

Wisconsin Rural Water Association Annual Technical Conference
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
6 Municipal Water/6 Wastewater Continuing Education Credits

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| 8:30- 5:00 | WRWA Committee Meetings Suite 5 & 6 (Upper Level) |
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| | 8:00 am Registration ~ Lobby |
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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

| WATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE Suites 1 & 2 (Upper Level) | | WASTEWATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE Suites 3 & 4 (Upper Level) | Suites 5 & 6 (Upper Level) |
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| 9:00 | <i>Water Loss Management</i> Justin Garrison ~ Mueller | <i>Diagnosis Before You Dose: Smarter Wastewater Troubleshooting</i> Melissa John ~ AquaFix Inc | <i>Proving the Concept – How to Use Pilot & Jar Tests to Add Confidence to Your Process Improvements</i> Troy Larson & Jack Karnes ~ Strand Associates |
| 10:00 | <i>WI DNR Water Tank Drain Out Inspections</i> James Orr ~ James Orr Coating Inspection, LLC | <i>Are Wastewater Lagoons Obsolete?</i> Brent Schultz ~ Triplepoint Environmental | <i>Application & Maintenance of Air Valves</i> Mike Barreau ~ ESI Water |
| 11:00 | <i>The 5 Year Plan for Cross-Connection Control in Wisconsin</i> Gary "The Backflow Nerd" McLaren ~ HydroCorp | <i>Inflow & Infiltration in Municipalities Wastewater Sewer Systems</i> Lindsay Schmidt ~ LadTech, Inc. | <i>Planning for Future Water Demand: Tools & Considerations for Local Decision Makers</i> Adam Freihofer ~ Wisconsin DNR |
| 12:00 | LUNCH ~ Upper Level | | |
| 1:00 | <i>Assessing & Improving Well Performance</i> Chase Hojnacki & Ross Griffin ~ Municipal Well & Pump | <i>Facilities Planning in the Face of Regulatory Uncertainty</i> Leo Kucek, P.E. ~ Applied Technologies, Inc. | <i>Finding Solutions to Problems You Didn't Know You Had</i> Royce Van Roekel ~ A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. |
| 2:00 | <i>How to Reduce Lead Status Unknown Service Lines: Tips & Tricks to Eliminating Unknown Service Line Material</i> Cathy Wunderlich ~ Jacobs Engineering Group | <i>Choosing Optimal Nitrate Removal Tech-Review of Available Methods & a Case for EBR Denitrification</i> Elise Hotz ~ WesTech Engineering, LLC | <i>Tips for Selecting the Right Engineering Partner – Engineering Made Simple for City Leaders</i> Michael Novitzki ~ ISG |
| 3:00 | <i>Lifecycle of Coatings on Towers</i> Dan Popehn ~ KLM Engineering, Inc. | <i>From Photo to Film: Capturing the Water Story in Motion</i> Jose Pulido & Doug Vermillion ~ Badger Meter | <i>No Sweat Aerogel-Infused Thermal Insulating Coatings for Condensation Control</i> Brittany Ahlgren ~ Coating Resources, Inc./TNEMEC |

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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: Ed the Diver▪ 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 – 2:00 pm: USDA Rural Development Updates ~ Andrew Iverson, State Director, Stephen Opatik, P.E., State Engineer & Scott Schatschneider, P.E., State Environmental Coordinator 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: WI Department of Natural Resources Updates <i>Drinking Water and Groundwater Updates</i> ~ Adam DeWeese <i>Environmental Loans Funding Update & Post-BIL Changes</i> ~ Matt Marcum <i>Lead Service Line Replacement Program Updates</i> ~ Kate Leja-Brennan 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Updates~ Angela James, Water Policy Advisor & Kayleigh Chinon, Customer Policy & Data Lead 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Open Discussion |

Wisconsin Rural Water Association Annual Technical Conference
Thursday, March 26, 2026

