



Washington DC Roundtable and Separate Meetings April 22-24th, 2026

[Reservoir Center for Water Solutions](#)

301 Water St. SE
Washington, DC 20003

Wednesday, April 22nd – Joint Water Planners Conference

8:30 - 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast and Registration** (Reservoir Center Cafe)

9:00 - 9:30 am **Welcome and Introductions** (Multipurpose Room)

Western States Water Council (WSWC)
Julie Cunningham, Chair and J.D. Strong, Executive Director

Interstate Council on Water Policy (ICWP)
Bob Bacon, Chair and Beth Callaway, Executive Director

Welcome from Josh Mahan, Director of Internal Affairs, Reservoir Center

9:30 - 11:30 am **Panel 1 – Water Policy Committee**

MODERATOR: TBD

PANELISTS:

Jessica Kramer, Assistant Administrator for Water, EPA

Andrea Travnicek, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science,
Department of the Interior

Richard Fordyce, Under Secretary for Farm Production and
Conservation, USDA (invited)

Adam Telle, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, DoD (invited)

Dario Gil, Under Secretary for Science and Innovation, DoE (invited)

Tim Petty, NOAA Deputy Administrator, DoC

Karen St. Germain, Director, Earth Sciences, NASA

11:30 - 12:00 pm **OPEN DISCUSSION/NETWORKING**

12:00 - 1:30pm **LUNCH** (Reservoir Center Cafe)

1:30 - 3:00 pm **Panel 2 – Congressional Topics and Panel**

MODERATOR: Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates

PANELISTS:

Fitzhugh Elder, Majority Staff Director, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry (invited)

Lauren Santabar, Minority Staff Director, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry (invited)

Parish Braden, Majority Staff Director, House Agriculture (invited)

Brian Sowyrda, Minority Staff Director, House Agriculture (invited)

Elizabeth McDonnell, Majority Staff Director, Senate Appropriations (invited)

Evan Schatz, Minority Staff Director, Senate Appropriations (invited)

Susan Ross, Majority Chief Clerk & Staff Director, House Appropriations (invited)

Chris Bigelow, Minority Staff Director, House Appropriations (invited)

Brad Grantz, Majority Staff Director, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation (invited)

Lila Helms, Minority Staff Director, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation (invited)

Josh Mathis, Majority Staff Director, House Science, Space & Technology (invited)

John Piazza, Chief of Staff, House Science, Space & Technology (invited)

Wendy Baig, Majority Staff Director, Senate Energy & Natural Resources (invited)

Melanie Thornton, Minority Professional Staff, Senate Energy & Natural Resources (invited)

Richie O'Connell, Staff Director, Sub. on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, House Natural Resources (invited)

Ana Unruh Cohen, Minority Staff Director, House Natural Resources (invited)

Adam Tomlinson, Majority Staff Director, Senate Environment & Public Works (invited)

Daniel Dudis, Minority Staff Director, Senate Environment & Public Works (invited)

Nick Christensen, Majority Staff Director, House Transportation & Infrastructure (invited)

Logan Ferree, Professional Staff Member, Sub. on Water Resources and Environment

3:00 - 3:30 pm

OPEN DISCUSSION/NETWORKING

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Panel 3 – Communicating Water Information: Data/Model/Forecasting

MODERATOR: TBD

PANELISTS:

NOAA OWP – National Water Model – Allie Allen (Office of Water Prediction)

USGS WMA & NSIP – Dianna Crilley, Director, Office of Planning and Programming for the USGS Water Resources Mission Area, Chad Wagner, Program Coordinator for the Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program (invited)

USDA/NRCS - Heather Hofman, Director of National Water and Climate Center (invited)

Discussion questions:

1. Connecting Products to States' Use: Challenges and "speed bumps" states face in utilizing federal data and products.
2. Data Trust: Challenges over end-users' (farmers, ranchers, city residents) and sophisticated state users' trust and perception of data sources (e.g., via AI/Google search).
3. Accessibility: Discoverability of studies/data on agency websites and the ability for states to download raw data for their own modeling.

4:30 - 5:00 pm **Observations and Next Steps** - ICWP and WSWC Chairs

5:00 pm **ADJOURN**

5:30 - 7:30 pm **Joint Roundtable Reception**
District Winery
385 Water St SE, Washington, DC 20003)

Many thanks to Xylem for sponsoring this year's Reservoir Center event space!

Thursday, April 23rd – ICWP/WSWC Organizational Meetings

8:30 - 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast** (Reservoir Center Cafe)

9:00 -12:00 pm **ICWP Members meeting** (Conference Room)

9:00 - 5:00 pm **WSWC Organizational Meeting** (Multipurpose Room)

Friday, April 24th – WestFAST Principals Meeting

9:00 - 11:00 am **ICWP/WSWC all members welcome** (Location: EPA Building)