

# Utility Leaders Afternoon & Awards Ceremony

## DATE & LOCATION

**Tuesday, September 30, 2025**

1 PM – 4:00 PM

**Room S406a, South Building – Level 4**

McCormick Place

## HOSTED BY

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WEF Past President  
COO, Providence Engineering & Environmental Group

**Mickey Conway**

NACWA President  
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# Utility Leaders Afternoon *Agenda*



## LEADING UTILITIES OF THE WORLD

### Leading Utilities of the World Inauguration Ceremony

#### CHAIR

**Howard Neukrug**

The Leading Utilities of the World is a network of the world's most forward-thinking water and wastewater service providers, and a close partner of WEF's. In this session, nominees for the network present their credentials for membership. From effective leadership to bold vision, learn from the best and discover what it takes to be at the forefront of shaping a better future for water.

#### New Leading Utilities of the World Members:

- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, remarks by Kari K. Steele, President
- Austin Water, remarks by Randi Jenkins, Assistant Director

### Utility Leaders Hot Topics Panel 1

#### *Building Symbiotic Partnerships Between Utilities*

Water Resource Recovery Facilities, which are vital assets within their communities, now play a crucial role in a larger collaborative ecosystem with industry focused on the circular use of water, energy, and resource recovery. This evolving partnership between utilities and industry has created additional opportunities for achieving service, economic, sustainability, and growth objectives. It also decreases the need for traditional sources of capital for infrastructure investments, reduces industry operational costs, and supports sustainability goals. This panel will discuss the challenges in establishing these symbiotic partnerships and share successful collaboration stories with stakeholders to achieve mutual goals.

#### MODERATOR

**Calvin Farr**

General Manager / Chief Executive Officer  
Prince William Water

#### PANELISTS

**Melissa Aquino**

Senior Vice President & Chief Segment Officer  
Water Quality, Veralto

**Mickey Conway**

Chief Executive Officer, Metro Water Recovery  
Denver

**Bernard Koh**

Assistant Chief Executive  
Singapore PUB

**Anna Murray**

General Manager, Asset Solutions, Barwon Water  
Australia

## Utility of the Future Today *Recognition Ceremony*

Moderator: **John Kmiec, Director, Tucson Water**

For the tenth year, a partnership of water sector organizations - the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation, The Water Research Foundation, U.S. Water Alliance and the WaterReuse Association - with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy - proudly celebrate the exceptional performance of 41 water resource recovery facilities for innovation in community engagement, watershed stewardship, and the recovery of resources such as water, energy, and nutrients.

### ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

**Mickey Conway**

National Association of Clean Water Agencies

**Peter Grevatt**

The Water Research Foundation

**Mami Hara**

Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Water Alliance

**Aimeé Killeen**

Water Environment Federation

**Bruno Pigott**

WaterReuse Association

## 2025 Utility of the Future Today *Recognition*

**Alexandria Renew Enterprises  
(AlexRenew)**

Alexandria, VA

**Baguio Water District**

Baguio City, Philippines

**Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc.**

Bonita Springs, FL

**Broward County Water and Wastewater  
Operations - North Regional Wastewater  
Treatment Plant**

Pompano Beach, FL

**Central Arkansas Water**

Little Rock, AR

**Central Contra Costa Sanitary District  
(Central San)**

Martinez, CA

**Charlotte Water**

Charlotte, NC

**City of Beverly Hills**

Beverly Hills, CA

**City of Columbus, Department of Public  
Utilities, Div. of Sewerage and Drainage**

Columbus, OH

**City of Henderson - Department of  
Utility Services**

Henderson, NV

**City of Pompano Beach  
Utilities Department**

Pompano Beach, FL

**City of Redding Wastewater Utility**

Redding, CA

**City of St. Cloud Public Utilities**

St. Cloud, MN

**City of Surprise**

Surprise, AZ

**City of Tucson**

Tucson, AZ

**Clean Water Services**

Hillsboro, OR

**Dallas Water Utilities**

Dallas, TX

**Dublin San Ramon Services District**

Walnut Creek, CA

**East Valley Water District**

San Bernardino, CA

**Easton Utilities**

Easton, MD

**El Paso Water**

El Paso, TX

**Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
(EVMWD)**

Lake Elsinore, CA

**Fort Pierce Utilities Authority**

Fort Pierce, FL

**Henrico Water - Department of  
Public Works**

Henrico, VA

**Holland Board of Public Works (Holland  
Area Water Reclamation Facility)**

Holland, MI

**Inland Empire Utilities Agency**

Chino, CA

**Knoxville Utilities Board**

Knoxville, TN

**LOTT Clean Water Alliance**

Olympia, WA

**Loudoun Water**

Ashburn, VA

**Magnolia Water**

Mandeville, LA

**Metropolitan Wastewater  
Management Commission**

Springfield, OR

**Monterey One Water**

Monterey, CA

**North Davis Sewer District**

Syracuse, UT

**Pittsburgh Water**

Pittsburgh, PA

**Region of Peel Water & Wastewater**

Brampton, Ontario

**Sacramento Area Sewer District**

Sacramento, CA

**The Trinity River Authority of Texas**

Arlington, TX

**Toho Water**

Kissimmee, FL

**Town of Jupiter Utilities**

Jupiter, FL

**Victor Valley Wastewater  
Reclamation Authority**

Carlsbad, CA

**Village of Wellington**

Wellington, FL