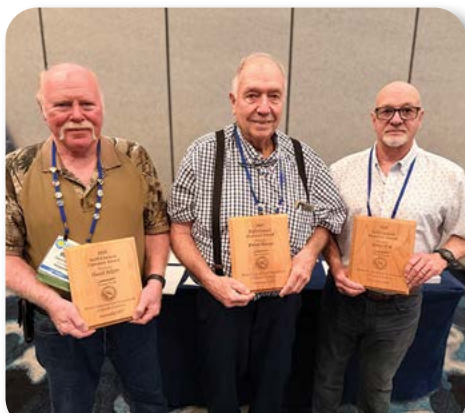


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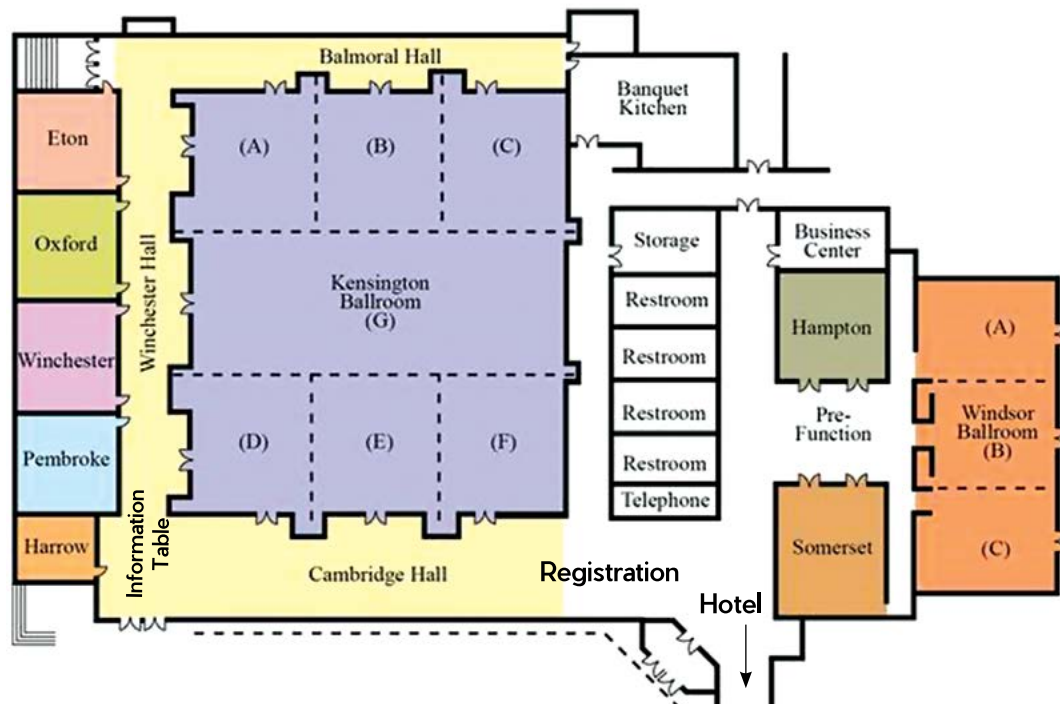
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Information Table – General conference information and location to purchase raffle tickets will be located at the corner of Cambridge and Winchester hall.

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Conference Overview

MONDAY – November 2

7:00 am–3:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Cambridge Hall
7:00 am–7:45 am	5S Breakfast	Windsor A
8:00 am–8:30 am	Conference Kickoff	Kensington ABC
8:35 am–9:05 am	First Time Attendee Meet and Greet	Somerset
8:35 am–10:50 am	Technical Session: Combined	See Page 8
9:00 am–6:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Kensington GDEF
10:40 am–11:40am	Women in Water Life Meeting	Hampton
12:00 pm–1:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 pm–2:40 pm	Technical Sessions, Workshop, & Operator Training	See page 8
2:40 pm–3:20 pm	Break – Exhibit Hall (Raffle Prizes)	Kensington GDEF
3:20 pm–4:25 pm	Technical Sessions, Workshops, & Operator Training	See page 8
4:30 pm–6:00 pm	PWO Fastest Cut Competition	Kensington GDEF

