



TECHNICAL PROGRAM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026



MAINTENANCE		Dave Badgley, Chair Jason Badgley, Co-Chair	SHOWROOM	SESSION	7:00 AM - 7:30 AM - JAVA JOLT
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Managing Pipelines Beneath Freeways and Other Major Infrastructure <i>Britt Klein, Pure Technologies and Wachs Water Services, Xylem Brands</i>			1106	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Artificial Intelligence Expansion and Its Projected Effects on AC Inference of Buried Pipelines <i>Charles Poore, Jr., BK Corrosion</i>			1206	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Overview of Classic and the New State of the Art Trenchless Pipeline Rehabilitation <i>David Badgley, Badgley & Assoc & Performance Pipeline Technologies – azuria</i>			1306	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	How Force Main Evolution Drove the Rise of Multi-Sensor Condition Assessment – Steve Burks, CPM Pipelines			1406	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Trenchless Rehabilitation of Water and Sewer Pressure Pipelines <i>George Gerz, Primus Line, Inc.</i>			1506	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	The Use of Diagnosing Tools for Reliability Centered Maintenance <i>Ralph Stevens, Facilitation Unlimited; James Mcpherson, CTS International, Inc.</i>			1706	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Case Study: Achieving 80%+ Cost Savings via UV-Cured CIPP in San Bernardino <i>Thomas Edwards, Duke's Root Control; Richard Hyle, San Bernardino Municipal Water Dept.</i>			1806	
WASTEWATER COLLECTION		Brandon Martinez, Chair Andy Keller, Co-Chair	GRAND BALLROOM A	SESSION	9:20 AM - 9:40 AM - JAVA JOLT
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Real Time Monitoring Optimizes IRWD Sewer Operations for H2S Control & System Performance <i>Eric Van Cleave, Badger Meter; William Kleninaw, Irvine Ranch Water District</i>			1102	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Vital Maintenance for your Combination Unit – Thadues Dedmon, Haaker Equipment; Tony Saragosa, Haaker Equipment			1202	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Choosing the Best Gas Detector for Wastewater Collections – Liam Wong, GFG Instrumentation			1302	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Integrated Technology for Continuous Microbiology Control of Odors, FOG, Sludge, and SSOs <i>Jim Aanderud, Permian Technologies</i>			1402	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Subsurface Success: Precision Tools for No-Dig Collections Maintenance <i>Steve Bullis, Union Sanitary District Tri-City Wastewater; Mike Minchaca, Union Sanitary District Tri-City Wastewater</i>			1502	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	CCTV Best Practices for the Field Operator <i>Edward Makowski, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Edward Chavez, Inland Empire Utilities Agency</i>			1702	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Inflow and Infiltration: The Sneaky Thief – Loyd Rawlings, USA Bluebook			1802	
WASTEWATER TREATMENT		Frederick Tack, Chair Sidney Innerebner, Co-Chair	SONOMA C & D	SESSION	LUNCH A - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM / LUNCH B - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	A Review of the Phase 4 Upgrades at the Kurt R. Segler Water Reclamation Facility <i>Suzy Trabia, City of Henderson; Kyle Foss, Jacobs</i>			1110	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Considerations for Solids Handling Facility Improvements – Kenneth Schnaars, Brown and Caldwell			1210	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Reduce Polymer & Sludge Handling Costs With Nanobubble Conditioned Polymer Makedown Water <i>Riley Murnane, Moleaer; Chris Maher, Clean Water Services</i>			1310	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Operations Challenge: Why You Should Have a Team – David Leamer, Sacramento Area Sewer District			1410	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Data-Driven Initiatives at the FWRC: UV/Sand vs Ozone/Membrane Advanced Water Treatment <i>Sujanee Abeyakoon, Clark County Water Reclamation District; Devon Morgan, Clark County Water Reclamation District</i>			1510	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Phased Approach to Dryer Solids – Devry Faddis, Charter Machine Company			1710	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	How Low Can You Go? Success Stories for Low UVT Wastewater UV Applications – Bree Trembly, Nuvonic UV			1810	
