



# Interstate Council on Water Policy 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

October 15-16th, 2025 | Atlanta, GA

[Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta Downtown](#) – 275 Baker St NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

## Day 1: Tuesday, October 14th – Pre-event Activities *(optional)*

9:00AM – 12:00PM SOCIAL OUTING *(optional)*: [Georgia Aquarium](#)

1:00 – 5:00PM FIELD TOUR *(optional)*: QTS Atlanta 1 Data Center Site Visit & Bellwood Quarry

## Day 2: Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – General Session Panel Discussions

7:15AM **Registration Opens** (continental breakfast – *Atlantic Room*)

### 8:00 **GENERAL SESSION**

Welcome and Introduction

*Wes Cattoor, Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Office of Water Resources & ICWP Chair*

*Beth Callaway, ICWP Executive Director*

### 8:20 **Panel 1 – Welcome to Georgia**

*Jennifer Welte, Georgia Environmental Protection Division*

*Danny Johnson, Atlanta Regional Commission*

### 8:45 **Panel 2 – Water & Data Centers: Regional Perspectives**

Current and projected future water demand from data centers in the Potomac basin – *Alimatou Seck, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin*

Data center development in Minnesota – *Brent Beste, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*

Tracking water use for data center development in Texas – *Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board*

Data center development in the metro Atlanta area & utility water data – *Celine Benoit, Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District*

Utility perspectives – *Brian Keel, Douglas County*

**10:30**      **BREAK** (refreshments)

**11:00**      **Panel 3 – Water & Data Centers: Research/Development**

Economic, fiscal and energy-related impacts of data centers in the Great Lakes Region – *Joao-Pedro Ferreira, Lecturer/Regional Economist at the Weldon Cooper Center, University of Virginia*

Water and energy interdependencies and emerging data center needs – *Hassan Niazi, Earth Scientist at Joint Global Change Research Institute and Kelsey Semrod, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory*

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

**1:30**      **Panel 4 – Water & Data Centers: Technology and Design**

Optimizing evaporative cooling for data centers – *Maher Damak, Infinite Cooling*

Water impacts due to data center development and operation: From concept to reality – *Luke Canan, Barge*

Water reuse and recycling for data centers – *Jim Oliver, Black & Veatch*

**2:30**      **Recap & Discussion**

**2:45**      **BREAK** (refreshments)

**3:15**      **Panel 5 – Human & Social Dimension Case Studies of Water**

Drought planning and social equity – *Amishi Singh, DOE fellow*

Aging infrastructure gaps and cost challenges in Colorado – *Clint Carney, Colorado Water Conservation Board*

Adaptive management of the Floridan Aquifer in Southwestern Georgia – *Mark Masters, Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center*

Groundwater monitoring in North Dakota – *Reice Haase, North Dakota Department of Water Resources*

Water/power resilience at Department of Defense facilities – *Scott Pippin, Carl Vinson Institute at University of Georgia*

**5:00**            **Recap & ADJOURN**

**6:00-8:00**      **CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION** ([Dos Bocas](#) @ 275 Baker Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313)

## **Day 3: Thursday, October 16th – Annual Meeting and Panel Discussions**

**7:00AM**            **ICWP Board Meeting** (*closed door – Atlantic Room*)

**8:15AM**            **BREAKFAST** (continental breakfast – *Atlantic Room*)

**8:30**                **ICWP Annual Business Meeting** (all are invited and encouraged to attend)

See separate agenda

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

**10:30**            **Panel 7 – Forecasting Floods**

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District stormwater forecasting – *Katherine Atteberry, Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District*

Missouri's Mobile ESRI app for flood forecasts, Missouri Hydrologic Information Center – *Zack Becker, Missouri Department of Natural Resources*

Illinois flood impact assessments and response – *Wes Cattoor, Illinois Department of Natural Resources*

**11:15**            **Panel 8 – Planning for Droughts**

North Carolina state drought plan – *Klaus Albertin, North Carolina Division of Water Resources*

South Carolina state water plan and drought – *Joe Koon and Rob Devlin, South Carolina Department of Environmental Services*

**12:00PM**            **Chairman's Closing Remarks and ADJOURN** – See you at the **2026 Washington DC Roundtable** on April 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026!