TUESDAY – November 3

8:00 am–3:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Cambridge Hall
8:00 am–1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Opens	Kensington GDEF
8:00 am–9:00 am	Koffee & Kringles – Sponsored by Heyward Incorporated	Kensington GDEF
8:00 am–9:40 am	Technical Sessions, Workshop & Operator Training	See Page 9
9:40 am–10:20 am	Break (Raffle Prizes – Exhibit Hall)	Kensington GDEF
10:20 am–12:00 pm	Technical Sessions, Workshop & Operator Training	See Page 9
12:00 pm–1:00 pm	Exhibitors Luncheon!	Kensington GDEF
1:00 pm–1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Finale (Grand Door Prize & Raffle Prizes)	Kensington GDEF
1:35 pm–4:25 pm	Technical Sessions, Workshop & Operator Training	See Page 10
4:30 pm–6:00 pm	YP/QCO Social	Hampton

WEDNESDAY – November 4

8:00 am–10:30 am	Registration Desk Open	Cambridge Hall
8:30 am–10:50 am	Technical Sessions & Workshop	See Page 11
10:55 am–11:55 am	Technical Session: Combined	Kensington ABC
12:00 pm–2:00 pm	Awards & Recognition Luncheon (5S Induction & Raffle Prizes)	Kensington GDEF
2:00 pm	End of Conference	

Conference Events

Monday, November 2

SELECT SOCIETY OF SANITARY SLUDGE SHOVELERS (5S) BREAKFAST MEETING

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. (Windsor A)

All 5S members are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Breakfast will be provided.



CONFERENCE KICKOFF

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. (Kensington ABC)

Join us as we kick off the Operator Conference. Get the need-to-know information to maximize your conference experience!



WOMEN IN WATER LIFE MEETING

10:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. (Hampton)

Calling all women! You're invited to participate in the Women in Water Life networking group. Our goal is to champion women in our industry by providing and developing leadership, advocacy, education, philanthropy, and mentorship. Don't miss it!



PWO FASTEST CUT COMPETITION

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Exhibit Hall)

An open competition for all attendees to show off their pipe cutting techniques and to seek the glory and prizes that come along with being the fastest to cut through PVC pipe!

No preregistration required for this event.

Conference Events

Tuesday, November 3

EXHIBITOR LUNCHEON

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Exhibit Hall)

Enjoy lunch with your favorite Exhibitor and try your chance at some Raffle Prizes! Open to registered attendees and exhibitors only.



EXHIBIT HALL FINALE

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Exhibit Hall)

Help close out the Exhibit Hall. Drawings for the grand door prize and exhibitor door prizes will be held.

Recognition of the Baxley Award recipient and exhibitor awards!



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS/QUARTER CENTURY OPERATOR SOCIAL *

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Hampton)

All YPs and QCOs are welcomed to this networking event with refreshments!

**Quarter Century Operators are those that have been announced/recognized as a Quarter Century Operator through the WEASC Awards Program. A Young Professional is anyone under age 35 or anyone with less than five years' experience in the water industry.*

Wednesday, November 4

AWARDS & RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All attendees are invited to attend this luncheon where we will honor the Operator Award recipients and the Duncan Award recipient, as well as induct new 5S members!



Conference Exhibits



EXHIBITORS

100 Year Gala Table	Table	Chlorinator Sales & Service, Inc	11
Blanchard	51	Clearwater Inc.	28, 37
Bio-Nomic Service, Inc.	25	Consolidated Pipe Supply	75
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Conference Exhibits