WATER DISTRIBUTION		Ken Snow, Chair Steve Davis & Britt Klein, Co-Chair	GRAND BALLROOM B	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Prevent Common Water Quality Issues with One Simple Solution... Mix It Up – Bethany Thompson, Kasco			1111	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Overcoming Water Quality Challenges in Pipeline Due to Conservation and Drought Measures <i>Chris Castaing, San Diego County Water Authority</i>			1211	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Integrating Valve Inspections with Pipeline Inspections <i>Britt Klein, Pure Technologies and Wachs Water Services, Xylem Brands</i>			1311	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Maintaining Your Distribution System (or Forcemain) and Preparing for New Water Supply <i>Dane Whitmer, AMKA Services/Hydromeda</i>			1411	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Considerations in Changing Customer Water Meter Technology – Stephen Davis, Metering Technology Consultants			1611	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	What in the Dezincification? Comparison of Brass Alloys for the LVVWD Distribution Network <i>Hannah Ray, Southern Nevada Water Authority</i>			1711	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	The Future of Non-Revenue Water Is in Your Pocket – Holly Cook, FIDO Tech; Phil Tomlinson, FIDO Tech			1811	

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7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Best Practices & Standards for UL508A Control Panel Design/Build/Test/Startup/Spec – Patrick Kelly, Felix Construction			1114	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Use of VFDs with High Efficiency Motors – Kirsten Trout, Nidec Drives			1214	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Smart Pumping Solutions – Brian Schreiber, Quantum Engineering, Inc.; Mark Reski, PE, GHCSIP, Quantum Engineering, Inc.			1314	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Electrical Trilogy - Safety Becomes Easy With Proper Installation and Maintenance Ralph Stevens, Facilitation Unlimited James Mcpherson, CTS International, Inc.			1414	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Electrical Harmonics and Options for Meeting IEEE-519 Requirements When Using a VFD – Doug Ryan, ABB Drives			1614	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Instrument Selection: Choosing the Right Technologies – Nick Hanson, Endress+Hauser			1714	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Cleaning Up Your Power System - How Harmonics and Distortions Affect Your W / WW Facility Chad Burks, Allient Power – TCI			1814	9:20 AM - 9:40 AM - JAVA JOLT
GROUNDWATER / RECHARGE		Geno Mammini, Chair Don Hanson, Co-Chair	NAPA C & D	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Slug Tests to Optimize Groundwater Well Design – Marvin Glottelty, Clear Creek Associates			1104	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Become Your Own Well Whisperer: Diagnosing Well Issues Luis Busso, Geo-Logic Associates			1204	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Well Maintenance Essentials: Development, Rehabilitation, and Disinfection – Part I Edd Schofield, Johnson Screens; Mike Schnieders, Water Systems Engineering			1304	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Well Maintenance Essentials: Development, Rehabilitation, and Disinfection – Part II Mike Schnieders, Water Systems Engineering; Edd Schofield, Johnson Screens			1404	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Well Maintenance Essentials: Development, Rehabilitation, and Disinfection – Part III Edd Schofield, Johnson Screens; Mike Schnieders, Water Systems Engineering			1504	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Designing When Nature Calls the Shots at the Gilbert Riparian Preserve Rebecca Sydnor, Hazen and Sawyer; Steve Notch, Town of Gilbert			1704	LUNCH A - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM / LUNCH B - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Managed Aquifer Recharge Methods and Applicability in the Greater Phoenix Area Daniel Garcia, Geo-Logic Associates			1804	
LABORATORY		John Shephard, Chair Kyle Anders, Co-Chair	SONOMA A	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Data Integrity & Ethics in the Laboratory – Michelle Wade, Wade Consulting and Solutions			1103	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Reliability and Defensibility of Analytical Data – Kellsie Freeman, ERA Waters			1203	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Understanding the Quality Control Requirements in Standard Methods Sections 2020 and 4020 Peter Strimple, Laboratory and Environmental Consulting			1303	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Defensible Method Detection Limits (MDLs) in Environmental Testing Nick Ross, Western Environmental Testing Laboratory			1403	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Understanding the Quality Control Requirements in Standard Methods Section 9020 Peter Strimple, Laboratory and Environmental Consulting			1603	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Enzymatic Methods for the Detection of Coliforms, E. coli, and HPC in Water – Shawn Dubois, IDEXX Laboratories			1703	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Profiling the Pedigree of a Sample – Paul Fjeldsted, Labworks LLC			1803	
