



AGENDA

Monday, September 14

General sessions: Waller Ballroom - Level 3

10:00 am	Registration and Vendor Hall Open <i>Waller Foyer, Level 3</i>
12:00-2:00 pm	Networking with Refreshments: Connect with Speakers, Peers and Vendors
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Summit. General Session begins <i>Remarks from Rob Powelson, President & CEO, NAWC</i>
2:20 pm	The Affordability Equation <i>Pull up a chair and grab your phone. It's time to check your perceptions of water affordability with that of customers. We will have a data-driven dialogue that ensures the "equation" we solve is the one our customers actually care about.</i>
3:20 pm	Water Unplugged: From Public Perception to Regulatory Reality <i>Now that we know what people think, let's engage in a fast-paced strategy session to map out what are the starring roles to moving the affordability conversation to understanding.</i>
4:00 pm	Making Cents of Uncertainty <i>Move past the balance sheets and join us to explore the cost of uncertainty in the water industry. How does shifting regulations, PFAS and infrastructure gaps create a "risk premium" that eventually hits the kitchen table.</i>
4:45pm	Living Water Award Ceremony Annual Members Meeting 2027 Look Ahead <i>The Honorable Jehmal Hudson, Judge, Virginia State Corporate Commission, 2027 NARUC President</i> <i>JT Hand, President, The York Water Company, 2027 NAWC Board Chairman-elect</i>
6:00-8:00 pm	Welcome Reception- A Vibrant Night in Austin <i>Zanzibar- Rooftop Level</i> <i>Join NAWC for a night that captures the true spirit of of Austin, TX. Say howdy and reconnect with the neighbors and partners who make the water industry thrive.</i>

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7:30 - 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet for Attendees <i>Moontower Hall, Level 2</i>
7:30-9:00 am	Women In Water Breakfast (invite only) <i>Room 403- Level 4</i>
9:00 am	Welcome Remarks <i>The Honorable Thomas Gleeson, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas</i> <i>Pat Kerr, President & CEO, Baton Rouge Water Company & Chairman of the NAWC Board of Directors</i>
9:15 am	Common Cents: The Digital Frontier <i>Conversation on how the industry is leveraging the "Digital Frontier" to drive down the ongoing expense of operation and protect the customer's pocketbook. From energy optimization to AI-driven measures, we're pulling back the curtain on the high-tech tools that can keep systems running lean.</i>



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- 10:15 am **Water Unplugged: Thirsty Data- When the digital boom meets the Texas Aquifer**
A closer look at the inverse relationship between energy efficiency and water use in the new Public Utility Commission of Texas data center survey.
- 10:45 am **Networking break & Vendor Hall Open**
- 11:00 am **The Bedrock of Balance: Investing Wisely**
The most expensive repair is the one you didn't see coming. In an era of shifting regulations and growth, a reactive mindset does not work. This session explores how forward-looking asset management keeps the affordability equation in check.
- 12:00 pm **Buffet Lunch & Networking for Attendees**
Moontower Hall - Level 2
- 1:00 pm **Keynote Remarks Featuring: Byron Reese**
Reese will bring his expertise as a historian, technologist and visionary to show how today's innovations can address the world's and the water industry's most complex and pressing challenges.
- 2:00 pm **Water Unplugged: Cyber Shields Up**
As we embrace our increasingly digital world, we are also expanding the digital target on our backs. In this high-speed session, we're putting experts in the hot seat to tackle the ultimate balancing act: tech trailblazers and security sheriffs at the same time.
- 2:45 pm **Networking Break & Vendor Hall Open**
- 3:10 pm **Water Unplugged: Water Scarcity**
Water scarcity isn't a future threat – it's a current reality. This panel will explore how regulated, private water companies are leading the way with infrastructure projects to reduce lost water and innovative reuse.
- 3:40 pm **The Regulator's Scale: Balancing the Boom, the Bytes, and the Customer's Bills**
Round 'em up partner for the premier panel that brings together leading regulators from across the U.S. to weigh the heavy trade-offs required to keep the essential promise of safety and reliability while protecting the customer's pocketbook.
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm **Closing Reception: A Texas Goodnight - Farewell to the Lone Star State**
Moontower Hall - Level 2
As the sun sets on the 2026 Water Summit, gather one last time to celebrate the partnerships that move the industry forward. Hosted by the Texas Association of Water Companies.

Enjoy the Water Summit?

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