EXHIBITORS

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Conference Sessions

MONDAY, November 2, 2026

☐	8:35 am–9:05 am	First Time Attendee Meet & Greet, David Baize, WEASC/SCAWWA	Somerset
Technical Session 1 - 8:35 am–9:40 am			
☐	Combined	Control Valve Basics Pt. 1, Eric Moore, Jack Moore and Associates, Inc	Kensington ABC
☐	Combined	SLED SAA Critical Infrastructure Security Assessments, Cheryl A Louck, Sr. CI/KR Consultant State Administrative Agency for Homeland Security	Windsor BC
Technical Session 2 - 9:45 am–10:50 am			
☐	Combined	Control Valve Basics Pt. 2, Eric Moore, Jack Moore and Associates, Inc	Kensington ABC
☐	Combined	Modern Materials/Tools in the 21 st Century Distribution Operators Toolbox, Tony Dubois, SCRWA	Windsor BC
Technical Session 3 - 1:00 pm–1:30 pm			
☐	Water	Fundamentals of Potable Water Treatment Chemistry, Jim Collins, Mid-South/Brenntag	Windsor A
☐	Water Training	Key Distribution System Infrastructure and Impacts on Water Quality Pt. 1, Ross Wattay, Mount Pleasant Waterworks	Windsor BC
☐	Water	PFAS Considerations in Biosolids, Lindsay Boone, Pace Labs	Somerset
☐	Wastewater	How to Check a Lift Station Pt. 1, David Wiman, Town of Lexington	Kensington A
☐	Wastewater Training	Foundations for the Future, Emily Stopka, ReWa	Kensington BC
☐	Combined	Development and Implementation of SOP's Pt. 1, Jerry Babson and Jim Matthews, On Line Environmental, Inc	Oxford
Technical Session 4 - 1:35 pm–2:05 pm			
☐	Water	Industrial Process Water Treatment, Jim Collins, Mid-South/Brenntag	Windsor A
☐	Water Training	Key Distribution System Infrastructure and Impacts on Water Quality Pt. 2, Ross Wattay, Mount Pleasant Waterworks	Windsor BC
☐	Water	MF/UF Membranes, Ron Maness, Ultressa	Somerset
☐	Wastewater	How to Check a Lift Station Pt. 2, David Wiman, Town of Lexington	Kensington A
☐	Wastewater Training	From Sample Bottle to DMR, Zan Norris, Richland County	Kensington BC
☐	Combined	Development and Implementation of SOP'S Pt. 2, Jerry Babson and Jim Matthews, On Line Environmental, Inc	Oxford
Technical Session 5 - 2:10 pm–2:40 pm			
☐	Water	Lead and Copper Update, Duncan Wright, SCDES	Windsor A
☐	Water Training	AI on the Front Lines of Water: Field Inspections, Flow Monitoring, Billing and Cybersecurity, Toby Louris, ReWa	Windsor BC
☐	Water	Learning From Loss, Lisa Evatt, Anderson Regional Joint Water System	Somerset
☐	Wastewater	Softening Sticker Shock: How to Prepare the Public for PFAS Related Rate Increases, Mike McGill, WaterPIO	Kensington A
☐	Wastewater Training	Carbon Study, Marilyn Wall, City of Florence	Kensington BC
☐	Combined	How to Choose the Correct Analyzer for Your Water or Wastewater Facility, Benjamin Barker, YSI Inc, a Xylem Brand	Oxford

MONDAY November 2, 2026 Continued**Technical Session 6 - 3:20 pm–3:50 pm**

☐ Water	Everything I Need to Know About Taking a Test I Learned in Kindergarten: How to Take a Standardized Test, <i>Jill Martinez, Columbia Water</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Operator Math, <i>Michael Fu Man Yip, GCWSD</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	A Brief Guide to Pump Curves, <i>Dave Johnson, HIGHFILL</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Reducing Polymer Demand and Increasing Cake Solids Using Nanobubble-Enhanced Polymer Activation, <i>Daniel Fahr, Greer CPW</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Forensic Tools for Compliance: Preparing Wastewater Utilities for PFAS Regulations, <i>Amanda Berger, Arcadis</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	Leadership 101: From Peer to Supervisor, <i>David Baize, WEASC/SCAWWA</i>	Oxford

Technical Session 7 - 3:55 pm–4:25 pm

☐ Water	PFAS, Fluoride, and Data Center Public Communications: How to Stand Firm on Shifting Sands, <i>Mike McGill, Water PIO</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Operator Math, <i>Michael Fu Man Yip, GCWSD</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Algal Blooms, <i>Jim Collins, Mid-South/Brenntag</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	The Treatment Process is Talking—Are You Listening? <i>Amanda Kieffer, Weston & Sampson</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Polymer Fundamentals, <i>Ed Fritz, Jacobs Engineering</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	Data Centers 101, <i>Adam Way, AECOM</i>	Oxford