RECLAIM / REUSE		Erin Daugherty, Chair Katherine Crank, Co-Chair	NAPA A & B	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Achieving Future Capacity in Tertiary Filtration by Retrofitting Existing Infrastructure Kristy Chycota, Aqua-Aerobic Systems			1109	LUNCH A - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM / LUNCH B - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Operating Experience with DAS, ABAC, and Sidestream Nutrient Removal at the Boulder WRRF Nathan Brown, Stantec			1209	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Water Reuse with Membrane Bioreactors: Strategies for Performance and Efficiency Chris Nally, Cloacina, LLC; Jake Lincoln, Cloacina, LLC			1309	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	MBR Design-Build Startup Lessons Learned from a New and a Retrofit Project Manny Moreno, East Valley Water District; Jessie Arellano, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District			1409	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Closing the Loop: Advancing Sustainable Water Supply in the City of Peoria Chris Sterne, City of Peoria; Jessica Dresang, Carollo Engineers			1609	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Beyond the Black Box: Mastering MBR Operations in an Era of Automation and Workforce Transformation Brian Villacorta, Coombs Hopkins Company; Norman Woods, City of American Canyon			1709	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Recycled Water Reservoir Monitoring Via Drone – Lori Rigby, Irvine Ranch Water District			1809	

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7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Invisible Pollution: Microplastics in the Waters Of the United States <i>Lissett Mayorga, City of Manteca; Jennifer Greenwood, City of Manteca</i>		1113
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Co-Creating the MS4 Stormwater Competency Model: Skills for a Stronger Workforce <i>Amesha Morris, Acorn EnviroComply LLC</i>		1213
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Harnessing Social Media for Effective MS4 Public Education Under NPDES <i>Maryella Begley-Garmon, PE, Digital Stormwater; Ty Garmon, Digital Stormwater</i>		1313
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Transformative Strategies for NPDES Compliance Through Educational Outreach <i>Patti Diaz-Zachary, Poseidon Education, LLC; Diego Diaz, Poseidon Education, LLC</i>		1413
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Updates to the Maricopa County Flood Control District Erosion Control Manual <i>Gabriel Green, Maricopa County Flood Control District</i>		1613
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Municipal Self-Audit and SWMP Updates: Centerville City MS4 Case Study <i>Ryan Curtin, SWCA Environmental Consultants</i>		1713
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Building a Regional Workforce for Green Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance <i>Dawn Petschauer, City of Pasadena, Department of Public Works; Sherreeta White, City of Pasadena, Department of Housing</i>		1813

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MAINTENANCE		Dave Badgley, Chair Jason Badgley, Co-Chair	SHOWROOM	SESSION	7:00 AM - 7:30 AM - JAVA JOLT
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Lift Station Design Manual: Overview and Why it is Needed – Erick Miller, City of Reno			2106	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Automated BioAugmentation: Collection System, Odors, FOG, Sludge, Retention Ponds & Lakes Jim Anderud, Permidian Technologies LLC			2206	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Reducing Corrosion, Exfiltration, Infiltration, Inflow, & Odors in Manholes-Utility Vaults David Badgley, Badgley & Assoc & Performance Pipeline Technologies – azuria			2306	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Practical Applicability and Hands on Use of Portable Gas Detection Equipment Gregory Khair, West Coast Equipment & Safety Supply			2406	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Demands for High Performance Speciality Coatings – Gregory Wallace, Imerys			2506	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Jeopardy: Functions of Water & Wastewater Air Valves – Crystal Flitton, GSM Arizona			2706	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Water Tanks 101: Avoiding Maintenance Issues Through Proper Design & Condition Assessments Randy Moore, TankPlanH2O			2806	
WASTEWATER COLLECTION		Brandon Martinez, Chair Andy Keller, Co-Chair	GRAND BALLROOM A	SESSION	9:20 AM - 9:40 AM - JAVA JOLT
