

***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 Upper-Level West
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8:00 am Registration ~ Lobby

**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

	WATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE Suites 1 & 2 (Upper Level)	WASTEWATER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE Suites 3 & 4 (Upper Level)	Suites 5 & 6 (Upper Level)
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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Infiltration in Municipalities Wastewater Sewer Systems</i>  Lindsay Schmidt ~ LadTech, Inc.	<i>Planning for Future Water Demand: Tools &amp; Considerations for Local Decision Makers</i>  Adam Freihofer ~ Wisconsin DNR
12:00	<b>LUNCH ~ Upper Level</b>		
1:00	<i>Assessing &amp; Improving Well Performance</i>  Chase Hoinacki & 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 &amp; Tricks to Eliminating Unknown Service Line Material</i>  Cathy Wunderlich ~ Jacobs Engineering Group	<i>Choosing Optimal Nitrate Removal Tech-Review of Available Methods &amp; 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 Ahlgrimm ~ Coating Resources, Inc./TNEMEC

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<b><i>Wednesday, March 25, 2026</i></b>	
8:00	Registration ~ Lobby
9:00	<b>Opening Session ~ Expo Hall A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Welcome:</b> Chris Groh, WRWA Executive Director</li> <li>▪ <b>Opening Speaker:</b> Ed the Diver</li> <li>▪ <b>WRWA Annual Awards Presentations</b></li> </ul>
*	<b>Exhibit Hall opens following Opening Session (Expo Hall B &amp; C)</b>
11:30	LUNCH ~ Expo Hall A
1:00-5:00	<b>Expo Hall A</b>  <b>1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: <i>USDA Rural Development Updates</i></b> ~ Andrew Iverson, State Director, Stephen Opatik, P.E., State Engineer & Scott Schatschneider, P.E., State Environmental Coordinator  <b>2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: <i>WI Department of Natural Resources Updates</i></b>  <i>Drinking Water and Groundwater Updates</i> ~ Kyle Burton <i>Wastewater Program Updates</i> ~ Wale Adesanwo <i>Environmental Loans Funding Update &amp; Post-BIL Changes</i> ~ Matt Marcum <i>Lead Service Line Replacement Program Updates</i> ~ Kate Leja-Brennan  <b>3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: <i>Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Updates</i></b> ~ Angela James, Water Policy Advisor & Kayleigh Chinon, Customer Policy & Data Lead  <b>4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: <i>Open Discussion</i></b>

# *Wisconsin Rural Water Association Annual Technical Conference*

**Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**7 Municipal Water/7 Wastewater/1 Septage Compliance/1 General Septage Continuing Education Credits**

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7:30	Registration ~ Lobby			
8:00	Exhibit Hall Opens ~ Expo Hall B & C			
	<b>Suites 1&amp;2 (Upper Level)</b>	<b>Suites 3&amp;4 (Upper Level)</b>	<b>Suites 5&amp;6 (Upper Level)</b>	<b>Expo Hall A</b>
8:30	<p><i>Taking Tanks Offline &amp; Maintaining System Pressure</i></p> <p>Brett Hansen ~ Maguire</p>	<p><i>MDV &amp; WQT: Inside &amp; Outside the Fence Approaches to Phosphorus Compliance</i></p> <p>Matt Castillo &amp; MacKenzie Phillips ~ MSA Professional Services, Inc.</p>	<p><i>Using GIS &amp; Asset Management to Be More Effective: A Practical Training for Operators &amp; Septage Haulers</i></p> <p>Jon Schwichtenberg ~ CBS Squared Inc.</p>	<b><i>WRWA Annual Meeting</i></b>
9:30	<p><i>K9 Water Leak Detection: K9 Detection Meets Utility Expertise</i></p> <p>Lolita Shaffer ~ K9 Water Leak Detection University</p>	<p><i>Competent Person Responsibilities</i></p> <p>Vince Matarrese ~ Advanced Safety Technology, Inc.</p>	<p><i>Act NOW to Claim Your Share of \$15.4 Billion in PFAS Funds</i></p> <p>Hank Naughton &amp; Sam Wade ~ Napoli Shkolnik Law Firm</p>	<b><i>Wisconsin Retirement System Updates</i></b>
10:30	<p><i>Water System Assessment – Quick Tools for CIP &amp; Budgeting</i></p> <p>Tom Foley ~ Clark Dietz, Inc.</p>	<p><i>Cybersecurity &amp; Infrastructure Security Agency Physical &amp; Cybersecurity Resource Briefing</i></p> <p>David Melby &amp; Shaheen Chaudhri ~ CISA</p>	<p><i>Seeing Beneath the Surface</i></p> <p>Douglas Gries ~ Ferguson Waterworks</p>	<b><i>Tip to Identifying the Best Landspreading Sites</i></b>
11:30	Lunch ~ Expo Hall A			
12:00	Water Taste Test ~ Expo Hall A			
2:00	Exhibit Hall Closes			
1:00	<p><i>Beyond Smart Meters – How to Reduce Non-Revenue Water for Your Utility</i></p> <p>Graham Mattison ~ Kamstrup</p>	<p><i>Hauled Waste at New Water: Septage &amp; Leachate Challenges</i></p> <p>Aaron Eichhorst ~ New Water GBMSD</p>	<p><i>Lessons From a Small Community: What Happens After the Project is Complete?</i></p> <p>Andy Kurtz &amp; Matt Muchow, P.E. ~ Vierbicher</p>	
2:00	<p><i>Hartford Utilities Well PFAS Pilot Testing</i></p> <p>Scott Hartay ~ Baxter &amp; Woodman &amp; Bryan Kumfer ~ Water Surplus</p>	<p><i>Meeting Stringent Nutrient Limits with Lagoon Based Treatment System</i></p> <p>Matt Conyers ~ Lemna Environmental Technologies</p>	<p><i>Practical Uses of AI in Water &amp; Wastewater Utilities</i></p> <p>Ken Hayes ~ Core &amp; Main</p>	<b><i>Social Security and Medicare Updates</i></b>

3:00	<i>What is the True Cost of Clean Water?</i> Pat Morrow, P.E. ~ MSA Professional Services, Inc.	<i>What to Expect When We're Inspecting</i> Katie Jo Jerzak, P.E. & Jenna Monahan, P.E. ~ Wisconsin DNR	<i>Groundwater Quality Issues in Wisconsin Aquifers</i> John Luczaj ~ University of Wisconsin – Green Bay	
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6:00	<b>Banquet ~ Expo Hall A</b>			
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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 &amp; Control</i> Steve Dauster ~ Midwest Meter, Inc.	8:00	<i>Get the Fats, Roots, Oil &amp; 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 &amp; Solutions</i> Nick Martinez ~SOVAL
10:00	<i>Countdown to Lead &amp; Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) Compliance</i> Carl Nickander ~ 120 Water	10:00	<i>Why do we Need a VFD?</i> Troy Simonar ~ CTW Corporation