TUESDAY, November 3, 2026**Technical Session 8 - 8:00 am–8:30 am**

☐ Water	Water Panel Discussions, <i>Becky Dennis, Jill Martinez, John Thorne, Rodney Edwards, Dale Hanna</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Lake Murray WTP's Eyes in the Air and Water: Modernizing Water Utility Inspections with Drones and ROV's, <i>Adrian C. Martin, Columbia Water</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Obtaining an Environmental License, <i>Donald Parker, SCRWA</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Wastewater Panel Discussions, <i>Jim Collins, Ed Fritz, Brian Jenerou, Jim Matthews, Mike Teran</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Operator Math Pt. 1, <i>Neeraj Patel, GSWA</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	Lab Training Pt. 1, <i>Laboratory Committee</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	When Shutdown Isn't an Option: Maintaining Plant Operations in Active Wastewater Treatment Facilities, <i>Justin Reid, Harper Construction</i>	Pembroke

Technical Session 9 - 8:35 am–9:05 am

☐ Water	Water Panel Discussions, <i>Becky Dennis, Jill Martinez, John Thorne, Rodney Edwards, Dale Hanna</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Backflow Need to Know, <i>Ricky Ingram, SCRWA</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	A Brief Guide to System Curves, <i>Dave Johnson, HIGHFILL</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Wastewater Panel Discussions, <i>Jim Collins, Ed Fritz, Brian Jenerou, Jim Matthews, Mike Teran</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Operator Math Pt. 2, <i>Neeraj Patel, GSWA</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	Lab Training Pt. 2, <i>Laboratory Committee</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	Understanding Industrial Contributions Without Overcomplicating It, <i>Amanda Kieffer, Weston & Sampson</i>	Pembroke

Conference Sessions

TUESDAY, November 3, 2026 Continued

Technical Session 10 - 9:10 am–9:40 am

☐ Water	Still Leaking After All These Years; Insights from Two Decades of Transmission Pipeline Inspection, <i>Brad Gresham, Xylem</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	System Flushing, <i>Michael Lybrand, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Pressure Zone Fundamentals: A Primer on Designing, Establishing, and Operating Water Pressure Zones, <i>Michael Knapp, Garver</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Solids Handling and Support System, <i>Neal Klimek, Retired City of Cayce</i>	Kensington A
☐ Combined	Social Media and Using AI in Public Communications, <i>Kelli Johnson, Chester Metropolitan District</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater Training	Collections Overview, <i>Phillip Dieckman, GHD</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Wastewater	Promoting Customer Care, Operations Driven Odor Control: Lessons from Charlotte Water's Paw Creek to Irwin Study, <i>Clair Funk, Jacobs Engineering</i>	Pembroke

Technical Session 11 - 10:20 am–10:50 am

☐ Water	Pumps, Motors, and Blowers: The Hidden Failure Points Costing Your Plant Thousands, <i>Brian Sanchez, A&W Electric</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Identifying Water Quality Problems, <i>Michael Lybrand, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	The Plant in Your Pocket: SCADA Features Nobody Told You About, <i>Eddie Noyes, ICS Automated</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Adopting a Condition Based Maintenance Practice in Your Sanitary Sewer System to Save Time, Money and Other Valuable Resources, <i>Walter Woodard, Infosense</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Fundamentals of Digestion, <i>Ed Fritz, Jacobs Engineering</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	Stormwater, <i>Bradly Hayes, Woodard & Curran</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	Obtaining an Environmental License, <i>Donald Parker, SCRWA</i>	Pembroke

