



## **Joint Meetings**

**October 22nd-23rd, 2024 | Lawrence, KS**

**The Oread Hotel – 1200 Oread Ave, Lawrence, KS**

### **Day 1: Tuesday, October 22nd – ICWP/WSWC Joint Meeting + Field Tour**

**8:00am – 12:00pm JOINT MEETING**

**7:15am Registration opens** (breakfast buffet)

**8:00am-8:15am Welcome/Opening Remarks/Introductions**

**8:15am-8:45am Congressional Updates**

**Beth Callaway -- ICWP, *Moderator***

FY2025 Appropriations – Geoff Bowman, Van Scoyoc Associates (*virtual*)

WRDA 2024– Ryan Sieger, House T&I Subcommittee on Water Resources  
(*virtual*)

**8:45am-10:00am Session 1: Optimizing State/Federal Partnerships & Programs**

**Danny Johnson – Atlanta Regional Commission, *Moderator***

Laura Totten and Jennifer Henggeler, USACE Kansas City District – water supply, WRDA, PAS (funding environment + policy challenges/opportunities), reservoir sedimentation

Jeff Robichaud, EPA Region 7 – SRFs/earmarks, WIFIA, CWA integrated planning

Jason Gerlich, NIDIS – NIDIS/Weather Act reauthorization, ecological drought, NCSMMN

Doug Kluck, NOAA National Center for Environmental Information (NCEI) – NCEI/NOAA coordination efforts, NOAA Atlas 14

OPEN DISCUSSION

**10:00am-10:30am – BREAK**

**10:30am-11:30am Session 2: Water Data**

**Jennifer Schellpeper – Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, *Moderator***

Mindi Dalton, Chad Wagner, Tim Stryker (*virtual*), USGS – FPS & challenges with maintaining continuity of programs, USGS assessment, Integrated Water Prediction science program, WUDR, LandsatNext

Sara Larsen, Lincoln Institute/Internet of Water

Jason Gerlich, NIDIS -- NCSMMN - Upper Missouri River Basin Mapping Project/Buildout, Total Water Monitoring and how that data is being used (MRBFC, USDM), Metadata/Data Sharing (incorporating other states' data), Data Value Study

Beau Oriona, Heather Hofman, NRCS (*virtual*) – National Water and Climate Center data and trends

OPEN DISCUSSION

**11:30am-12:00pm Session 3: Organizational Challenges in the Water Sector**

**Owen Mills – Oklahoma Water Resources Board, *Moderator***

Matt Volz, Kansas Infrastructure Hub – State perspectives on navigating/optimizing/leveraging federal resources

TBD – Staffing challenges: turnover, retirements, training, retention

OPEN DISCUSSION

**12:00pm – ADJOURN** *\*For those attending the field tour, be sure to pick up boxed lunches before you depart!\**

**12:30pm-5:30pm FIELD TOUR** *(Included with registration. Transportation will be provided. Departure is at 12:30pm from the lobby at the Oread Hotel.)*

Discover the treasures of the steamboat Arabia, followed by a tour of Kansas City's historic West Bottoms neighborhood with an eye on the city's history and connections to the mighty Missouri River.

**Stop #1:** Arabia Steamboat Museum – *View artifacts salvaged from the Arabia, a steamboat that sank in the Missouri River in 1856.*

**Stop #2:** Rock Island Bridge – *Visit the historic West Bottoms neighborhood, meet with the US Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District to review the flood history, levees, and Lower Missouri Flood Resiliency work. Take in the Rock Island Bridge infrastructure renewal project.*

Guest speaker: Scott Mensing (USACE KC)

**5:30pm**      **Return** to the Oread Hotel

**6:30pm–8:30pm** **JOINT RECEPTION** – The Oread Hotel



# 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

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## Day 2: Wednesday, October 23rd – ICWP Membership Business Meeting & Regional Presentations

7:30am–9:00am **ICWP BOARD MEETING** (*closed door*) -- Bird Dog Bar at the Oread Hotel

8:00am **Breakfast buffet**

9:00am **ICWP MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING** (*all are invited!*) – See agenda posted on our event web page: <https://icwp.org/news/2024-annual-meeting/>

10:30am -10:45am **BREAK**

10:45am **REGIONAL SHARED EXPERIENCES** – Matt Unruh – Kansas Water Office, *Moderator*

Water Planning

- Oklahoma State Water Plan updates  
*Owen Mills, Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
Jessica Fritsche and Amber Wooten, Carollo Engineers*
- Kansas Strategic Water Plan implementation  
*Kansas Strategic Implementation Team, Kansas Water Office*

Water Storage & Groundwater

- Ogallala Summit — interstate collaboration when sharing aquifer declines  
*Joel Lisonbee, CIRES/University of Colorado-Boulder & NIDIS  
Weston McCary, Kansas Water Office*
- Aquifer condition airborne electromagnetic survey  
*Geoff Bohling, Kansas Geological Survey*

Harmful Algal Blooms

- *Ariele Kramer, USGS – Kansas Water Science Center*
- *Ben Growcock, Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

12:15pm **Chairman's closing remarks**

12:30pm **ADJOURN**