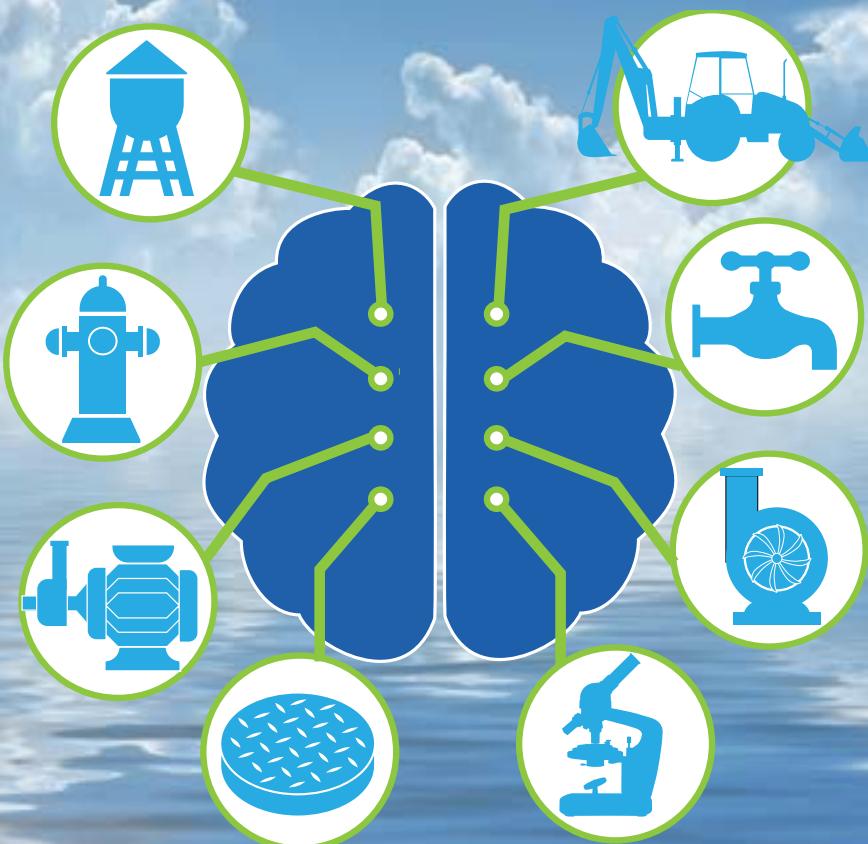




South Carolina Environmental Conference

# ***Intelligent Infrastructure: The Future of Water Utilities***



**March 15 - 18, 2026**

*Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center*



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## WELCOME

Connie Banegas – SCAWWA Chair • Beth Thompson – WEASC President

Welcome to the 2026 South Carolina Environmental Conference (SCEC)! Since its inception in 1991, the SCEC has brought water professionals together to share innovative ideas and learn about the newest technologies and challenges in the field. It has truly become the premier water conference in South Carolina and draws many people from other states.

The theme this year is *Intelligent Infrastructure: The Future of Water Utilities*. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is quickly entering every aspect of life from our creative efforts to industrial development. The circular water industry is not exempt, and we all must be ready to embrace the benefits as well as address the challenges brings. To explain some efforts being made, we are honored to have Gigi Karmous-Edwards speak to us at the Opening Session on Sunday morning. Ms. Karmous-Edwards is currently working with a Water Research Foundation project aiming to understand the developing role of GenAI in the water sector and its ability to address some immediate critical water sector challenges.

The 2026 SCEC, however, is not focused only on AI but offers opportunities to connect and learn about many areas of our industry. Please don't miss the following:

- SCEC Competitions – SCEC brings teams from all over the US and has become the place to experience high-level competition in preparation for National events. Watch as competitors take on others in the Operations Challenge, Pipe Tapping Competition, Hydrant Hysteria, and Meter Challenge.

### Convention Center Construction Update

The Myrtle Beach Convention Center is currently undergoing renovations. Window replacements are taking place along the back hallway near the parking lot entrance. During this time, our registration booth will be conveniently located in the Hall of Fame Area. You may notice a few other minor adjustments throughout the facility related to the construction. Please be sure to check the program for the latest updates.

- Vendor Exhibits – don't miss the opportunity to visit over 250 vendor booths to learn about cutting edge technology and network with other water professionals.

- Technical Sessions – the technical sessions cover a wide range of topics such as wastewater operations and collections, water distribution and treatment, asset management, communications, laboratory, finance, regulatory updates, and technology.

- Women in Water Life Social – a chance for women to connect and discuss challenges and opportunities in their roles.

- Young Professionals Social – join the YPs for a fun filled evening of networking and a little cornhole competition.

As the Chair of the SCAWWA and President of the WEASC, Connie and Beth want to thank Leon Fanning and the whole Conference Management Committee for their hard work this year to create an amazing conference. We give a heartfelt thank you to Executive Director David Baize and our fantastic staff; we could not produce a conference that meets the needs of over 2000 people without them.

Please take the many opportunities to make new contacts and friends in South Carolina's amazing water and wastewater industry, and don't miss a photo op with a famous emoji who promised to make an appearance. We hope to see you around; welcome to the beach!



We are pleased to offer the opportunity to receive up to 12.5 full professional development/ continuing education hours for this year's SCEC!

It is the responsibility of the licensee to attend relevant training sessions that apply to their license(s).



## WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE VISITING OFFICERS FROM AWWA AND WEF JOINING US AT THE SCEC THIS YEAR!

### AWWA REPRESENTATIVE



**Brent Tippey, P.E.**  
AWWA President-Elect

With a career spanning over 165 projects across nine states, he has managed water treatment and transmission initiatives for diverse communities. This extensive experience provides him with a deep understanding of industry challenges.

A dedicated leader within the Kentucky-Tennessee Section, Brent has served as Section Chair, MAC Chairman, Director and is a founding sponsor of the KY-TN Water Professionals Leadership Academy. At the national level, he has chaired the Water Treatment Facilities Design & Construction Committee and was elected AWWA Vice President in 2023. He currently serves on the Kentucky State Drinking Water Advisory Council.