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	SoCal Utility Improves Manhole Rehab Decisions with LiDAR and 360° Video Digital Twins Jason Lake, RH Borden			2102	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Breaking the Corrosion Cycle: 100-Year Manhole Performance on a Large-Diameter Interceptor Alena Mikhaylova, NWPX Geneva			2202	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	The Future of Manhole Covers: CAP Innovative Approach – Chad Nunnery, Composite Access Products (CAP)			2302	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Confined Space and Trenching and Shoring Safety – Jerry Weimer, Jerry Weimer Consulting; Dennis Pivin, SAK			2402	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	The Evolution of Force Main Materials and the Technology that Shaped the Modern Technology Steve Burks, CPM Pipelines; Mark Messenger, CPM Pipelines			2502	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Mastering Underwater Vacuuming with Combination Sewer Cleaning Units Rusty Nezat, Nezat Training and Consulting, Inc.			2702	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Inspection of PHX SROG Sewer Pipelines and APS WRSS Power Plant Reclaimed Water Pipelines Britt Klein, Pure Technologies and Wachs Water Services, Xylem Brands			2802	
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7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	BOD: A Breakdown of Methodology, Limitations, and Value in Wastewater Treatment Lance Mason, Brown and Caldwell			2110	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Surfactant Monitoring and Mitigation Strategies for Wastewater Treatment Plants Rasha Maal-Bared, CDM Smith			2210	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Chlorination in Wastewater Treatment – Shawn Powell, The Wastewater Enthusiast			2310	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	The Power of Microbiology in Wastewater Treatment – Steve Leach, Leach Microbial Consulting			2410	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Anaerobic Digestion: Back to Fundamentals – Sidney Innerebner, Indigo Water Group			2510	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Decoupling SRTs: Innovative Strategies for Advanced Nutrient Removal – Halley Pierce, World Water Works			2710	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Seeding a New Bioreactor: How Much Time Should You Build Into a Start-up Specification? John Hulett, Washoe County Community Services Department			2810	
WATER DISTRIBUTION		Ken Snow, Chair Steve Davis & Britt Klein, Co-Chair	GRAND BALLROOM B	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Transforming Water Distribution Monitoring: Smart Meters as Continuous Network Sensors Tracy Hernandez, Kamstrup			2111	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Understanding System Pressure and Leak Detection on Non-Revenue Water Loss Kevin Barnes, Fluid Conservation Systems			2211	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Why “Good Enough” Is Costing Utilities More Than They Think – Nick Sigelakis, Spartan Fire Hydrants			2311	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Modern Reservoir Inspections Using Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) Ryan Ciotti, AquaVision Diveless Tank Solutions; Adam Ciotto, AquaVision Diveless Tank Solutions			2411	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Saving Money Using Line Stops, Hot Taps, Valve Insertions & Pipe Freezing – Steve Helm, Tap Master Inc.			2611	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	What to Expect from your Water Distribution CMAR – Nathan Antonneau, Archer Western Contractors			2711	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Drip by Drip, Bit by Bit: 8 Data Sets Driving Water Conservation – Eric Larson, Badger Meter			2811	

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7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	The Shift to Software? Defined Automation in Water & Wastewater – Kyle Sanders, Schneider Electric			2114	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	SUEZ – Digitize & Optimize – What We Have Learned & Share our Experiences! Michael Espejo, Suez			2214	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	SCADA Modernization: Migrating from Legacy Systems – Brian Schreiber, Quantum Engineering, Inc.			2314	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Zero Trust: Thwarting Man-in-the-Middle Attacks on PLCs – Ahmik Hindman, Rockwell Automation			2414	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Open Automation: Paving The Way for Water's Interoperable, Modular Future Joberto Lee, Enterprise Automation			2614	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Secure by Default: Hardening Industrial Automation Systems Ahmik Hindman, Rockwell Automation			2714	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	The Power of Good Design: UI/UX Principles For Operator Efficiency And System Reliability Adam Ekstrand, Enterprise Automation			2814	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE / PRETREATMENT		Nicole deMoet, Chair Stephanie Pezzelle, Co-Chair	NAPA C & D	SESSION	9:20 AM - 9:40 AM - JAVA JOLT
