



# Meeting Tomorrow's Challenges for 130 Years

## AGENDA

### Monday, September 29

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- 12:00 pm      **Registration and Vendor Hall Open**  
*King East Foyer*
- 2:00 - 5:00 pm      **Networking Session - Coffee and Conversation**  
*Sabal*
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm      **Welcome Reception with special remarks from Miami Mayor Francis Suarez**  
*Magnolia Courtyard*

### Tuesday, September 30

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- 7:30 - 9:00 am      **Breakfast for Attendees**  
*Garden Room*
- 9:00 am      **Welcome to the 2025 Water Summit**  
Robert F. Powelson, President & CEO, NAWC  
  
The Honorable Tricia Pridemore, Commissioner, GA Public Service Commission & President of NARUC
- 9:10 am      **From Ideas to Action**  
For 130 years, innovation has been the key to ensuring safe, reliable water and wastewater service with a focus on keeping costs low. Hear how the industry continuously challenges the limits to deliver safe, reliable water and wastewater service while keeping costs low.
- 10:00 am      **The Great Talent Search**  
The institutional loss of talent and experience that comes with an aging workforce combined with a massive shift in skills needed for the increased use of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies require employers to rethink the workforce. Join us as industry experts share their perspectives and strategies on how we can develop the skills, teams, and supply population for right-now solutions and pipeline solutions for generations to come.
- 10:50 am      **Networking Break & Vendor Hall Open**
- 11:05 am      **Cents and Sensibility**  
Utility rates are center stage these days with water forefront. Let's talk about how to communicate with elected officials and customers about what goes into the cost of service, rates, rate increases and the value of water.



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12:00 pm

#### **Lunch for Attendees**

*Living Water Award*

*Celebrating 130 Years of NAWC*

*A Look Ahead: Remarks by NARUC First Vice President Ann E. Rundahl, Commissioner, Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission*

1:30 pm

#### **What's Up With PFAS?**

Let's key in at the present the challenges, successes, and best practices learned from water utilities with experience designing and implementing full-scale PFAS treatment facilities. Panelists will also discuss the legal challenges to the federal PFAS drinking water regulations and what it means for the future.

2:30 pm

#### **Batten Down the Hatches**

Wildfires, flooding, hurricanes and more means preparing for troubled times ahead. The ability of water and wastewater utilities to withstand and quickly recover from natural – and man-made – disasters is a must to ensure the safety of our communities. Find out more about how regulated, private water utilities dealt with some of the biggest blows mother nature could deliver.

3:15 pm

#### **Networking Break and Vendor Hall Open**

3:30 pm

#### **Keynote Remarks**

Introduction by Marty Kropelnicki, Chair, President & CEO, California Water Services Group

Ed Byers, Master Chief (SEAL) Retired & Medal of Honor Recipient

5:00 - 6:30 pm

#### **Sponsors Reception (By invitation only)**

Magnolia Courtyard





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### Wednesday, October 1

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- 7:30 am      **Women in Water Breakfast** (by invite only, rsvp required to attend)  
*Sabal Room*
- 7:30 am      **Breakfast available for Attendees**  
*Garden Room*
- 9:00 am      **Opening Remarks**  
Robert F. Powelson, President & CEO, NAWC  
Annual Members Meeting & Water Droplet Award
- A Vision for 2026**  
Pat Kerr, President & CEO, Baton Rouge Water
- 9:30 am      **Peeling Back the Curtain**  
Fresh faces and seasoned veterans. Emerging issues and enduring themes. Join us for the staple of the annual Water Summit – the Regulator Roundtable. It's the opportunity to take an inside look at important topics from the perspective of state utility regulators and the NAWC member companies.
- 10:15 am      **What's Old is New Again?**  
Pull up a chair for a forward-thinking fireside chat that explores the early executive actions, priorities and anticipated policies of the second Trump Administration. DC Insiders will delve into how evolving dynamics within the political parties and federal policies and priorities are poised to influence the water and wastewater industry.
- 10:45 am      **Networking Break & Vendor Hall Open**
- 11:00 am      **The Guardians of the Digital Realm**  
Everyday, water and wastewater utilities are fighting off attempted incursions into their systems. Today's interconnected world is not limited to the data, computer systems and technologies. Learn about how water and wastewater providers must stay connected to ensure a universal benefit.
- 12:00 pm      **Water Summit Concludes**