### WEF REPRESENTATIVE



**Kalpana Solanki, WEF Trustee**

Kalpana Solanki is a 2025-26 member of the WEF Board of Trustees and the interim president and CEO of GAMECHANGERS Inc. She works with organizations in the water and agriculture sectors on strategic planning, board governance and capacity-building.

Kalpana is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Water Professionals International's Robert C. McAnespie Award, and the BCIT Distinguished Alumni Award for Entrepreneurial Innovation.

She holds a bachelor of science degree and an MBA from Simon Fraser University, as well as a diploma in environmental health from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. She is a certified water professional, a certified interim executive, and has recently completed a Harvard Business School program on strategy.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Gigi Karmous-Edwards



Over the course of more than 25 years, Gigi Karmous-Edwards has worked in various domains of digital technologies, spanning the Data Communications industry, Academia, and most recently, dedicating the last 13 years to the Water Sector. Gigi is the technical lead and Co-PI of a GenAI WRF #5321 (GenAI for the Global Water Sector) project. Gigi is the founder and former chair of the SWAN Digital Twin H2O Work Group, leads AI market insights at BlueTech Research as a Technology Advisor Group (TAG) member, and serves on the Advisory Boards of Veralto and Qatium.

Gigi has authored over 40 publications and frequently speaks at global conferences. As the CEO of Karmous-Edwards Consulting, she advises global utilities and technology companies on digital transformation and GenAI. B.S. in Chemical Eng and M.S. Electrical Eng.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Additional meetings may have been scheduled since completion of print materials. Check with your committee chairs to see if you have a meeting. If you'd like to schedule a meeting during the conference, visit the registration desk for more information.

#### Water Reuse Association

March 15, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Room 207

#### Residuals and Biosolids

March 16, 8:00 am – 8:30 am, Room 207

#### WEASC Membership

March 16, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Room 207

#### Water Loss & Control

March 17, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Room 206

#### WW Collections Committee

March 16, 10:00 am – 11:00 am, Room 207

#### WEASC 100th Anniversary

March 16, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Room 206

#### Stormwater

March 17, 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm, Room 206

#### Asset Management

March 16, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Room 207

#### Student Chapters

March 16, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Room 207

#### Water Charities

March 17, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, Room 207



## MASTER SCHEDULE & SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

### SATURDAY-3/14

8:30 am – 10:30 am	<b>Joint Steering Committee Meeting</b> Room 102/103
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>SCAWWA Executive Committee Meeting</b> Room 104
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>WEASC Executive Committee Meeting</b> Room 102/103
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Competition Setup</b> - Exhibit Hall
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>Officers Dinner (By invitation)</b>

### SUNDAY-3/15

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Registration Desk Open</b> - Hall of Fame (New Location)
7:30 am – 8:15 am	<b>5K Beach Fun Run and Walk For Water</b> Plyler Park
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Setup for Exhibitors</b> Exhibit Hall
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>First Time Attendees Meet &amp; Greet</b> Room 206/208
8:30 am – 10:10 am	<b>Technical Sessions</b> - Classrooms
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Entry Deadline for Best Tasting Water Contest</b> Hall of Fame Area
10:20 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Opening Session, Scholarship Presentation &amp; Awards Ceremony</b> - Ballroom E
11:15 pm – 12:00 pm	<b>WEASC PWO Operations Challenge</b> Pre-Competition Meeting & Events Review Competition Area
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>WEASC PWO Operations Challenge Competition</b> Competition Area
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>AWWA Pipe Tapping Contest</b> - Competition Area (Awards presented immediately following competition)
1:30 pm – 4:20 pm	<b>Technical Sessions</b> - Classrooms
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b> - Exhibit Hall
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Women In Water Life (Extended Social Hour)</b> Ballroom E (4:00 Social, 4:30 Program)
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>The Best Tasting Water Contest &amp; Environmental Jeopardy</b> - Luncheon Area
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>Conference Reception</b> - Exhibit Hall

### Opening Session & Awards Ceremony

Sunday, 10:20 am - 12:00 pm • Ballroom E

Kick off SCEC with our high-energy Opening Session! Join us as we launch the conference and set the stage for an inspiring week ahead. This year's session features a keynote address from Gigi Karmous-Edwards, CEO of Karmous-Edwards Consulting, who advises global utilities and technology companies on digital transformation and GenAI. Gigi will explore the exciting nexus between cutting-edge technology and the future of water utilities.



*Gigi Karmous-Edwards*

You'll also hear updates and insights from your AWWA Section Chair, WEASC President, CMC Committee Chair, and our Executive Director.

The Opening Session will include our annual Awards Ceremony, where we'll celebrate scholarship recipients and recognize outstanding achievements at both the state and national levels. Come cheer on your colleagues and be part of the celebration!

### BEACH FUN RUN & WALK FOR WATER

Sunday, 7:30 am – 8:15 am • *Plyler Park by the Boardwalk, 1000 N. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577*

Join us at Plyler Park for our annual Beach Fun Run and Walk for Water! All are welcome to participate. Sponsorships support the work of Water Mission, who is currently providing safe water to more than 7 million people in 60 countries. If you don't want to run/walk, you can help hold signs to educate participants about Water Mission's efforts to solve the Global Water and Sanitation Crisis.

### FIRST TIME ATTENDEES MEET & GREET

8:30 am – 9:00 am Sunday and Monday • Room 206/208

Are you a first timer to SCEC? If so, we'd like to invite you to a special 30-minute reception on either Sunday or Monday. You'll be able to enjoy some coffee while meeting David Baize, our Executive Director, along with the Association officers and staff who can help you with any questions or assistance you may need throughout the conference. We really look forward to seeing you!

