



## Building Wetland Program Capacity in an Everchanging Environment

### **\*\*ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE\*\***

#### **Moved to Virtual Meeting**

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the leadership at the Association of State Wetland Managers (ASWM) has made the difficult decision to shift the 2020 State/Tribal/Federal Coordination Meeting from an in-person meeting to a virtual one via GoToWebinar. Providing the meeting in an online format will allow us to still provide peer-to-peer sharing opportunities, presentations and discussions while protecting the health and safety of our attendees, speakers and their families. We expect the agenda may change a bit and we will send updates to everyone as we finalize it. As an added benefit, everyone who registers for the annual meeting will receive copies of all PowerPoint presentations as PDFs and will have exclusive access to the presentation recordings.

ASWM's staff is highly skilled and experienced in running webinars and meetings through GoToWebinar and GoToMeeting. As an organization that produces approximately 50 webinars a year with as many as 600-800 attendees, we are confident in our ability to provide all of you with a top-notch online experience.

For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19, please refer to the [CDC website](#).

#### **Reduced Registration Rates**

In light of not having the benefit of meeting in person, ASWM is offering [discounted registration rates](#).

#### **Register Here**

#### **If you have already registered and paid:**

You will receive a refund for the total amount of the new discounts based on how many days you registered. For example, if you paid for 3 days (Tues, Weds. and Thurs.) you will receive a refund for \$100 paid either by check or as a credit to the credit card used for payment.

### If you have registered but not paid yet:

You should go to ASWM's annual meeting registration webpage and register as soon as you can. The new reduced rates are available on our website for you to take advantage of. If you have made any special arrangements in regard to payment with ASWM staff, please just contact Laura Burchill, Office Manager, at or by phone at 207-892-3399.

### If you are a speaker:

Please keep in mind that all speakers are required to register.

### If you received a travel scholarship:

Your registration will still be covered under your scholarship agreement. If you have received a scholarship, ***please note that you need to stay connected to the online meeting during the duration for us to be able to prove to EPA that our scholarship funds used for registration were used by the recipients.***

### Important Notice:

Registration links cannot be shared. Your registration link is unique to you. If two people log on with the same link, it will cause issues with your connection. To ensure a good connection for all registered participants, if we see two log-ins under the same name, one will be removed.

## Dates

Tuesday, April 7-Thursday, April 9, 2020

## Location

Online via [GoToWebinar](#)

## Background

The purpose of this annual meeting is to support state and tribal wetland program managers, and other wetland professionals as they respond to challenges in the coming year. Changes proposed to Clean Water Act jurisdiction anticipate a larger role for states and tribes in protecting state/tribal waters. These changes will require states and tribes to re-evaluate their respective programs for protecting water resources, specifically state/tribal dredge and fill programs. This could also lead to an increased interest in Section 404 State/Tribal Assumption, as well as require consideration of new legislation in many states that lack the authority to issue dredge and fill permits. Reduced federal or state jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act will also change the relationship between state wetland programs and other federal programs such as the Endangered Species Act, the Oil Pollution Control Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and floodplain management programs.

Changes in water resource programs should be grounded in sound science, smart policies, and integrated decision-making. New initiatives will require outreach about the benefits and challenges of proposed program changes with partners and the public on many levels. To meet these needs, presentations and discussions during this year's three-day meeting covered a range of topical issues.

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## Agenda

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DAILY SCHEDULE	
<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	
10:45am-1:30pm	Welcome, Keynote and Shifting Regulatory Frameworks
2:00pm-5:00pm	State, Tribal & Federal Program and Policy Updates
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	
11:00am-1:30pm	Wetland Program Capacity Building Tools and Case Studies
2:00pm-6:00pm	Restoration and Mitigation
<b>Thursday, April 9</b>	
11:00am-1:30pm	Wetlands and Wildlife

## Registration

REGISTRATION RATES			
	Member/Speaker	Non-member	Student/Senior/Retiree
<b>Tuesday</b>	\$225	\$275	\$200
<b>Online Discount</b>	<u>- 40</u>	<u>- 40</u>	<u>- 40</u>
	\$185	\$235	\$160
<b>Wednesday</b>	\$225	\$275	\$200
<b>Online Discount</b>	<u>- 40</u>	<u>- 40</u>	<u>- 40</u>
	\$185	\$235	\$160
<b>Thursday</b>	\$115	\$140	\$100
<b>Online Discount</b>	<u>- 20</u>	<u>- 20</u>	<u>- 20</u>
	\$ 95	\$120	\$ 80
<b>Total for 3 days</b>	\$565	\$690	\$500
<b>Online Discount</b>	<u>-100</u>	<u>-100</u>	<u>-100</u>
	\$465	\$590	\$400

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## Meeting Materials

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#### Agenda

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