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Thinking Like an Environmental Regulator: Role Playing for Success Abby Holovach, Vibe Environmental			2107	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Fats, Oils, and Grease Control Program Development and Inspection Training Joe Jenkins, EEC Environmental; Baltazar Maldonado, EEC Environmental			2207	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Innovative Inspection Strategies for Fats, Oils & Grease and Industrial Pretreatment: How to create an EPA Compliant FOG Program – Tony Cole, BMP Compliance Software; Sam McLeod, BMP Compliance Software			2307	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Adsorbents in WWTPs for Metals Discharge Compliance – What to Consider Bennett Buchsieb, Graver Technologies			2407	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Piloting to Performance: Unlocking the Power of Ion Exchange – Cathy Swanson, Ecolab; Dan Teeters, Ecolab			2507	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Water Treatment Plant Residuals Discharge to the POTW: A Case Study Kayla Sibigroth, LS Pretreatment Consulting LLC; Dave Louch, LS Pretreatment Consulting LLC			2706	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Transforming Water Utilities: How Surprise, Arizona Modernized Environmental Compliance Matthew Grewe, NJBSoft LLC			2806	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH / SAFETY & SECURITY		Jon Cordoba, Chair Richard Rogowski, Co-Chair	NAPA A & B	SESSION	LUNCH A - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM / LUNCH B - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Safety – We Have Met the Enemy and He is Us Ralph Stevens, Facilitation Unlimited; James Mcpherson, CTS International, Inc.			2108	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Hazards or Habits – What Really Causes Injuries? Managing Routine Tasks in Water, Wastewater David Silva, Silva Performance Systems, Inc.			2208	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Outsourced, Contracted, or Uncontrolled Risk? – Strategies for Effective Contractor and Supplier Management – Wyatt Bradbury, Avetta			2308	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	How to Talk With AH's? – Eldeen Pozniak, Diggins Safety Consulting			2408	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Gas Monitor Training – Jason Call, TINOSI, Inc.			2608	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Protecting Wastewater Workers by Categorizing Risks of Pathogen Exposures – Rasha Maal-Bared, CDM Smith			2708	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Confined Space or Just a Space with Hazards? Common Misconceptions That Lead to Compliance Michael Vaughn, Safety Help Today			2808	
STORMWATER		Jennifer Davis, Chair Kevin Boesch, Co-Chair	GRANDVIEW LOUNGE	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Closing the Gap: Smarter Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Strategies Jake Jacobson, Oldcastle Infrastructure			2113	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Proactive Outfall Inspection and Maintenance Program to Achieve MS4 Permit Requirements Devin Darrow, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District			2213	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	A City Approach to Bioretention Construction Inspections – Aaron Nunez, City of Santa Rosa			2313	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Wildfire Informed BMP Design: Pasadena's Brookside Park Stormwater Capture Yvana Hrovat, Black and Veatch; Brianna Datti, Craftwater			2413	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Underground Modular Storage Systems Joshua Venters, Core & Main/ACF West			2613	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Stormwater Compliance Across Boundaries: Coordinating Multi-Jurisdiction Projects Amesha Morris, Acorn EnviroComply LLC			2713	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	The Often Missed and Disregarded Nuance of SWPPP Inspections James Cooper, SWCA Environmental Consultants			2813	

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SURFACE WATER / WATER TREATMENT		Blake Gonska, Chair	Steven Winfree, Co-Chair	SONOMA A	SESSION
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Microbial and Biogeochemical Drivers of Pathogen Ecology in Geothermal Hot Springs <i>Brooke Stemple, Southern Nevada Water Authority; Katherine Crank, Southern Nevada Water Authority</i>				2112
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Reverse Osmosis and Granular Activated Carbon for PFAS, TCE, and 1,2,3-TCP Compliance <i>Raul Arevalo, Inland Empire Utilities Agency</i>				2212
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Chloramination: Beyond the Basics – <i>Vadim Malkov, Hach</i>				2312
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Bridging PFAS Compliance Gaps: Pilot-Proven Treatment and Interim Full-Scale Operation <i>Nicholas Fortsas, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.</i>				2412
