



## 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: Jennifer Verleger

PANELISTS:

**Jessica Kramer**, Assistant Administrator for Water, EPA  
(CONFIRMED)

**Andrea Travnicek**, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science,  
Department of the Interior (CONFIRMED)

**Aubrey Bettencourt**, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA (CONFIRMED)

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

**Michael Helmer**, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, DoE (invited)

**Tim Petty**, NOAA Deputy Administrator, DoC (CONFIRMED)

**Karen St. Germain**, Director, Earth Sciences, NASA (CONFIRMED)

11:30 - 12:00 pm

**OPEN DISCUSSION/NETWORKING**

12:00 - 1:30pm

**LUNCH** (Reservoir Center Cafe)

1:30 - 2:30 pm

**Panel 2 – Congressional Topics and Panel**

MODERATOR: Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates

PANELISTS:

**Melanie Thornton**, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources (CONFIRMED)

**Maddie Blalock**, CWA/SDWA staff, Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works (CONFIRMED)

**Logan Ferree**, Professional Staff Member, Sub. on Water Resources and Environment, House Transportation and Infrastructure (CONFIRMED)

2:30 - 3:00 pm

**OPEN DISCUSSION/NETWORKING**

3:00 - 4:30pm

**Panel 3 – Communicating Water Information:  
Data/Modeling/Forecasting**

MODERATOR: Anna Pakenham Stevenson (CONFIRMED)

PANELISTS:

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

**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 – CONFIRMED

**USDA/NRCS** - Heather Hofman, Director, National Water and Climate Center (CONFIRMED)

**NASA Western Water Action Office** – Sharon Vasquez-Ray, Program Manager (CONFIRMED)

**Desert Research Institute** – Dan McEvoy, Associate Research Professor/Regional Climatologist, Desert Research Institute & Western Regional Climate Center (CONFIRMED)

*State perspectives: Colorado (Clint Carney), Missouri (Bob Bacon & Dru Buntin)*

**Discussion questions:**

1. **Accessibility:** Discoverability of studies/data on agency websites and the ability for states to download raw data for their own modeling. Lessons learned?
2. **Connecting Products to States' Use:** Challenges and "speed bumps" states face in utilizing federal data and products.
3. **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).
4. **Data overload:** How to sift through the noise to find the signal decision makers are looking for?

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

5:00pm              **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**

8:30am - 9:00am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> (Reservoir Center Cafe)
9:00am -12:00pm	<b>ICWP Members meeting</b> (Conference Room)
9:00am - 5:00pm	<b>WSWC Organizational Meeting</b> (Multipurpose Room)

## **Friday, April 24th – WestFAST Principals Meeting**

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