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Program Schedule

Grand Ballroom		Cameo Ballroom		Wedgewood Ballroom	
Tuesday, Nov. 9					
7:30 AM - 8:20 AM	Breakfast				
8:20 - 8:30 AM	Welcome				
8:30 - 10:00 AM	Digital Utilities				
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Break				
10:45 - 12:15 PM			Emergency Preparedness		Finance for Large Utilities
12:15 - 1:15 PM	Lunch				
1:15 - 2:45 PM	Integrated Planning				Rate Setting for Smaller Utilities
2:45 - 3:30 PM	Break				
3:30 - 5:00 PM	Source Water Resiliency		Pipe Evaluation		Finance for Smaller Utilities
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Reception				
6:00 PM			Dinner		
Grand Ballroom		Cameo Ballroom		Wedgewood Ballroom	
Wednesday, Nov. 10					
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast				
8:30 - 10:30 AM	Innovation/Technology				
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break				
11:00 - 12:30 PM			Construction Management		COVID-19 Resiliency
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch				
1:30 - 3:30 PM	Utility Management Panel Discussion				

Monday, November 8, 2021

1:30 PM: Pre-Conference Plant Tour: Howard County Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plant

The Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plant, located in Savage, MD is permitted for 29 Million Gallon per Day (MGD) of Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) treatment and includes effluent reuse. It initially served only the town of Savage and beginning in 1964 was expanded and upgraded with eight major additions. The site has grown to over 35 acres and now serves the central part of Howard County, which contains 56% of the County's population. Recently completed was Addition 8 which is an upgrade/rebuild of the Biosolids Processing Facilities and received the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure's *Envision Silver Award*. The tour will include an overview of the existing facilities and a look at some of the recently completed new processes including the solids belt drying facilities.

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

MC: Ross A. Beschner, Deputy Chief, Howard County Bureau of Utilities

7:30 AM – 8:20 AM: Registration, Continental Breakfast

8:20 AM-8:30 AM, Grand Ballroom: **Welcome**

Tom Meunier, PE, Director, Howard County Department of Public Works

8:30 AM -10:00 AM, Grand Ballroom: **Digital Utilities**

Moderators: Jay Price, WSSC Water, and Prabhu Chandrasekeran, Stantec

- Calvin Farr PE, GM/CEO, Prince William County Water Authority
- Pedro Flores, Section Manager, WSSC Water
- Salil Kharkar PE, Senior Vice President of Operations and Engineering, DC Water
- Brian Owsenek, Deputy Executive Director, Process & Maintenance, Upper Occoquan Service Authority
- Karen Pallansch PE, General Manager, AlexRenew



10:00 AM -10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM -12:15 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Cameo Ballroom: Emergency Preparedness/Response

Moderators: **Steve de Mik** – Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD),
Teresa DiGenova, PE, Black & Veatch

- Eric Hatcher, Security and Emergency Manager, Cape Fear Public Utility Authority
- Kevin Morley, PhD, Manager of Federal Relations, AWWA
- Art Shapiro, PE, PMP, Chief, Howard County Bureau of Utilities; Director, Maryland's Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (MD WARN)
- John Thaeher, Vice President of Operations, Artesian Water Company

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10:45 AM -12:15 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Wedgewood Ballroom: Finance for Large Utilities

Moderators: Troy Brogden, Baltimore City DPW, Arthur Jones- Dove, PE, PMP, CCM, MBA, PgMP, Atkins, member of SNC-Lavalin Group

- Matt Brown, Chief Financial Officer, DC Water
- Patricia Colihan, Chief Financial Officer, WSSC Water
- Jorianne Jernberg – WIFIA Director, United States Environmental Protection Agency
- Frances Morris, Chief Financial Officer, Miami-Dade
- Bill Packer, Vice President, Director of Rates, and Regional Controller for Aqua PA and Aqua NJ, Essential Utilities

12:15 PM -1:15 PM: Lunch



1:15 PM – 2:45 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Grand Ballroom: Integrated Planning

Moderators: **Matt Ries, DC Water** and **Rizwan Siddiqi, EBA Engineering, Inc.**

- Evan Kirk, Acting Senior Project Director, Environmental Finance Center, University of North Carolina
- Matthew Rowe, Assistant Director, Water and Science Administration, MDE
- Pat Bradley, Deputy Director, City of Richmond, Department of Public Utilities
- Chris Phipps, PE, Director, Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works
- Steve de Mik, Director of Operations/Chief Operating Officer, Hampton Roads Sanitation District

Wedgewood Ballroom: Rate Setting for Smaller Utilities

Workshop presented by **David Spacht**, Chief Finance Officer, Artesian Resources Corp.