### YP SCAVENGER HUNT

Start 4:00 pm Sunday – End 5:00 pm Monday • *Exhibit Hall*

Calling all Young Professionals (those under the age of 35 and/or having less than 10 years in the industry)! Want to learn more about our industry and interact with our Exhibitors? Sign up at the YP table in the Hall of Fame area to pick up instructions on how to participate and obtain your Scavenger sheets. The hunt will conclude at the YP Social on Monday afternoon. Successful participants will be eligible to win a prize!



## MASTER SCHEDULE

### MONDAY-3/16

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	<b>Registration Desk Open - Hall of Fame (New Location)</b>
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>5S Member Breakfast (5S Members Only)</b> Ballroom E
7:30 am	<b>Mandatory WEASC PWO Operations Challenge Team Check-in</b> - Competition Area
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	<b>WEASC PWO Operations Challenge</b> Competition Area
8:00 am – 6:30 pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b> - Exhibit Hall
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>First Time Attendees Meet &amp; Greet</b> Room 206/208
8:30 am – 11:55 am	<b>Technical Sessions</b> - Classrooms
9:00 am – 3:30 pm	<b>Student Poster Session</b> - Hall of Fame
9:35 am – 10:10 am	<b>Technical Sessions Break</b> - Exhibit Hall
9:40 am	<b>USC, Citadel, NC State Alumni Photos</b> Hall of Fame Area
10:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Student Poster Judging</b> - Hall of Fame
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>AWWA Meter Challenge</b> - Competition Area (New Date and Time)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Conference Luncheon &amp; 5S Nominee Announcement</b> - Luncheon Area (Open to All Attendees)
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>AWWA Hydrant Hysteria</b> - Competition Area
1:40 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Technical Sessions</b> - Classrooms
2:45 pm – 3:20 pm	<b>Technical Sessions Break</b> - Exhibit Hall
2:50 pm	<b>Clemson and Any Other Alumni Photos</b> Hall of Fame Area
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>WEASC PWO Operations Challenge Pipe Cut/Hole Cut Competition</b> Competition Area
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Exhibitors Happy Hour</b> - Exhibit Hall
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Young Professionals Social, Awards, and Cornhole Tournament</b> - Luncheon Area
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Competition Awards</b> - Ballroom E (5:00 Social, 5:30 Program)

### TUESDAY-3/17

7:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Registration Desk Open - Hall of Fame (New Location)</b>
7:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b> - Exhibit Hall
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>Operations Breakfast &amp; Awards</b> Ballroom E
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>Open Breakfast for Conference Attendees</b> Exhibit Hall
8:30 am – 11:30 am	<b>Technical Sessions</b> - Classrooms
9:35 am – 10:20 am	<b>Technical Sessions Break</b> - Exhibit Hall
11:45 am – 1:15 pm	<b>SCAWWA Luncheon and Business Meeting</b> (open to AWWA/SCAWWA Members) Ballroom E
1:30 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Technical Sessions</b> - Classrooms
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Conference Happy Hour/Finale</b> Hall of Fame Area

### WEDNESDAY-3/18

8:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>WEASC Breakfast, Business Meeting, and 5S Induction</b> (open to WEF/WEASC Members) - Ballroom E
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For the Technical Program,  
refer to the YAPP App for the  
most up-to-date information.





## MONDAY ACTIVITIES

### OTHER MONDAY HIGHLIGHTS

#### 5S Member Breakfast

7:30 am - 8:30 am

(5S Members Only)

#### First Time Attendees Meet & Greet

8:30 am - 9:00 am

#### Conference Luncheon & 5S Nominee Announcement

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

#### PWO Competitions

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### Hydrant Hysteria

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

#### Pipe Cut/Hole Cut Competition

4:00 pm- 4:45 pm

#### Exhibitors Happy Hour

4:30 pm- 6:30 pm

#### Competitions Award Winners Announcements

5:00 pm- 6:30 pm



### STUDENT POSTER SESSION

9:00 am – 3:30 pm | Judging 10:00 am – 11:30 am • Hall of Fame

(Awards given during YP Social)

There will be 1st place awards for water (AWWA) and wastewater/stormwater (WEASC). Winners will receive trips to the national conferences (ACE and WEFTEC). 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place will receive cash prizes. The competition is open to graduate and undergraduate students. We will also have cash awards specifically for undergraduates this year. Winners will be announced during the YP Social on Monday evening. Please stop by the Hall of Fame and talk with these talented students and learn about their exciting work that may just be the next big break-through in the water industry!



### YP SOCIAL, AWARDS, AND CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm • Exhibit Hall Luncheon Area

Grab a beer, a partner, and a bean bag and come join the YPs at our YP Social! Please join us for some friendly competition as we determine the top cornhole duo. We will also announce our WEASC/SCAWWA Young Professionals of the Year and Student Poster Competition award winners.





## TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

### Open Conference Breakfast

7:30 am – 8:30 am • Exhibit Hall

All conference attendees are invited to start their day with our Exhibitors at our Open Conference Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall.



### SCAWWA Luncheon and Business Meeting

11:45 am – 1:15 pm • Ballroom E

SCAWWA's Annual Business Meeting is an opportunity for our South Carolina AWWA membership to receive an annual update on the "State of the Section". Members receive international perspective and key initiative updates from our AWWA Visiting Officer, engage in the nomination and voting of SCAWWA's new slate of officers, and celebrate the "passing of the gavel" and remarks for the year ahead from the newly appointed SCAWWA Section Chair. We will conclude this luncheon with a Meet & Greet with committee chairs. This is your chance to learn about different committees and volunteer opportunities!

### Operations Recognition Breakfast

7:30 am – 8:30 am • Ballroom E

Calling all Operators! This is the time that we celebrate YOU! Come enjoy breakfast and see your fellow operators be recognized for their achievements! Operator focused awards will be presented over a delicious meal!



### Conference Happy Hour / Finale

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm • Hall of Fame Area

Before the curtain closes on an incredible conference, join us one last time for our Happy Hour/Grand Finale! Whether you're looking to unwind after a packed schedule or toast to the success of SCEC 2026, this is the perfect event to celebrate with fellow colleagues, association members, and attendees. Enjoy appetizers, drinks, and lively Karaoke right after the close of final technical sessions. Let's wrap up the week with laughter, music, and great company. We promise it will be a highlight of your conference experience!

## WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

### WEASC Breakfast, Business Meeting and 5S Induction

8:30 am – 10:00 am • Ballroom E

Calling all WEASC members! Please join us for the annual WEASC meeting at SCEC. Breakfast will be provided and we will conduct our annual business meeting along with inducting (and potentially embarrassing) our new 5S inductees. This is our members' opportunity to participate in the confirmation of incoming officers and election of the next nominating committee. Attendees will also get to hear a national/international perspective from our visiting WEF representative.





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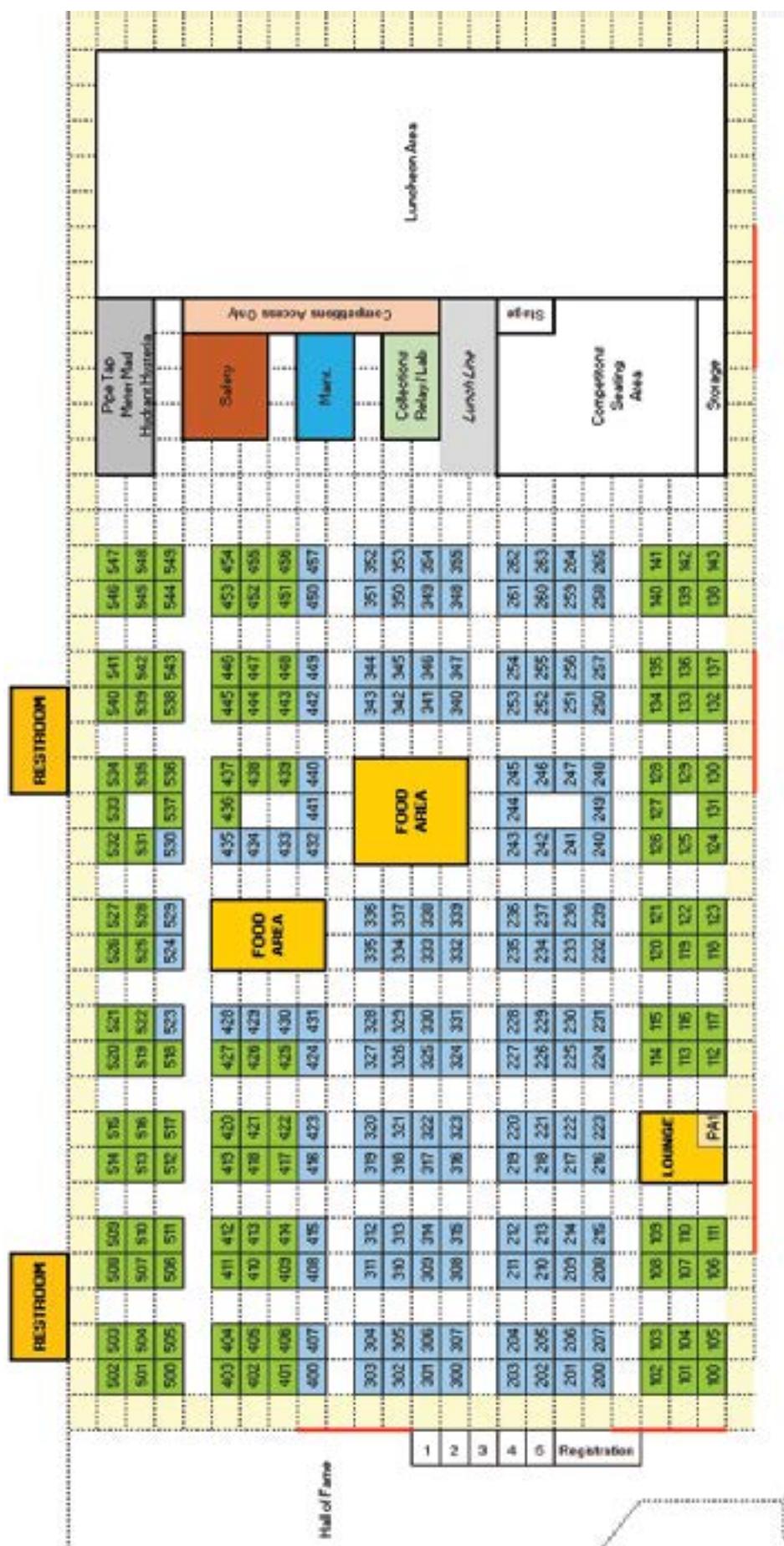
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## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 15

	9:00 am	9:30 am	10:00 am	10:30 am	11:00 am	11:30 am	12:00 pm	12:30 pm	1:00 pm	1:30 pm	2:00 pm	2:30 pm	3:00 pm	3:30 pm	4:00 pm	4:30 pm	5:00 pm	5:30 pm	6:00 pm
Opening Session, Scholarship Presentation & Awards Ceremony					10:20am - 12:00pm														
WEASC Operations Challenge Team Meeting						11:15am - 12:00pm													
PWO WEASC Operations Challenge																			Event Cleanup
AWWA Pipe Tapping Contest																			Event Cleanup
Best Tasting Water																			Yellow Box

### Monday, March 16

	8:00 am	9:00 am	9:30 am	10:00 am	10:30 am	11:00 am	11:30 am	12:00 pm	12:30 pm	1:00 pm	1:30 pm	2:00 pm	2:30 pm	3:00 pm	3:30 pm	4:00 pm	4:30 pm	5:00 pm	5:30 pm
PWO Operations Challenge																			
AWWA Meter Challenge									Conference Luncheon										
AWWA Hydrant Hysteria																			
PWO Pipe Cut / Hole Cut Competition																Blue Box			
Competition Award Ceremony																			Yellow Box





# 2026 SCEC Competitions

## Exhibit Hall



The competitions at the SCEC are all considered state qualifying events. All our state champions win the right to represent our great state at a national level competition. SCAWWA winners advance to ACE in June 2026. The PWO Operations Challenge winner progresses to WEFTEC in September 2026.