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Using Disinfection Evaluation to Balance Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Compliance <i>Jasmina Markovski, Consor; Frederick Tack, Consor</i>				2612
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	UV Disinfection in Public Water: Guidance, Fundamentals & Applications – <i>Patrick Bollman, Xylem Inc.</i>				2712
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Brine-Free Nitrate and Arsenic Removal Using Biological and Filtration Processes <i>Jasmina Markovski, Consor; Ali Dori, Microvi</i>				2812

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7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Working Smarter, Not Harder: Practical eO&M Strategies for Utility Operations	– Jason Joynes, Hazen and Sawyer		3106	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Harnessing the Flexibility of Bolted Sleeve Type Couplings	– Sinjon Bradberry, Ford Meter Box		3206	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Essential Maintenance and Best Practices for Industrial Gearboxes & Pump	– Tony Clark, National Gear Repair		3306	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Strengthening Asset Management by Improving Field Data Quality	– Rachel Schonwit, West Yost & Associates		3406	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Polymer Concrete Structural Rehab Inserts	– Ryan Hancock, Armorock; Drew Tanner, Armorock		3506	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Solving Infiltration and Corrosion Problems in Sewer Structures	– Jim Swain, CIP Construction Technologies		3706	9:20 AM - 9:40 AM - JAVA JOLT
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Advancements in Maintenance Hole Cover Adjusting to Grade, Reducing Corrosion and Inflow	– Michael Hook, Cretex Specialty Products		3806	
WASTEWATER COLLECTION		Brandon Martinez, Chair Andy Keller, Co-Chair	GRAND BALLROOM A	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Hydraulic Odor & Corrosion Control in Sewer Drops	– Kerry Koressel, IPEX USA, LLC		3102	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	New I&I Assessment Method BASINiQ Identifies I&I Sources 10-20 Times Faster	– Jason Lake, RH Borden		3202	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Evaluation and Comparison of Recycling Combination Sewer Cleaning Trucks	– Mike Ambroziak, AMKA Services; Barrett Brickner, City of Mesa		3302	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Data Science for Gravity Main Cleaning Efficiency	– Lars Stenstedt, V & A Consulting Engineers		3402	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	An Alternative Solution Brings Collection System Success	– Jill Davis, Environment One Corporation		3502	LUNCH A - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM / LUNCH B - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Beyond Pass/Fail: How High-Resolution Forcemain Inspection Improves Risk & Rehabilitation	– David Snow, CPM Pipelines		3702	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Precast Polymer Concrete Manholes – The Easy Button for Corrosion Control	– Dan Brauch, Olson Precast Company Polymer Concrete		3802	
WASTEWATER TREATMENT		Frederick Tack, Chair Sidney Innerebner, Co-Chair	SONOMA C & D	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Process Intensification in Municipal Wastewater Treatment: Technology Pathways (101)	– Yasaman Saedi, Stantec; Chris Machado, Stantec		3110	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Screenless IFAS System Eliminates Media Loss and Reduces O&M Costs for the City of Peterborough	– Lauren Takitch, Entex Technologies; Frank Jeffries, Entex Technologies		3210	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Advantages of Time-Based Treatment in Process Intensification	– Brett Quimby, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.		3310	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Low Build Wastewater Intensification Enhances BNR with Mobile Organic Biofilm™ at TMWRF	– Savanna Haygood, Nuvoda		3410	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Treating Wet-Weather Flows: When High-Rate Treatment Outperforms Storage	– Vedansh Gupta, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.		3510	LUNCH A - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM / LUNCH B - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Bringing Aerobic Granular Sludge (AGS) to Continuous Flow Treatment Plants	– Kevin Bunting, Parkson Corporation		3710	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Bridging the Gap: Retrofitting Infrastructure with Cloth Filters for Reuse & Nutrients	– Cornelius Strain, Nexom; Nick Ellis, Nexom		3810	
