



# Interstate Council on Water Policy 63rd Annual Meeting

October 25-27th, 2022 | Davenport, Iowa

## Day 1: Tuesday, October 25th – Water Resources Field Tour

**8:00 – 11:30AM** **ICWP Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session** (closed door) – *Club Davenport at Hotel Blackhawk, 11<sup>th</sup> floor*

**12:30PM** **Beaver Island Habitat Restoration Tour** – Visit interconnected backwaters, secondary channels, wetlands and floodplain habitat along the Mississippi River as part of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers habitat restoration project (Host: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, USACE and USFWS)

**5:00** **Return** to Hotel Blackhawk – 200 East 3rd St., Davenport, IA 52801

**5:30 – 7:00** **Happy Hour Meet-and-Greet** – *Hotel Blackhawk lobby bar*

**7:00** Groups may form to head to dinner informally

## Day 2: Wednesday, October 26th – Panel Discussions – *Gold Room*

**7:15AM** **Registration opens** (continental breakfast – *Gold Room*)

### **8:00** **General Session**

Welcome and Introduction -- Andrew Dehoff, ICWP Chair, Susquehanna River Basin Commission Executive Director

- Welcome from Upper Mississippi River Basin Association — Kirsten Wallace, Executive Director and ICWP Immediate Past Chair
- Introduction from ICWP's new Executive Director – Beth Callaway

### **8:20** **Panel 1**

**Welcome to the Upper Mississippi River Basin: Regional Highlights** – Kirsten Wallace, *Moderator*

"Illinois River Basin Updates" – Jim Duncker, Central Midwest Water Science Center, USGS

"Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program and Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law" – Andrew Goodall, USACE Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program Regional Program Manager

"Ecosystem Restoration and Water Resources Management: Overview of Beaver Island Project" – Marshall Plumley, US Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District

"Ecological Status and Trends of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers" – Jeff Houser, USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center

**10:00**      **BREAK** (refreshments)

**10:30**      **Panel 2**

**Water Planning– Jennifer Hoggatt, *Moderator***

"Lessons Learned from Minnesota's Drought of 2021" – Pooja Kanwar, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (in person) and Luigi Ramolo, Minnesota State Climatologist (virtual)

"Leveraging the NRCS WFPO Program for Agricultural Water Management: Examples from Nebraska and Kansas" -- Jim Schneider, Olsson

"Optimizing Planning Resources for States: A Upper Mississippi Planning Assistance for States Success Story" – Kristen Wallace, UMRBA

"Perspectives from Iowa's Drought Plan Update" – Tim Hall, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

**12:00PM**      **LUNCH** – *Bettendorf Room*

**1:15**      **Panel 3**

**Water Data & Science -- Heidi Moltz, *Moderator***

"Flash Drought Monitoring and Forecasting" -- Elizabeth Ossowski, Program Coordinator, NOAA/National Integrated Drought Information System (virtual)

"Unified Monitoring and Public Messaging for the Mississippi River Basin" – Heidi Mehl, Director of Water & Agriculture Programs, The Nature Conservancy - Kansas

"USGS Water-Use Data and Research Program: Current Program Status and Successful Outcomes" -- Erik Smith, Water-Use Data and Research Program Coordinator, USGS

"USGS Water Monitoring Program Updates" – Cory Angeroth, Deputy Program Coordinator for the Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program, USGS

"USGS Water Prediction and Assessment Progress" -- Brian Clark, Deputy Program Coordinator for the Water Availability and Use Science Program, USGS

- 2:45**            **BREAK** (refreshments)
- 3:00**            **Panel 4**  
**Legislation, Policy and Interstate Water Management Issues – Matt Unruh, *Moderator***  
 “Updates from the Hill” – Geoff Bowman, Van Scoyoc Associates (virtual)  
 “Updates from Resilience Coalition Efforts” – Chuck Chaitovitz, Vice President,  
    Environmental Affairs and Sustainability, US Chamber of Commerce  
    (virtual)  
 “US Army Corps of Engineers Policy Updates” – Amy Frantz, Senior Policy  
    Advisor, US Army Corps of Engineers (virtual)  
 “Tribal and Interstate Water Management Collaboration” -- Peter Johnson,  
    Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers  
 “Water Quality and Infrastructure” – Jeff Robichaud, Water Division Director,  
    EPA Region 7
- 5:00**            **ADJOURN**
- 5:30-7:30**      **Chairman’s Reception** -- *Club Davenport at Hotel Blackhawk, 11<sup>th</sup> floor* (optional  
    walk to dinner after reception)

## **Day 3: Thursday, October 27th – Annual Meeting and Panel Discussions – *Gold Room***

- 7:15AM**        **BREAKFAST** (continental breakfast – *Gold Room*)
- 8:00**            **ICWP Annual Business Meeting** (all are invited and encouraged to attend)
- 9:00**            **Panel 5**  
**ICWP Membership Cross Pollination – Pooja Kanwar, *Moderator***
- 9:45**            **BREAK**
- 10:00**        **Panel 6**  
**Federal Water Agency “Lightning Round” Updates (5 min each)– Drew Dehoff, *Moderator***  
 USGS (virtual):  
    “USGS Water Mission Area Streamflow Drought Prediction” – Roy Sando  
    “Introducing the USGS 3D Hydrography Program” – Sue Buto  
    “Next-Gen Water Use Information” – Jaime Painter

“Application of a multi-scale nested monitoring approach to support predictive modeling of harmful algae blooms in the Illinois River Basin” – Jim Dunker

“Building capacity for assessment and prediction of post-wildfire water availability” – Brian Ebel

“Overview of the USGS National Water Quality Network” – Melissa Riskin

**11:45**

**Chairman’s closing remarks and adjournment** – See you at the **2023 Washington DC Roundtable** on April 4-5<sup>th</sup>, 2023!