### PWO Operations Challenge – Brawl at the Beach 11

Our South Carolina teams are part of the national conversation year in and year out. This competition is considered one of the best nationally recognized regional competitions in the country. Teams from all over the country come to compete to ready themselves for their own state qualifying events and to prepare for WEFTEC. Want to see the best the United States have to offer? Come join us and witness it for yourself!

### SCAWWA Pipe Tapping Competition

Just like the past, this year's pipe tap competition promises to impress. This high action, tool wrenching competition is an event you can't pass up. The competition itself is only

skin deep as these competitors work many hours to perfect this intensely synchronized event. The determination and skill required to practice tirelessly and perform this event is extremely impressive.

### SCAWWA Hydrant Hysteria

Similarly, like the pipe tapping event, you get two individual runs to try to win the championship trophy. These two-man teams require intense concentration as they completely rebuild a water hydrant in mere minutes. One tiny mistake can be the difference between first and last place.

### SCAWWA Meter Challenge

Can you imagine taking a residential water meter completely apart and putting it back together in less than 30 or 40 seconds? Should you try it once, you will think it impossible. That is what makes this event so impressive. One little screw can roll around on the table and blow the whole run. This event is recorded to the hundredths of seconds, so intense concentration is vital to post a competitive time.



Team registrations for all competitions are due by February 21, 2026 and can be found on [www.scwaters.org](http://www.scwaters.org).

If you need more competition information, contact our SCEC Competitions Chair, Seth Duncan, at [sduncan@mpwonline.com](mailto:sduncan@mpwonline.com) or please see these links:  
[www.weftec.org/attend/operations-challenge](http://www.weftec.org/attend/operations-challenge)

[www.rmwea.org/oc.php](http://www.rmwea.org/oc.php)

[www.awwa.org/conferences-education/conferences/annual-conference/competitions.aspx](http://www.awwa.org/conferences-education/conferences/annual-conference/competitions.aspx)



# National Competitions Results

The top finishers from SCEC 2025's competitions advanced to the national events at ACE and WEFTEC – and brought home some national titles!

## ACE Competition Results | June 8-11 in Denver



**Meter Challenge:**  
Craig Dalton, Greenville Water  
1st Place

Fastest time: 28:09



**Hydrant Hysteria:**  
Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority  
1st Place

Final round time: 1:07.00. Congratulations to team members Hunter Murray, Darius Witte (coach), and Robert Lemieux.



**Pipe Tapping:**  
Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority  
10th Place

Best time: 1:38.15. BJWSA's team members are Nathan Goodwin, Darius Witte, Robert Lemieux, and Andrew Mattie (coach).

## WEFTEC Operations Challenge Results | Sept 27-Oct 1 in Chicago



**North Charleston Sewer District's Surge**  
3rd place overall in Division 2. 2nd place in Collections event.  
Robert Magera, Nick Crepeau, Grant Clark (captain), Joshua Jenkins, and Paul Bergevin. *Photo by Kieffer Photography.*



**Mount Pleasant Waterworks' Controlled Chaos**  
4th place overall in Division 1.  
Kevin Ganley, Patrick Ross (captain), Rory Byrne, and Tyler Waterhouse. Not pictured: Troy Newton (coach). *Photo by Kieffer Photography.*



**Greenwood Metro's Lethal Concentration**  
5th place overall in Division 1. 2nd place in Lab event.  
Mathew Overstreet, Leigh Redden, Tony Williamson, Shane Gardner (captain), and Bryan Weeks. *Photo by Kieffer Photography.*



**Columbia Water's Connoisseurs**  
First time competing at WEFTEC! Finished 21st in Division 3.  
Josh Brown (captain), James "Ross" Watson, Corika Carter, and Malik Mobley. *Photo by Kieffer Photography.*



## SUNDAY AM TECHNICAL SESSION

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**Check the Yapp App for any updates to Technical Sessions**

Sunday AM		8:30 am - 9:00 am	9:05 am - 9:35 am	9:40 am - 10:10 am
BR-A	<b>SESSION S-1</b> Biosolids	<input type="checkbox"/> Got Options? A Case Study on Biosolids Adaptive Planning <i>Adrian Romero, Jacobs</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet the Press: Design Considerations for Biosolids Dewatering Technologies <i>Steve Barbian, KCI Technologies</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Using Micro Hydrolysis to Enhance Anaerobic Digestion and Reduce Costs <i>Todd Williams, Jacobs</i>
BR-B	<b>SESSION S-2</b> Wastewater Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina Utilities Transform Wastewater Operations with Real-Time Monitoring and Data Analytics <i>Jeff Hall, SmartCover Systems</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Around the Flow: Creative Pump Station Upgrades in Concord, NC <i>Josh Marlin, McKim &amp; Creed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Smarter: Delivering One of the Southeast's First Biosolids Solar Dryers with Construction Technology <i>Zac Pruitt, Harper General Contractors</i>
BR-C	<b>SESSION S-3</b> Wastewater Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Building a Sewer through the Swamp: ReWa's 60" Swamp Rabbit Trunk Sewer <i>Bret Lavey, Stantec</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> A Comparison of Cured-In-Place Pipe Methodologies <i>Mark Lambert, CHA Consulting</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the Juice Worth the Squeeze? Maximizing Capacity of a Wastewater Pump Station While Decommissioning a Wastewater Lagoon <i>Dillon Thompson, ReWa</i>
101	<b>SESSION S-4</b> SCWQA/WUC	<input type="checkbox"/> SCAWWA WUC Update <i>Earl Hunter, The Southern Group</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SCWQA Update <i>SCWQA Representative, SCWQA</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SCAWWA WUC / SCWQA Roundtable Discussion <i>Earl Hunter, The Southern Group</i>
102/103	<b>SESSION S-5</b> Resiliency	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenville Water Wildfire Response to the 2025 Table Rock Complex <i>Colin Mangelsdorf, Greenville Water</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> From Data to Decisions: Digital Tools for Climate-Resilient Infrastructure <i>Roni Deitz, Arcadis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Helene Impacts at the Hendersonville WWTF and the Road to Flood Resilience <i>Zach Trammel, McKim &amp; Creed</i>
104/105	<b>SESSION S-6</b> GIS	<input type="checkbox"/> Solution Data Management: A GIS-Based Approach for Managing District Metered Areas (DMAs) and Leak Detection <i>Robert Eisenrich, McKim &amp; Creed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Modernizing IVR Customer Notifications with GIS Using the ESRI Utility Network <i>Justin Kirtz, Greenville Water</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Leveraging GIS for Post-Storm Event Infrastructure Assessment <i>Jun Xiao, Renewable Water Resources</i>
106/107	<b>SESSION S-7</b> Workforce Development	<input type="checkbox"/> The Return of The Recovering Consultant: Management and Leadership Insights, Plus Entertaining Anecdotes from a Former Consultant's Journey <i>Michael Hansen, Beaufort-Jasper Water &amp; Sewer Authority</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tap into the Future: Pre-Apprenticeship & Apprenticeship H2O Programs <i>Sherri Buckner, South Carolina Rural Water Association</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> WEASC & AWWA Local Association Efforts <i>David Baize, WEASC</i>





