

Preconference Session - Wednesday, November 6, 2019

8:00am – 11:00 am	Federal Budget Boot Camp Based on member requests, NWRA is hosting a special preconference half-day session on the federal budget. During this half-day preconference meeting, you will hear from both agency and congressional budget experts. You will gain insights into the federal budget process that will give you an edge and make your funding requests as competitive as possible.
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12:00 pm – 6:00pm	Registration Opens
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12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Meetings
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11:00 am – 1:00 pm	State Executives Luncheon / Lunch on Own
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1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Keynote Welcome
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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Western Water Roundtable Hear from industry leaders about pressing issues facing the water sector and learn about policy priorities for the second half of the 116th Congress.
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2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Major Water Infrastructure Development in Texas From the first major surface water storage project in decades to innovative flood control and groundwater projects there are impressive things happening in Texas water development. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tom Kula, North Texas Municipal Water District Bois d’Arc Reservoir; confirmed• Steve Graham, San Antonio River Authority San Pedro Creek flood control and beautification project• Robert Puente, San Antonio Water System - Vista Ridge groundwater supply project, brackish groundwater and ASR projects (invited)
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3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Networking Break
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4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	State Caucus Meetings
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5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Welcome Happy Hour
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Thursday, November 7, 2019

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Meetings

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Registration

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Commissioner Address The Honorable Brenda Burman, Commissioner US Bureau of Reclamation – Invited
Commissioner Burman has led Reclamation with strength and vision through several major efforts, including the signing of the Drought Contingency Plan. The Commissioner will provide insights into ongoing efforts at Reclamation to ensure affordable and reliable water supplies for the Western United States.

8:30-9:00

Thursday Keynote –The Honorable Lyle Larson, Chairman, Texas House Natural Resources Committee
Chairman Larson plays a key leadership role in western water. As Chairman of the Texas House Committee that oversees water policy, Larson is committed to working to secure a strong water future.

9:00 am – 10:00 am

General Session: Responding and rebuilding after natural disasters, lessons learned from Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey, a category 4 hurricane, was one of the most destructive storms to ever hit the United States. The storm caused nearly \$130 billion in damages, one thing the storm couldn't damage was the resolve of Texas water managers. Learn how they responded to the storm and how they are rebuilding.

- Chairman Peter Lake, Texas Water Development Board
- Jace Houston, San Jacinto River Authority
- Russ Poppe, Harris County Flood District

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Networking Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am

General Session: Respectful Workplace Professional Development Training

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

General Session – Water Supply and Federal Litigation

A panel of legal experts will discuss major water litigation working through the courts and the implications for western water users.

Moderator: Patrick Sigl, Salt River Project

Maui v Hawaii Wildlife fund developments and implications under the Clean Water Act. - Andre Monette, Partner, Best Best and Krieger

Multistate Groundwater management issues - Stuart L. Somach, Shareholder, Somach,



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12:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Awards Luncheon**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **General Session – FEMA and State Interaction on Irrigation Infrastructure**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **General Session Army Corps of Engineers Reform**

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm **Networking Break**

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Inside Washington**
Get one of a kind insight from both the left and the right. Hear from former members of congress, policy experts, and Washington insiders as they discuss both the politics and the policies that will affect water users in the second half of the 116th Congress and the 2020 elections.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **President’s Reception**

Friday, November 8, 2019

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Registration**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Meetings**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Irrigation Caucus Meeting**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Municipal Caucus Meeting**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Groundwater Caucus Meeting**



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Friday Keynote – Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Panel

10:00 am

NWRA Board Meeting