WATER DISTRIBUTION		Ken Snow, Chair Steve Davis & Britt Klein, Co-Chair	GRAND BALLROOM B	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Connected & In Control: AMI Communication Strategies Across Western US	– Ken Gaspar, Neptune Technology Group		3111	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Repair Aging Water Utility Infrastructure: Addressing the Weak Link in Network Resilience	– Shawn Petty, Advanced Valve Technologies		3211	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	The New AMI Beyond Metering	– Clint Lake, AV Water Technologies		3311	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Managing AMI for the Long Run: Maintenance, Reliability, and Asset Performance	– Celine Vu, USG Water Solutions; Andre Noel, USG Water Solutions		3411	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Solutions for Control - Insertion valves	– Michael Urwin, Hydra-Stop		3611	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Smart Tanks: Distribution System-Based Water Treatment	– Kevin Sanner, Cleanwater1		3711	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Polyurethane Coatings: Establishing Design Life Expectations for Potable Water Mains	– Brian Cheshire, Henkel; Mario Moreno, Henkel		3811	

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BACKFLOW PREVENTION		Nathan Ellis, Chair Kevin Neal, Co-Chair	SONOMA B	SESSION	7:00 AM - 7:30 AM - JAVA JOLT
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Overcoming Challenges for Backflow Tester Certification – Chris Castaing, San Diego County Water Authority			3101	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Troubleshooting Made Easy – Chris Castaing, San Diego County Water Authority			3201	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Backflow Assembly Testing; Repairs or Installation – What Could Possibly Go Wrong? Robert Purzycki, Backflow Apparatus & Valve Company			3301	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Cross Connection Specialists Reality Check – Kenneth Ashlock, Cross Connection Environmental			3401	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	How Backflow Tester Ethics Can Impact Your Cross Connection Control Program Chris Castaing, San Diego County Water Authority			3601	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Fire System Backflow Assembly Upgrade and Installation Nightmares Robert Purzycki, Backflow Apparatus & Valve Company			3701	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	The Cross Connection Control Picture Is More Than Just Passing Backflow Tests Kevin Neal, City of Upland Public Works; Nathan Ellis, GSE Construction			3801	9:20 AM - 9:40 AM - JAVA JOLT
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE / PRETREATMENT		Nicole deMoet, Chair Stephanie Pezzelle, Co-Chair	NAPA C & D	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Anaheim Sets the Standard for the Nation's Largest PFAS Cleanup Justin Ballew, MWH Constructors; Kyle Nelson, Brown and Caldwell			3107	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	OPERATION GREASE TRAP: Inside The Joint Investigation That Stopped A Dumping Scheme Chris Gravenstein, City of Reno; Cody McDougall, City of Sparks			3207	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	The Colors of Wastewater: A Visual Journey – Chelsey McClusky, City of Phoenix			3307	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Arizona's Collaborative Model for Wastewater Monitoring and Response Chelsi White, Maricopa County Department of Public Health; Patrick Montine, Arizona Department of Health Services			3407	
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	ADEQ's PFAS Progress: Regulatory, Statewide Sampling, and Mitigation Project Advances Matt Olson, Arizona DEQ; Sara Konrad, ADEQ			3507	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Dirty Deeds Done Doo Doo Cheap: Hauled Waste Program – Jolene Montoya, City of Flagstaff			3707	LUNCH A - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM / LUNCH B - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Integrated Technology for BioAugmentation in Industrial and Pretreatment Applications Jim Aanderud, Permian Technologies			3807	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH / SAFETY & SECURITY		Jon Cordoba, Chair Richard Rogowski, Co-Chair	NAPA A & B	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Arc Flash & Electrical Safety: A Review of NFPA 70E – Alec VandenBroeck, ATM Electric			3108	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Third Party Rescue and Rope Access in Water Treatment Facilities Damian Noe, American Rescue and Safety; Josh Parafanik, American Rescue and Safety			3208	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	CSI Safety: Solving the Case Without Blame David Silva, Silva Performance Systems, Inc.; Mary Silva, Crum and Forster			3308	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Invisible Threats: Environmental Toxicology as a Business Risk for Utilities – Adrienne Pearson, Evolving EHS			3408	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Heat Stress Enforcement... So Hot Right Now – Russell Duren, Nikkiso Cryo, Inc.			3608	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Stop, Collaborate and Listen – Tim Page-Bottorff, Safestart			3708	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Extraction Geometry: Mapping the Way Out Before Anyone Goes In Jon Cordoba, P3 Safety Solutions			3808	