7 Municipal Water/7 Wastewater/1 Septage Hauler Continuing Education Credits

Thursday, March 26, 2026 – Divided Classrooms on 1st-Floor Level

| 7:30 | Registration ~ Lobby | | | |
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| 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 | <i>Taking Tanks Offline & Maintaining System Pressure</i> Brett Hansen ~ Maguire | <i>MDV & WQT: Inside & Outside the Fence Approaches to Phosphorus Compliance</i> Matt Castillo & MacKenzie Phillips ~ MSA Professional Services, Inc. | <i>Practical Uses of AI in Water & Wastewater Utilities</i> Ken Hayes ~ Core & Main | WRWA Annual Meeting |
| 9:30 | <i>K9 Water Leak Detection: K9 Detection Meets Utility Expertise</i> Lolita Shaffer ~ K9 Water Leak Detection University | <i>Competent Person Responsibilities</i> Vince Matarrese ~ Advanced Safety Technology, Inc. | <i>Act NOW to Claim Your Share of \$15.4 Billion in PFAS Funds</i> Hank Naughton & Sam Wade ~ Napoli Shkolnik Law Firm | <i>Wisconsin Retirement System Updates</i> Mark Maroni ~ Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds |
| 10:30 | <i>Water System Assessment – Quick Tools for CIP & Budgeting</i> Tom Foley ~ Clark Dietz, Inc. | <i>Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency Physical & Cybersecurity Resource Briefing</i> David Melby & Shaheen Chaudhri ~ CISA | <i>Seeing Beneath the Surface</i> Douglas Gries ~ Ferguson Water | <i>Tip to Identifying the Best Landspreading Sites</i> Kevin Erb ~ UW Madison1 Extension & Teresa Hall ~ Wisconsin DNR |
| 11:30 | Lunch ~ Expo Hall A | | | |
| 12:00 | Water Taste Test ~ Expo Hall A | | | |
| 2:00 | Exhibit Hall Closes | | | |
| 1:00 | <i>Beyond Smart Meters – How to Reduce Non-Revenue Water for Your Utility</i> Graham Mattison ~ Kamstrup | <i>Hauled Waste at New Water: Septage & Leachate Challenges</i> Aaron Eichhorst ~ New Water GBMSD | <i>Lessons From a Small Community: What Happens After the Project is Complete?</i> Andy Kurtz & Matt Muchow, P.E. ~ Vierbicher | |
| 2:00 | <i>Hartford Utilities Well PFAS Pilot Testing</i> Scott Hartay ~ Baxter & Woodman & Bryan Kumfer ~ Water Surplus | <i>Meeting Stringent Nutrient Limits with Lagoon Based Treatment System</i> Matt Conyers ~ Lemna Environmental Technologies | <i>Using GIS & Asset Management to Be More Effective: A Practical Training for Operators & Septage Haulers</i> Jon Schwichtenberg ~ CBS Squared Inc. | <i>Social Security and Medicare Updates</i> Jennifer Folk & Bryan Kloos ~ Social Security Administration |

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| 3:00 | What is the True Cost of Clean Water? Pat Morrow, P.E. ~ MSA Professional Services, Inc. | Septage, PFAS, & the Relationship Between Haulers & Treatment Frederick J. Hegemann, P.E. ~ Wisconsin DNR | Groundwater Quality Issues in Wisconsin Aquifers John Luczaj ~ University of Wisconsin – Green Bay | |
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| 6:00 | Banquet ~ Expo Hall A |
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| | WATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE Suites 1 & 2 (Upper Level) | | WASTEWATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE Suites 3 & 4 (Upper Level) | |
| 8:00 | <i>Water Distribution Management & Control</i> Steve Dauster ~ Midwest Meter, Inc. | 8:00 | <i>Get the Fats, Roots, Oil & Grease (FROG) Out</i> Drew Raffensperger ~ The RootX Company | |
| 9:00 | <i>Extend Valve Life, Corrosion Prevention for Municipal Water</i> Drew LaMarca ~ Watts | 9:00 | <i>Pressure Reducing Valve Knowledge, Issues & Solutions</i> Nick Martinez ~SOVAL | |
| 10:00 | <i>Countdown to Lead & Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) Compliance</i> Carl Nickander ~ 120 Water | 10:00 | <i>Why do we Need a VFD?</i> Troy Simonar ~ CTW Corporation | |