting</i>
9:30	<p><i>Regulatory limits, disinfection testing, & Audience Questions</i></p> <p>Amy Garbe & Tom Trainor ~ Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</p>	<p><i>Catch Leaks Before They Catch You, Next Generation Smart Meters</i></p> <p>Brad Simms ~ Dakota Supply Group & Graham Mattison ~ Kamstrup</p>	<p><i>Supervisors' Safety & Health Duties</i></p> <p>Vince Matarrese ~ Advanced Safety Technology, Inc.</p>	<i>Wisconsin Retirement System Updates</i>
10:30	<p><i>Seeing Beneath the Surface</i></p> <p>Douglas Gries ~ Ferguson Water</p>	<p><i>PFAS Detected?... Three Years Later</i></p> <p>Andrew Rockweiler, P.E.~ MSA Professional Services, Inc. Matt Bednarski ~ CDM Smith Jason Kirslenlohr, DPW ~ City of Adams</p>	<p><i>Strategic Capital Stacking for Municipal Infrastructure Projects</i></p> <p>Craig Schuh & Lisa Fugett ~ Ayres Associates Inc.</p>	
11:30	Lunch ~ Expo Hall A			
12:00	Water Taste Test ~ Upper Level (West)			
1:00	Exhibit Hall Closes			
1:00	<p><i>Wastewater Odor Control with Permanganate</i></p> <p>Darin Skutt ~ Carus & Martelle Water Treatment</p>	<p><i>Readiness Against the Rising Tide of Cyber Attacks</i></p> <p>Bryan Schneider ~ Fortinet</p>	<p><i>Wisconsin's Public Bidding Laws</i></p> <p>Jared Walker Smith ~ Boardman & Clark LLP.</p>	
2:00	<p><i>Advanced Monitoring Solutions for Wastewater- Instruments, Sensors, Data, Analytics & AI</i></p> <p>Arthur Lomeli ~ Core and Main</p>	<p><i>Well Rehab Strategies: Mechanical vs. Chemical Approaches for Different Well Designs</i></p> <p>Peter Bennin & Mike Judkins ~ Water Well Solutions WI, LLC</p>	<p><i>Comprehensive Cost Analysis of Water Tower Maintenance and Rehabilitation Plans</i></p> <p>Michael Novitzki ~ ISG</p>	<i>Social Security and Medicare Updates</i>
				Bryan Kloos ~ Social Security Administration

3:00	<i>An Overview of the Latest Advancements in Wastewater Pump Station Management</i> Jerry Szofer ~ Grundfos	<i>GIS Solutions for Lead Service Line Replacements</i> Tonia Westphal, Devin Carlson, Christel Simonis ~ Clark Dietz, Inc	<i>Flowing Funds: Navigating Grants & Rates for Sustainable Water Solutions</i> Bridgot Gysbers ~ Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.	
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8:00	<i>Dos and Don'ts of Pipeline Installation</i> Shawn Smith ~ McWane Ductile	8:00	<i>Navigating Infrastructure Improvements in a Post Pandemic Labor Market</i> Craig Dickinson ~ USEMCO, Inc.
9:00	<i>Protecting Our Water: A Case Study in Rural Water Challenges in Solutions</i> Matt Muchow, P.E. & Andrew Kurtz ~ Vierbicher	9:00	<i>Optimize Your Assets: Preserving Your Concrete and Steel Structures</i> Shawn Reimes - Donohue & Associates
10:00	<i>Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) – What Water Systems need to Know</i> Carl Nickander ~ 120 Water	10:00	<i>Upgrading Lagoon Based Treatment Systems to meet more Stringent Effluent Requirements</i> Jim Martin~ Lemna Environmental Technologies