



Interstate Council on Water Policy 67th Annual Meeting

October 14-15th, 2026 | Alexandria, VA

[AlexRenew](#) – 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Day 1: Tuesday, October 13th – Pre-event Activities *(optional)*

2:00 – 3:30PM **FACILITY TOUR: AlexRenew – 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, VA 22314**

Meet at the main entrance where AlexRenew and ICPRB representatives will greet you to begin the tour.

4:00PM **Downtown Alexandria and Potomac River Waterfront Historical Walking Tour**

Hosted by the Alexandria Historical Society. Meet at the Pendleton Promenade: [501 N Union St](#). For those joining from the AlexRenew tour, transportation from AlexRenew to downtown Alexandria will be provided by ICWP (via Uber).

Day 2: Wednesday, October 14th – General Session (6th floor of AlexRenew)

7:30AM **Registration Opens** (continental breakfast) – 6th floor

8:00 **GENERAL SESSION**

Welcome and Introduction

Bob Bacon, ICWP Board Chair, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Beth Callaway, ICWP Executive Director

8:10 **Welcome to Alexandria**

Mike Nardolilli, Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin

8:20 DISCUSSION: Shifting State/Federal Balances

Goal: Discuss the changing dynamics of state/federal relationships and the valuable role that state/interstate coordination plays in supporting federal water policy priorities.

Discussion:

1. How can federal agencies better leverage non-federal partners as much as possible to maximize resource availability and effectiveness?
2. What are examples of successful state/federal interagency work to align water-management needs? Where could improvements be made?

9:00 WORKSHOP #1: Interstate Groundwater Management

Featured Speakers (40 min)

Interactive session (25 min)

1. Identify opportunities for standardization of groundwater reporting information across jurisdictions. Where is it working? Where is it most difficult to achieve?
2. Where would a shared groundwater reporting platform create the most value for states, interstate organizations and federal partners? What would it look like?

Activity (25 min) – Break into groups

- ✓ Map current reporting practices, common data gaps and potential actions that could be advanced through ICWP collaboration.

10:30 BREAK (refreshments)

11:00 DISCUSSION: Current Federal Funding Availability vs. Future Needs

Goal: Create a balanced state-federal discussion about current funding availability, future water-management needs, and practical ways to align federal programs with state, interstate and regional priorities.

Discussion:

1. State/interstate perspectives: Which water priorities are most difficult to fund under current federal programs and why?
2. Federal perspectives: What are constraints that shape funding decisions, eligibility requirements, cost-share expectations and program timelines?
3. All: Where are federal resources well aligned with state-identified needs? Where are gaps emerging between the two?
4. All: What would a stronger shared approach look like for coordinating federal funding opportunities to improve outcomes?

12:00PM LUNCH

1:00 WORKSHOP #2: Instrumentation, Forecasting & Water Data

Featured speakers (40 min)

Interactive session (15 min)

1. Which forecasting or data products are most useful for operational decisions, planning or communication with non-federal partners?
2. What barriers limit adoption of federal tools by state and interstate users?
3. Suggest ways to improve the interpretation, design, communication or adoption of these tools and/or data.

Activity (20 min) – Break into groups

- ✓ Drawing on the discussion, select a tool or product and develop one practical recommendation to address a usability challenge identified for federal partners.

2:15 DISCUSSION: Organizational Capacities

Goal: Identify how state, interstate and federal agency missions, organizational capacity and partnership models can be aligned to advance shared water policy priorities.

Discussion:

1. How can state/interstate partners help federal agencies translate mission priorities into implementation?
2. Where do federal priorities align with state plans and interstate coordination frameworks? Where are the key capacity gaps?
3. What two or three follow-up actions could strengthen state-federal collaboration?

3:00 BREAK (refreshments)

3:30 WORKSHOP #3: State Water Planning & Tribal Relations

Featured speakers (25 min)

Interactive session (25 min)

1. What are successful examples to encourage stakeholder engagement?
2. How are states connecting planning recommendations to funding, regulatory decisions or implementation accountability?
3. What practices have helped states and Tribes build trust and coordinate effectively on water priorities?

4. Where can state and Tribal partners better align when engaging with federal agencies?

Activity (30 min) – Peer practice exchange

- ✓ Compare planning elements and identify a short list of practices that could inform a shared ICWP planning resource.
- ✓ Reflect on one coordination challenge and one practice to make state/Tribal/federal engagement more effective, then share one takeaway or question for ICWP to consider in future programming.

4:50 CLOSING DISCUSSION: Opportunities to Advance Shared Water Priorities – ALL

5:00 ADJOURN

5:30-8:00 AFTER-HOURS SOCIAL GATHERING – *Tequila & Taco @ 540 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (a 7 min walk from AlexRenew or the Residence Inn Alexandria Old Town)*

Day 3: Thursday, October 15th – Members Meeting & Workshops

8:00AM BREAKFAST (continental breakfast)

8:30 ICWP Annual Business Meeting (all are invited to attend) -- *See separate agenda*

10:30 BREAK (refreshments)

11:00 WORKSHOP #4: Drought & Flood Risk Management

Featured speakers (25 min)

Interactive session (20 min)

1. Share examples of effective short term versus long term drought assessment frameworks.
2. How should agencies balance short-term drought response with long-term drought planning?
3. What cooperative operations or task-force structures have helped partners respond to drought or flood risk more effectively?

Activity (15 min) – Peer practice exchange

- ✓ Each participant shares one effective drought or flood risk-management practice. As a group, select the most transferable practice and identify one step ICWP or its members could take to advance it.

12:00PM Chairman's Closing Remarks and ADJOURN – See you at the 2027 Washington DC Roundtable