



**Translating Wetland Science into Fair and Reasonable
Government Policies**

2019 DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, April 1

- 7:00pm – 9:00pm **Registration**
- 7:30pm – 9:30pm **Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) Board Meeting**

Tuesday, April 2

- 7:30am – 8:30am **Registration**

Day 1 Morning: Cooperative Federalism and Waters of the U.S.

- 8:30am – 9:00am **Welcome & Introductions:** Collis Adams, Chair, Association of State Wetland Managers
- 9:00am – 9:30am **Setting the Stage: Changing Landscape of Wetlands (New Policies, Challenges and Opportunities):** Marla Stelk, Executive Director, Association of State Wetland Managers
- 9:30am – 10:00am **BREAK**
- 10:00am – 11:00am **Cooperative Federalism: Defining the state-federal relationship for better environmental outcomes:** David Ross, Assistant Administrator Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 11:00am - 11:30am **Waters of the U.S.: Next Steps in Determining Jurisdiction (TBD)**

- 11:30am – 12:00pm **Changes Proposed to the Compensatory Mitigation Rule:** Tammy Turley, Acting Chief, Regulatory Program, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm **LUNCH**

Day 1 Afternoon: The Clean Water Act and the Core Elements Framework: Building Wetland Program Capacity

- 1:30pm – 2:15pm **Federal Panel: Building Strong Regulatory Programs (TBD)**
- 2:15pm – 2:45pm **Changes in Section 401 & Implications for State Programs:** Julia Anastasio, Executive Director, Association of Clean Water Administrators
- 2:45pm – 3:15pm **Helping State and Tribal Wetland Regulators Improve Linear Oil and Gas Pipeline Development Permitting Processes:** Brenda Zollitsch and Starsha Schiller, Association of State Wetland Managers
- 3:15pm – 3:45pm **BREAK**
- 3:45pm – 4:15pm **Can You Dig It: State Regulatory Programs for Dredged and Fill Activities in Waters of the State:** Nicholas Warren, ORISE Fellow, U.S. EPA
- 4:15pm – 5:00pm **State Panel: Building State Capacity with Wetland Program Plans (TBD)**
- 5:00pm – 6:30pm **Reception:** Hosted by Ecosystem Investment Partners

Wednesday, April 3

- 8:00am – 8:30am **Registration**

Day 2 Morning: Ecosystem Services: From Concept to Reality

- 8:30am – 9:00am **Federal Programs in Support of Nature Based Solutions for Pre-disaster Mitigation:** Johnny Mojica, Research Lead, Earth Economics
- 9:00am – 9:30am **Nature-Based Infrastructure Solutions for Multiple Ecosystem Service Benefits (TBD)**
- 9:30am – 10:00am **Exploring the Relationship Between Wetland Condition, Stream Condition and Flood Loss:** Kyle Magyera, Local Government Outreach Specialist, Wisconsin Wetlands Association
- 10:00am – 10:45am **BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO**
- 10:45am – 11:15am **Wildfires, Groundwater and Wetlands:** Eric Stein, Principal Scientist, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
- 11:15am – 11:45am **Agriculture, Nutrients and Constructed Wetlands:** Patrick McGuire, Environmental Program Manager, Association of Clean Water Administrators
- 11:45am – 1:30pm **LUNCH**

Day 2 Afternoon: Ecosystem Services: From Concept to Reality Continued

- 1:30pm – 2:00pm **The Outdoor Industry and Wetland Protection/Restoration:** Ted LaGrange, Wetland Program Manager, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- 2:00pm – 2:30pm **Leveraging Ecosystem Services Valuation to Accelerate Continental Habitat Conservation:** Ellen Herbert, PhD, Ecosystem Services Scientist, Ducks Unlimited
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm **BREAK**
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm **Integrated Mapping and Functional Assessment of Riverine and Coastal Floodplains and Wetlands: Data Gaps and Challenges:** Andy Robertson, Executive Director, Geospatial Services, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm **Addressing Barriers to Integration of Ecosystem Service Data into Wetland Management Programs:** Elizabeth Byers, Senior Wetland Scientist, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm **ASWM Wetland Awards**

Day 2 Evening Activities

- 7:00pm – 8:00pm **Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) Annual Meeting**
- 8:00pm **Social Gathering**

Thursday, April 4

- 8:30am – 9:00am **Registration**

Day 3 Morning: Mitigation Banking and NWCA

- 9:00am – 9:30am **Linking Monitoring Indicators to Performance Standards for Mitigation Banking:** Eric Stein, Principal Scientist, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
- 9:30am – 10:00am **Mitigation Banking: Lessons Learned:** Timothy Rach, Program Administrator, Florida Department of Environmental Protection - invited
- 10:00am – 10:30am **Barriers and Opportunities for Cross-Program Crediting: Wetlands + Streams + Conservation Banking:** Denise Clearwater, Maryland Department of the Environment - invited
- 10:30am – 11:00am **BREAK**
- 11:00am – 11:30am **Using Pipeline Mitigation and Wildlife Management Funds to Acquire 30,000 Acres of Habitat Replacement in West Virginia:** Joe Hankins, The Conservation Fund

11:30am– 12:00pm **Findings and Next Steps for the National Wetland Condition Assessment:**
Gregg Serenbetz, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency

12:00pm – 1:30pm **Lunch**

Day 3 Afternoon: 404(g) Assumption

1:30pm – 2:15pm **State Panel: State Perspectives on Assumption of §404 –To Assume or Not To
Assume? (TBD)**

2:15pm – 3:00pm **Work Session on Assumption for State and Federal Agencies**

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