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BR-A	<b>SESSION S-8</b> Regulatory Updates	<input type="checkbox"/> SCDES General Update <i>Ann Clark, SCDES</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NPDES Permitting & Permit Pro - SCDES AI Tool <i>Kelly Whitlock, SCDES</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Opportunity for Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities <i>Frank Nemeth, SCDES</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Latest EPA Regulations - Info & Insight <i>Doug Kinardh, SCDES</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Finding the Fast Lane to Approval: C-SWPPPs for Linear Projects <i>Luke Able, SCDES</i>
BR-B	<b>SESSION S-9</b> Wastewater Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Reuse and Partial Desalination to Enable Hydroponic Cultivation of Food Crops with Non-Conventional Water Resources <i>David Ladner, Clemson University</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-Cost Lagoon Replacements: Wastewater Treatment Alternatives in a Lagoon Footprint <i>Tom Vollmar, KCI Technologies</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of In-Line Treatment Technology for Non-Potable Reuse <i>Bailee Robinson, Garver</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Modeling to Push the Boundaries <i>Mark Allen, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Redamation and Reuse Technologies: MBR design <i>Kevin Scales, Thomas &amp; Hutton</i>
BR-C	<b>SESSION S-10</b> Wastewater Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Solutions for the Most Challenging Lift Station in Sarasota County <i>Mike Nixon, McKim &amp; Creed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> "It Didn't Include Quantities" Advantages & Disadvantages of Indefinite Deliverable/Indefinite Quantity Contracts for Sewer Rehabilitation <i>Wesley Wahls, ARCADIS</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Lift Station Redesign: Delivering High-Value Solutions through Utility Mergers <i>Sydney Tickle Rodts, Freese and Nichols, Inc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> As Collaborative as We Can Be - Installing a 24-inch FM in a Congested R/W <i>Shelby Drose, Weston &amp; Sampson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Interceptor Rehabilitation for the North Charleston Sewer District <i>James Reigart, Ardustra</i>
101	<b>SESSION S-11</b> Artificial Intelligence	<input type="checkbox"/> CSAR-AI Pilot Project For City of Columbia's MC02 Sewer Basin <i>Tom Keefer, Keefer Engineering</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Machine Learning: No Longer a Shiny New Object, It Is Here to Stay <i>Chris Ranck, Black &amp; Veatch</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Intelligence in the Water Industry: A Roadmap for Awareness and Adoption <i>Freddie Guerra, GHD</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> AI on Tap: Opening Competition with Technology <i>Brett Butz, SCDES</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> AI & the Water Sector - Balancing Innovation with Caution <i>Kalpana Solanki, WEF</i>
Panel discussion about AI with Gigi Karmous-Edwards to immediately follow last session at 4:20 pm.						
102/103	<b>SESSION S-12</b> Resiliency	<input type="checkbox"/> Folly Beach Model Living Shoreline <i>Kimberly Morganello, Weston &amp; Sampson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sullivan's Island Sea Level Adaptation & Resilience Plan <i>Katie Finegan, Weston &amp; Sampson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Implementation of Muted Tide Gates to Mitigate Extreme Tides <i>Joshua Hoke, Terracon Consultants</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning for The Future: Coastal Resilience Modeling for Public Utilities <i>Maura Boswell, HDR</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Protecting and Managing Streams as Assets <i>Brian Behrens, Woolpert, Inc.</i>
104/105	<b>SESSION S-13</b> Regulatory Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving Digital Transformation in Wastewater Utilities through Outcome-Driven Innovation: A Case Study of the Mattabassett District, CT <i>Mark Zito, Trinnex</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Met the Lead Service Line Inventory Submittal Deadline; What is Next? A Perspective From Small Utilities <i>Aziz Ahmed, CHA Consulting, Inc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> PFAS Regulations Spur Innovative Treatment Processes <i>Aaron Turman, McKim &amp; Creed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> The benefits of an NPDES Toxicity Mixing Zone <i>John Durkee, Water Environment Consultants</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> From Compliance to Excellence: A Collaborative Framework to Prepare for Lead and Copper Rule Success <i>Jestine Deepe, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>
106/107	<b>SESSION E-1</b> Exhibitor	<input type="checkbox"/> The Global Water Crisis: What, Where, When and How You Can Help. <i>Andy Fairey, Water Charities Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Untap Potential Capital Using Septage and FOG Receiving Stations <i>James Willson, SAVCO</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Start-up and Troubleshooting of Submersible Pumps <i>Randall Bard, Ebara Pumps Americas Corporation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Infrastructure Operations for Asset Management: How Louisa, VA Implemented O&M Strategies for Horizontal Assets <i>Darrell Thomas, CHA Consulting, Inc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Regenerable Ion Exchange for PFAS Treatment: Performance, Cost, and Residuals Reduction in Drinking Water Systems <i>Patrick McKeown, ECT2</i>