Technical Session 12 - 10:55 am–11:25 am

☐ Water	Reliability by Design: Embedding Accountability into Water and Wastewater Maintenance, <i>Marty Griffin, A&W Electric</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Managing Iron and Manganese in Drinking Water Systems: Practical Strategies to Reduce Consumer Complaints, <i>Sahil Dargan, Black & Veatch</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Laboratory Ethics, <i>Alejandra Beier, Columbia Water</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Eliminating the Wet Well With Direct Inline Pumping, <i>Brad Hitselberger, Industrial Flow Solutions</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	I&I, <i>Rodney Edwards, Clearwater, Inc.</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	Pillars of Emergency Power, <i>Justin Moore, Blanchard Energy</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	What is Water Reuse? Why Have it in South Carolina, <i>Tricia Kilgore, BJWSA</i>	Pembroke

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TUESDAY, November 3, 2026, Continued

Technical Session 13 – 11:30 am–12:00 pm

☐ Water	Lead and Copper , Aziz Ahmed, <i>CHA</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Total Coliform Rule: All About the Total Coliform Rule and Revised Total Coliform Rule , Jill Martinez, <i>Columbia Water</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Watershed Security , John Thorne, <i>Operators Unlimited</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Evaluating Ultrasonic Inspection of Wastewater Force Mains: Case Study from Massachusetts , Brad Gresham, <i>Xylem</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	O&M , Prentiss Brooks, <i>Columbia Water</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	UV Disinfection Technology , Josh Ziembiec, <i>Clearwater</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	Less Head, More Efficiency: A Strategic Approach to System Upgrades , Lauren Simmons, Seamon, <i>Whiteside & Assoc.</i>	Pembroke

Technical Session 14 – 1:35 pm–2:05 pm

☐ Water	Importance of Including Your Operators in the Design Process: JMWSC's Collaborative Approach , Guy Schmoltze, <i>JMWSC</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Surface Water Treatment Rule: All About the Surface Water Rule and the Enhanced Service Water Treatment Rule , Jill Martinez, <i>Columbia Water</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Water Loss , Becky Dennis, <i>Kiawah Island</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Sequencing Batch Reactor Operations , Glemmie Haines, <i>Richland County</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Pumps Pt. 1 , Brian Jenerou, <i>Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	LLR Update Pt. 1 , Jason Fell, <i>Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	Back to the Basics—Why is it Important to Keep Track of Solids Retention Time in Your Activated Sludge Treatment Processes? Don Lee, <i>Wright-Pierce</i>	Pembroke

Technical Session 15 – 2:10 pm–2:40 pm

☐ Water	DAF vs Conventional: A Side-by-Side Study , Dale Hanna, <i>Seneca Light and Water</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Disinfection , Rodney Edwards, <i>Clearwater, Inc.</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Protect Florida's Living Water: Managing Critical Pipeline Water Crossing with Internal Inspection Technologies , Brad Gresham, <i>Xylem</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Wastewater Treatment Review , Jim Collins, <i>Mid-South/Brenntag</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Pumps Pt. 2 , Brian Jenerou, <i>Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	LLR Update Pt. 2 , Jason Fell, <i>Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	Big Challenges, Small Systems: Navigating Infrastructure Upgrades in Growing Communities , Ryne Phillips, Seamon, <i>Whiteside & Assoc.</i>	Pembroke

Conference Sessions

TUESDAY, November 3, 2026, Continued

Technical Session 16 - 2:45 pm–3:15 pm

☐ Water	Water Charities Update , <i>Tevin Copeland, Water Charities Committee</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Preserving the Pipes , <i>John Hall, Greenville Water</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Chlorine Safety , <i>Jim Matthews, On Line Environmental Inc.</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	The Industrial Wastewater Treatment Arena , <i>Jim Collins, Mid-South/Brenntag</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Repair and Rehab , <i>Brian Jenerou, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	Control Systems, Balancing, Monitoring and Control with Cybersecurity Risk in Today's Digital Climate , <i>John Thorne, Operators Unlimited</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	When Time is Not on Your Side: Case Study for the Polk County, FL Northeast Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion from 6 MGD to 9 MGD Using CMAR Delivery , <i>Bart Booz, Wright-Pierce</i>	Pembroke