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT		Brett Offerman, Chair Lisa Farinas & Nick Hollon, Co-Chair	GRANDVIEW LOUNGE	SESSION	
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	4 Principles of Employee Buy-In – Kamryn Johnson, Kaddy OHS			3105	
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Jump Right In: How to Excel in the Water/Wastewater Industry – Michelle Beason, National Plant Services Inc.			3205	
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Career Management and Interviewing 101 – 3.0 – Chris Castaing, San Diego County Water Authority			3305	
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	The Future of Water Industry Leadership: Shaping Tomorrow's Water Stewards Patti Diaz-Zachary, Poseidon Education, LLC; Diego Diaz, Poseidon Education, LLC			3405	
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Leading from the Inside Out: Practical Leadership for Utility Professionals – Jason Joynes, Hazen and Sawyer			3605	
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	The Operator's 10 Competency Objectives Learned at Tristate, Applied at Elsinore Valley Manny Moreno, East Valley Water District; Jessie Arellano, Elsinore Valley MWD			3705	
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Bridging the Gap: Building Strong Worker-Management Relationships in Water Utilities Gary Matthews, Sussout II; Earl Doyle, Sussout LLC			3805	

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SURFACE WATER / WATER TREATMENT		Blake Gonska, Chair Steven Winfree, Co-Chair	SONOMA A	SESSION
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Why Mix? The Key Benefits and Technology behind Reservoir Mixing – David Hartwig, D&H Water Systems			3112
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Designing, Fabricating and Installing a Chemical Feed System for Your Application Tommy Hartwig, D&H Water Systems			3212
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	Optimizing PFAS Removal: Continuous Ultra-Filtration with In-Situ CAC Brian Butters, Purifics Water; Tony Powell, Purifics Water			3312
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Operating the First Groundwater Biological Nitrate Removal in Arizona, 3 Years On Leonard Scheid, City of Goodyear, AZ; Chad Coleman, City of Goodyear, AZ			3412
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Removing Arsenic from Challenging Groundwater Sources Using a Filter Aid Polymer Jason Hanania, ATEC Water Systems; Daniel Miller, ATEC Water Systems			3612
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Advanced PFAS Regeneration: Centralized Treatment – Nicole Bolea, Tonka Water, Kurita			3712
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	The Role of Carbon Dioxide in Corrosion Control – Camila Hess, TOMCO Systems Company			3812
CYBER SECURITY/PLC/SCADA		Heath Szymanski, Chair Shane Hershey, Co-Chair	MONTEREY BAY	SESSION
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	VFD Theory			3115
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Dayv Marlow, Graybar			
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	VFD Troubleshooting and Deep Dive			3315
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Dayv Marlow, Graybar			
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	VFD Programming Practical (Schneider Drives)			3515
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Dayv Marlow, Graybar			
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM				
CYBER SECURITY/PLC/SCADA		Heath Szymanski, Chair Shane Hershey, Co-Chair	HALF MOON BAY	SESSION
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM				3116
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Tomorrowland's SCADA System Today – Reese Tyson, Inductive Automation			3216
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	SCADA Standards Matter: Designing, Operating, and Sustaining Smarter Water Systems Adam Strickland, Brown and Caldwell			3316
10:40 AM – 11:30 AM	Maximum Security: How To Design Reliable Enterprise OT Networks That Scale Will McCloud, Enterprise Automation			3416
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Practical Artificial Intelligence in Water Distribution And Wastewater Collection Analysis – Ken Hayes, Core & Main			3516
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	What Every Water Utility Should Know About Cyber Security – Minutes Matter, Seconds Count Anthony Jaquez, Borderstates			3716
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Water/Wastewater Operator Cyber Awareness Training – Jeremy Smith, West Yost			3816

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