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BR-A	<b>SESSION M-1</b> Wastewater Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Over the Weir: UV Retrofit <i>Fae-Siri Keighley, Goodwyn Mills Cawood</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NanoSORB - Using Biological Activity in the WWTP to inexpensively pull PFAS out of the Water Cycle on Regional WWTP Expansion <i>Steve Woodard, PhD, ECT2</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the Interaction Between PFAS and Microplastics in Wastewater Treatment <i>Zhiyong Xia, GHD</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Selection and Design of Aerobic Granular Sludge (AGS) for Pendleton-Clemson Regional WWTP Expansion <i>Jing (Jay) Xin, Goodwyn Mills Cawood</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing Aerobic Granular Sludge (AGS) to Continuous Flow Treatment Plants: A Game-Changer for Nutrient Removal and Plant Capacity Increase <i>Betty-Ann Curtis, Parkson Corporation</i>
BR-B	<b>SESSION M-2</b> RIA/SCIPP	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIPP and State Grants <i>Bonnie Ammons, SCRIA</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIPP Transformational Impact Showcase <i>Multiple Presenters</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> New Utility Board Training Resources <i>Bonnie Ammons, SCRIA</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> RIA's Pilot VIP Assistance <i>Ryne Phillips, SWA</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Solutions: Economies of Scale <i>Fred Hanna, Goodwyn Mills Cawood</i>
BR-C	<b>SESSION M-3</b> Water Treatment - PFAS	<input type="checkbox"/> Navigating PFAS Challenges: Cost-Effective Treatment Approaches for Rural and Mid-Sized Utilities <i>Aziz Ahmed, CHA Consulting</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NPFAS Characterization and Engineering Approaches for Treatment <i>John Braccio, Wright-Pierce</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Beyond PFAS: Additional Considerations When Selecting a PFAS Treatment Technology <i>Hayes Sherman, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> A Full PFAS Rundown: GAC, IX, RO, and the Road to Full-Scale Removal <i>Shay Coombs, Freese and Nichols, Inc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Forever! NCWSA's PFAS Removal Study <i>Andrea Hargette, Hargette LLC</i>
101	<b>SESSION M-4</b> Wastewater Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> One Water, One Collection System: Sustainable Design <i>Benjamin Wallis, V&amp;A Consulting Engineers</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Smarter Sewer Management: Preventing Overflows and Saving Millions <i>John Aulick, Sewer Sentry</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Data Management and Hydraulic Modeling for Capacity Analysis in BJW&S Authority <i>BJW&amp;S Authority</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Deploying Advanced Drones and Artificial Intelligence in Sewer Condition Assessment <i>Sean Farley, Arcadis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Open-cut River Crossings for Installation of Large Sewer Pipelines in Asheville <i>Matthew Shultz, HDR</i>
102/103	<b>SESSION M-5</b> Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Gigs to Gallons - Municipal Considerations for Data Center Development <i>Kenneth Horner, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> The HUB Effect: How Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Powers Smarter Projects <i>Jennifer Ray, Beaufort-Jasper Water &amp; Sewer Authority</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> From Red Tape to Green Light: How Automation is Transforming the Development Review Process <i>Phillip Sexton, North Charleston Sewer District</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Flowing Support: The Story Behind Charlotte's Helping Hands Outreach H2O Foundation <i>Jacqueline Jarrell, Helping Hands Outreach H2O Foundation and Raffelis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic SCADA: Elevating Upgrades to the Executive Agenda <i>Nathan Derry, Hazen and Sawyer</i>
104/105	<b>SESSION M-6</b> Asset Management	<input type="checkbox"/> See the End to NRW Loss with Data-Backed Leak Detection <i>Tony Popolo, McKim &amp; Creed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Driven Decisions: Using the Best Information to Find the Best Outcome <i>Jennifer Mann, Columbia Water</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Predicting the Invisible: A Case Study in Virtual Conditions Assessment of a Large Distribution System <i>Allyson Mauck, McKim &amp; Creed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution System Zone Monitoring: How to Improve Hydraulic Models, Non-Revenue Water Quantification and Leak Detection Effectiveness with Sensor Deployments <i>Nick Dierkes, McKim &amp; Creed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Moving Toward Viability: How a Small Utility Took Big Steps Toward Sustainability <i>Bethany Byrd, KCI Technologies</i>
106/107	<b>SESSION M-7</b> Water Distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> Tank Inspections and Rehabilitations - Ensuring Longevity and Performance <i>Karalyn Miskie, AECOM</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Modeling for the Real World - Utilizing a Hydraulic Model to Solve Operational Challenges <i>Wes Hutchins, McKim &amp; Creed</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> AI for Simplified Chloramine Control: How Columbia Water Created a Smart Tank for Safer, Higher-quality Water Transmission <i>Tyler Dillman, Columbia Waters Canal Water Treatment Plant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Zone Fundamentals: A Primer on Designing, Establishing, and Operating Water Pressure Zones <i>Craig Sollman, Garver</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Evolution of the Water Capital Improvement Plan Strategy within Detroit Water and Sewerage Department <i>Jim O'Dowd, AECOM</i>
202	<b>SESSION M-8</b> Alternative Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> When Time is Not On Your Side: Case Study for the Polk County, FL NE Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion from 6.0 to 9.0 MGD Using CMAR Delivery <i>Bartt Booz, Wright-Pierce</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Navigating SRF Funding on a CMAR Delivery Project <i>Timothy Darms, Hazen and Sawyer</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Accelerating Infrastructure Renewal with Find-and-Fix Progressive Design-Build in Pinellas County, FL <i>Dennis Davis, Wright-Pierce</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> WORLD RECORD HDD Under the Deepest Water Harbor on the East Coast <i>Mark Peters, Garver Companies</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Design, Construction and Startup of a 30 MGD PFAS Treatment Facility <i>Craig Murray, CHA Consulting, Inc.</i>
204	<b>SESSION Y-1</b> Young Professionals	<input type="checkbox"/> Breaking Ground: A Young Engineer's Guide to Construction Representative Services <i>Elaina Landrum, Freese and Nichols, Inc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Morgan Road Water Main - Serving Rural Beaufort County <i>Harlie Wdowiak, Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> One Pump, Four Locations, Three discharge points, 12 System Curves - Challenge Accepted <i>Nicholas Richardson, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking the Line: Translating Site Walks into Smarter Waterline Design <i>Cari Williams-Campbell, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Boots on the Ground: Tips and Tricks for Engineers in the Field <i>Patrick Meyer, Weston &amp; Sampson</i>