Technical Session 17 - 3:20 pm–3:50 pm

☐ Water	Underground Water Storage: How ASR Systems Work and Why They Matter , <i>Tony Hill, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Water Construction SOPs , <i>Tony Dubois, SCRWA</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	How to Use Social Conventions to De-Escalate People and Develop Trust , <i>Jill Martiniz, Columbia Water</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Solo Operator: From Design to Operation (A Physical/Chemical Pretreatment Journey) , <i>Mike Swanson, Munzing North America</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Solids Thickening , <i>Ed Fritz, Jacobs Engineering</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	Asset Management , <i>Bradly Hayes, Woodard & Curran</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	Pump Curves and Hydraulics , <i>Josh Amon, Preferred Sources Inc.</i>	Pembroke

Technical Session 18 - 3:55 pm–4:25 pm

☐ Water	Permanent Destruction, Practical Cost: A New Model for South Carolina and What it Means for the Operators , <i>Magnus Kolaas, Vandrix Capital</i>	Windsor A
☐ Water Training	Jar Testing , <i>John Thorne, Operators Unlimited</i>	Windsor BC
☐ Water	Collaboration to Avoid Closedown: Navigating Construction in an Active Plant , <i>Timothy Darms (Hazen), Phillip Sexton (NCSD) and Ben Crutchfield (Harper)</i>	Somerset
☐ Wastewater	Process Control Data Benefits for Biological Treatment Plant , <i>Sonya Harrison, Goldie Associates</i>	Kensington A
☐ Wastewater Training	Solids Dewatering , <i>Ed Fritz, Jacobs Engineering</i>	Kensington BC
☐ Combined	How Agentic AI Accelerates Operational Excellence , <i>Dr. Matt Klein, DeltaBravo AI</i>	Oxford
☐ Wastewater	Bridging Legacy Design and Capacity Conversations: Planning for Growth in Small and Mid-Sized Systems , <i>Ken Orie, Bolton & Menk</i>	Pembroke

WEDNESDAY, November 4, 2026

Technical Session 19 - 8:30 am-9:00 am

☐ Combined	Activated Sludge: The Role of Microorganisms , <i>Daron Lambert, GSWSA</i>	Kensington ABC
☐ Combined	Implementing AI in Water and Wastewater Utilities , <i>Kirt Wessel, RL Core Technologies</i>	Windsor ABC

Technical Session 20 - 9:10 am-9:40 am

☐ Combined	Valves and Maintenance , <i>Michael Talley, Carotek, Inc.</i>	Kensington ABC
☐ Combined	Drilling Deeper: Building the Wells That Supply Our Water , <i>Tony Hill, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	Windsor ABC

Technical Session 21 - 9:45 am-10:15 am

☐ Combined	Recent Advancements in PAA as an Alternative Disinfectant and Success Stories from the Field , <i>John Thorne, Operators Unlimited</i>	Kensington ABC
☐ Combined	Why Does Capital Planning Feel Like Pulling Rabbits Out of a Hat? , <i>Bill Davis, KCI</i>	Windsor ABC

Technical Session 22 - 10:20 am-10:50 am

☐ Combined	Water Hammers, Surge, and Air Release/Vacuum Valves in Wastewater Force Mains , <i>J. Clint Riley, AECOM</i>	Kensington ABC
☐ Combined	CVE's: Filtering out the Noise , <i>Joshua Hayes, Cited Relevance</i>	Windsor ABC

Technical Session 23 - 10:55 am-11:55 am (FINAL SESSION)

☐ Combined	Normalization of Deviance: What is it and How can it Hurt Me? Traffic Control: Know the Hazards , <i>Ronnie Freeman, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	Kensington ABC
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John Hall - Greenville Water
Keith Lee - Greenville Water

2026 EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Pete Duty & Associates	35 Year Exhibitor Award
Jet-Vac	25 Year Exhibitor Award
Templeton & Associates	20 Year Exhibitor Award
Jack Moore & Associates.	15 Year Exhibitor Award
Industrial Solutions & Supply.	10 Year Exhibitor Award
Operators Unlimited.	10 Year Exhibitor Award
Piedmont Automation	5 Year Exhibitor Award
USA Bluebook	5 Year Exhibitor Award
W. W. Williams Company	5 Year Exhibitor Award



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