



USCM Mayors Water Council Meeting Lancaster, PA

April 3-4, 2025
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

DRAFT AGENDA (updated 03.14.25)

Thursday, April 3

2:00PM - 4:00PM

City of Lancaster Environmental Walking Tour

Kick off our meeting with us with a guided walking tour through downtown Lancaster to explore how green infrastructure is helping the city meet its water, energy and climate related goals. This is an outdoor event, so please dress accordingly and wear comfortable closed-toe shoes.

Note: The tour will start at Ewell Plaza, 123 N Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. (Located one block away from the hotel).

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Opening Evening Reception: The Exchange

Located atop the Lancaster Marriot, please join us for food and drinks at *The Exchange*, a rooftop venue offering the best views of the city's historic district.

Friday, April 4

8:00AM - 9:00 AM

Buffet Breakfast Available

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Welcome Remarks and Introductions

MAYOR DANENE SORACE
Chair, Mayors Water Council

9:10 AM - 10:15 AM

The Chesapeake Bay and Achieving Regional Water Quality Goals

Join us for a panel discussion on advancing shared water quality goals in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Discover how regional leaders are working to improve water quality and its impacts — from healthier waterways and safe drinking water to economic growth and active recreational spaces. How can leaders collaborate across municipal boundaries to take a more holistic approach toward our collective water quality goals?

Remarks

DANENE SORACE, (Moderator)
Chair, Mayors Water Council

Chesapeake Bay Commission (Invited)

Travis Voyles (Invited)
Assistant Deputy Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

TBD (Local Mayor)

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Briefing on New EPA Regulations and Update on Key Litigation and Federal Water Policy

This panel will cover two emerging regulations, microbial and disinfection byproducts rule and perchlorate. Additionally, a review of litigation concerning the Lead and Copper Rule and PFAS drinking water standards is provided. Water policies affecting cities such as the Financial Capability Assessment process that EPA uses to determine local compliance costs will be reviewed.

Remarks

Update on Microbial Disinfection Byproducts Rule

Adrienne Nemura (Confirmed)
Principal Engineer, Geosyntec Consultants

Update on Perchlorate in Drinking Water

Kimberly White (Confirmed)
Vice President, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs
American Chemistry Council

PFAS Drinking Water Standards:

Litigation, and Administrative Regulatory Freeze

Andre Monette (Confirmed)

Partner, BB&K

Lead and Copper Rule Improvements:

Litigation, and Administrative Regulatory Freeze

Judy Sheahan (Confirmed)

Assistant Executive Director, USCM

Mayoral Commentary

Mary Lou Pauly (Invited)

Mayor of Issaquah, WA

Mayors are requested to identify issues relating to implementing the regulations.

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Risk Communication Messaging for Local Leaders

This panel will include a discussion from experts on how Mayors and public water systems can best communicate public health risk with their residents, media, and other key stakeholders. Topics will include key messaging regarding lead pipe notifications and PFAS contaminants.

Moderator: Danene Sorace

Mayor of Lancaster

Chair, Mayors Water Council

Remarks

Chelsea Boozer (Confirmed)

Executive Director, Rouge Water

Ruben Rodriguez (Confirmed)

Senior Director, External Communications

American Water

Larry Finnicum (Confirmed)

Regional President, Municipal Water

Mid-Atlantic Operations, Veolia North America

Chad Seidel (Invited)

President, Corona Environmental Consulting

Brita (Invited)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Working Lunch

Remarks

Local Water Management Innovation
Sewer Sentry (*Confirmed*)

Remarks

Congressional Briefing

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Utility Affordability in America

This panel will focus on current water affordability challenges affecting communities and utilities across the country. Mayors will share how rising water bills continue to burden households and legal experts will offer an overview of available tools for local governments as well as next steps on how best to address these concerns with the new Administration.

Remarks

EPA's 2024 Water Affordability Needs Assessment Report
Speaker TBD

Remarks

Water Affordability and Impacts on Ratepayers

Danene Sorace (Moderator)
Mayor of Lancaster, PA
Chair, Mayors Water Council

Angela Birney (Confirmed)
Mayor of Redmond, WA

Nancy Hausrath (Confirmed)
Director of Utilities, Hagerstown, MD

Mark Myers (Confirmed)
Mayor of Greenwood, Indiana

Don Hardy (Confirmed)
Mayor of Kinston, NC

Mayors are encouraged to join in comments.

2:15 PM - 2:35 PM

Integrated Planning and Permitting and Financial Capability Analysis

Remarks

FRED ANDES (Confirmed)
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg

ERIKA POWERS (Confirmed)
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg

2:35 PM - 3:15 PM

Financing Resilient Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Federal financial assistance for capital investment is available through the states for construction, lead pipe removal, and for monitoring contaminants. This panel will review SRF funding information and financial assistance for resilient infrastructure.

SRF Capitalization Grants and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Remarks

Kassidy Klein, USCM Staff Report

Remarks

Alternative Project Delivery Models - P3s

Robert Hacking (Confirmed)
Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing
Municipal Water Operations, Veolia North America

American Water (Invited)
Speaker TBD

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Federal and State Financial Assistance for Local Infrastructure Resiliency

Remarks

David Goldwater (Confirmed)
Senior Vice President
Stantec

3:30 PM - 3:50 PM

Local Water Utility Roundtable

Discover how diverse regions are tackling the challenges of providing water and sewer services in their communities. They'll share insights on key projects and

strategies focused on improving water quality management, wastewater treatment, and environmental protection.

Thomas Roach (Confirmed)
Mayor of White Plains, NY

3:50 PM - 4:00 PM

New Business

This session provides an opportunity for Mayors to raise new or existing pressing issues of concern.

4:00 PM

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