



## Washington DC Roundtable and Separate Meetings March 13-14th, 2024

[Reservoir Center for Water Solutions](#)

301 Water St. SE  
Washington, DC 20003

### Wednesday, March 13th – Joint Water Planners Conference

7:30 - 8:00am **Continental Breakfast and Registration** (Reservoir Center Cafe)

8:00 - 8:30am **Welcome and Introductions** (Multipurpose Room)

Western States Water Council (WSWC)  
Jon Niermann, Chair and Tony Willardson, Executive Director

Interstate Council on Water Policy (ICWP)  
Heidi Moltz, Chair and Beth Callaway, Executive Director

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

8:30 - 9:30 am **Panel 1 – Infrastructure (natural and built)**

MODERATOR: Julie Cunningham, Executive Director,  
Oklahoma Water Resources Board

PANELISTS:

**Robyn Colosimo**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army,  
Project Planning and Review

**Zach Schafer**, Director of Policy and Special Projects, U.S.  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water

**Michael Brain**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)

**John Watts**, Senior Counselor to the Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)

9:30 - 10:00am **OPEN DISCUSSION/NETWORKING**

10:00 - 12:00pm **Panel 2 – Droughts, Floods, and Wildfires: Resilience, Mitigation, and Recovery**

MODERATOR: Matt Unruh, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office

PANELISTS:

**Jainey Bavishi**, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**Robert Harper**, Director, Biological and Physical Resources, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service (USFS)

**Aster Booser**, Regional Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Tom O’Halleran**, Senior Policy Advisor, NRCS

**Dr. Dorothy Koch**, Associate Director for Biological and Environmental Research, DOE Office of Science

**Veva DeHeza**, Executive Director, National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)

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

1:30 - 2:30pm **Panel 3 – Water Data/Modeling/Forecasting**

MODERATOR: Randy Hadland, Sr. Manager, Xylem

PANELISTS:

**Emily Sylak-Glassman**, Deputy Associate Director, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Earth Action

**Dr. Dorothy Koch**, Associate Director for Biological and Environmental Research, DOE Office of Science

**Joanne Neukirchen**, Acting Director, IT and Data Management Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

**Mindi Dalton**, Program Coordinator, Water Availability and Use Science Program and National Water Quality Program, USGS

**Timothy Newman**, Program Coordinator, National Land Imaging, USGS

**Stephen Aichele**, Geographer, USGS National Geospatial Program

2:30 - 2:45pm

**OPEN DISCUSSION/NETWORKING**

2:45 - 4:30 pm

**Panel 4 - Congressional Topics and Panel**

MODERATOR: Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates

PANELISTS:

**Callie Eideberg**, Sr. Professional Staff, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

**Adam Tomlinson**, Staff Director, Senate Environment and Public Works

**Alexis Rudd**, Policy Director, Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather, Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation

**Melanie Thornton**, Professional Staff, Senate Energy and Natural Resources

**Jack Holt**, Senate Energy and Natural Resources

**Matthew Muirragui**, Deputy Staff Director, House Natural Resources

**Annick Miller**, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, House Natural Resources

**Logan Ferree**, Professional Staff, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, House Transportation and Infrastructure (tentative)

**Ryan Hambleton**, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, House Transportation and Infrastructure

**Daniel Dziadon**, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Environment, House Science, Space and Technology

**Ari Perlmutter**, Policy Analyst, House Agriculture

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

5:00pm              **ADJOURN**

5:00 - 7:00pm      **Joint Roundtable Reception** (Reservoir Center Cafe)

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

## **Thursday, March 14th – ICWP/WSWC Organizational Mtgs.**

8:00am -10:00am      **Continental Breakfast** (Reservoir Center Cafe)

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

10:00am - 5:00pm      **WSWC Organizational Meeting** (Multipurpose Room)

## **Friday, March 15th – WestFAST Principals Meeting**

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