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM: Break

3:30 PM- 5:00 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Grand Ballroom: Source Water Resiliency

Moderators: **Pam Kenel, Loudoun Water**, **Nicolle Boulay, Stantec**

- Thomas C. Hilton, PE – Planning Division Manager, WSSC Water
- Clark Howells – Watershed Section Manager, Baltimore City Department of Public Works
- Lisa Ragain – Principal Water Resources Planner, Metro Washington Council of Governments
- Charles Walker, PhD – Associate Director for Data, USGS / MD DE DC Water Science Center

3:30 PM- 5:00 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Cameo Ballroom: Pipe Evaluation

Moderator: **Bob Beringer**, Howard County Bureau of Utilities *retired*

- Allen Cox, PE – Regional Director, Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association
- Jay Parvez, PE – Regional Engineer, PVC Pipe Association (Uni-Bell)
- Camille Rubeiz, PE – Director of Engineering, Plastic Pipe Institute

Wedgewood Ballroom: Finance for Smaller Utilities

Moderator: **David Spacht**, Chief Finance Officer, Artesian Resources Corp.

- Jeffrey Fretwell, Director, Maryland Water Quality Finance Administration
- Jean Holloway, State Manager, SERCAP
- David Hyder, Senior Principal, Stantec
- Michael Kyle, Executive Director, Lancaster Sewer Authority

5:00 PM-6:00 PM: Reception – Cameo Lounge

6:00 PM – Dinner – Cameo Ballroom



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Wednesday, November 10, 2021

MC: Jonathan S. Carpenter, Vice President, Industry Relations, DC Water

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Registration, Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM, Grand Ballroom: Innovation/Technology

Moderators: Chris Phipps, PE, Anne Arundel County and Priscilla Brown-Buchalla, Black & Veatch

- Yvonne Carney, Strategic Performance Director, WSSC Water, Office of Innovation and Research
- Samuel duPont, Principal, Strategy and Regulatory Affairs, BGE
- George Heiner, PE, Engineer Manager, Anne Arundel County DPW, Bureau of Engineering
- Tasha King-Davis, PE, Administrator, City of Memphis DPW, Environmental Compliance and Permits
- Lucas Stephens, Policy Analyst, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University



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10:30 AM -11:00 AM: Break

11:00 AM -12:30 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Cameo Ballroom: Construction Management

Moderator: Ed Adams, Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson

This will present a Case Study of the 600 MGD Back River Headworks Improvements Contract: the City of Baltimore's First CMAR Contract

- Ben Asavakarin, Vice President, Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson
- Paul Deardorf, PE, Project Manager, Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson
- Mohammed Dohdar, PMP, CCM, Project Manager, Baltimore City Department of Public Works
- Jason Mitchell, Director, Baltimore City Department of Public Works



11:00 AM -12:30 PM: Concurrent Sessions

Wedgewood Ballroom: COVID-19 Resiliency

Moderator: Art Shapiro, PE, PMP, Howard County Bureau of Utilities, Teresa DiGenova, PE, Black & Veatch

- Casey M. Allen, MBA, Vice President of Operations, American Water
- Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, City of Hagerstown
- Birthe Venø Kjellerup, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, University of Maryland, College Park
- Joseph J. Siemek, PE, Director, Harford County Department of Public Works

12:30 PM -1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM-3:30 PM, Grand Ballroom: Utility Management Panel Discussion

Moderator: Rudy Chow, PE, US Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Aqueduct

- Erica Brown, Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
- Nancy Hausrath, Director of Utilities, City of Hagerstown
- Randy Hayman, Esq., Commissioner and CEO, Philadelphia Water Department
- Adam Krantz, President, National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)
- Jason Mitchell, Director, Baltimore City Department of Public Works

3:30 PM – 3:40 PM: Conference Wrap-Up



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