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Conference Luncheon & 55 Nomination Announcement



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BR-A	<b>SESSION M-9</b> Wastewater Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> CWS 3D Standards for Wastewater Treatment: Preparing Infrastructure for the AI Future  <i>Andrew Cardella, Charleston Water System</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bigger Isn't Always Better! <i>Timothy Brett, Fluence Corporation</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Back to the Basics - Why is it Important to Understand the Characteristics of Your Chemical Treatment Processes?  <i>Don Lee, Wright-Pierce</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Getting Creative with Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Projects  <i>Katherine McKirahan, Davis and Floyd, Inc.</i>
BR-B	<b>SESSION M-10</b> RIA/SRF	<input type="checkbox"/> RIA's Project Management for Engineers  <i>Liz Rosinski, SCRIA</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SRF - RIA's Guide to Loan Application and Closing  <i>Noel Hebert, SCRIA</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> SRF Hot Topics: The Future of Principal Forgiveness, and Complying with BABA  <i>Wayne Shealy, SCDES</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SRF - Project Showcase  <i>Multiple Presenters, Varies</i>
BR-C	<b>SESSION M-11</b> Water Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> City of Asheville WTP Improvements in the Aftermath of Hurricane Helene  <i>Morgan Young, Garver</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering the Unexpected: Overcoming Isolation Hurdles at Hanahan WTP  <i>Hunter Stewart, Black &amp; Veatch</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Lessons Learned from Georgia's First UV-AOP Water Treatment Process  <i>Joe Downey, Ardurra</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Life, but Keeping the Water Fresh in Georgetown County  <i>Bill Young, Ardurra</i>
101	<b>SESSION M-12</b> Wastewater Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing Wastewater Infrastructure Resilience Through Lift Station Condition Assessments  <i>Sam Beavans, Freese and Nichols</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Town, Big Solutions: A Journey of Tackling EPA Compliance in the City of Eden  <i>Anita Robertson, Ardurra</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Force Main Maintenance and Regulatory Compliance, a 2026 Update  <i>Kristopher Embry, Pressure Pipe Consulting Company</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dunean Mill Village Sewer Rehabilitation  <i>Meghan Franco, Michael Baker International</i>
102/103	<b>SESSION M-13</b> Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Planning in Motion: Trends and Emerging Tools for Water and Wastewater Utility Planning and Modeling  <i>Ian Toohey, Garver</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Utility Feasibility Planning: Does One Size Fit All?  <i>Jeremy Brashears, Ardurra</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Columbia's Clean Water 2020 Program: A Final Retrospective (How Far We've Come)  <i>Jamie Kelso, CDM Smith Inc</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving Revenue Collections for Utilities  <i>Gary Sanders, Utility Information Pipeline LLC</i>
104/105	<b>SESSION M-14</b> SCADA / Instrumentation and Controls	<input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Applications of UAS and Drone Technologies for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Utilities  <i>Anthony Dowell, AECOM</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> From Readiness to Migration: How Communication is Driving Columbia's Utility GIS Upgrade  <i>Jack Beers, CDM Smith</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Mapping Columbia Water's Capital Improvement Projects: A GIS Solution for better Coordination  <i>Michael Wagner, City of Columbia, SC/Columbia Water</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Leveraging GIS and Cityworks for Property Management  <i>Jessica Knox, Renewable Water Resources</i>
106/107	<b>SESSION M-15</b> Stormwater	<input type="checkbox"/> Mapping the Missing Millions: Discovering Unbilled Utility Revenue  <i>Molly Brown, Woolpert, Inc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> From Passive to Adaptive: Modernizing Stormwater Ponds for Flood Mitigation and Resilience  <i>Matt Vajdic, Opti</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Developing Stormwater & Green Infrastructure Asset Management Tools and Guidance  <i>Mark Van Auken, Arcadis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainin' in Paradise: St. Croix's Stormwater Saga  <i>Abhishek Gupta, GHD</i>
202	<b>SESSION M-16</b> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Hard Hats, Tough Calls: Navigating Surprise Challenges On-Site  <i>Charles Bunton, Ardurra</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> One Project, Many Contracts: A Unique Approach to the Upgrade of Two Regional Pump Stations  <i>Walt Fletcher, Weston &amp; Sampson</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Subsurface Risks for Utility Projects  <i>Jonathan Ard, Terracon</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> The Good, The Bad and the Ugly: Construction Red Flags for Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities  <i>Jonathan Theodore, Freese and Nichols Inc.</i>
204	<b>SESSION M-17</b> Public Information & Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> SC Adopt-a-Stream: Community Science and You  <i>Jadin DuRant, SCDES</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with Disinformation: The Top Communication Strategies for PFAS Treatment Decisions & Rate Impacts  <i>Mike McGill, WaterPIO</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Stronger Together: How Collaborative Outreach Extends Your Reach  <i>Panel of Statewide Utility Communication Professionals</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics in Public Communications: How to Properly Handle Controversial Subjects from Customer Service to the C-Suite  <i>Mike McGill, WaterPIO</i>



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TUESDAY AM		8:30 am - 9:00 am	9:05 am - 9:35 am	Morning Break - Exhibit Hall	10:25 am - 10:55 am	11:00 am - 11:30 am
BR-A	<b>SESSION T-1</b> Biosolids	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration of Innovative Solids Management Technologies for Decarbonization of Water Resource Recovery Facilities <i>Terry Goss, AECOM</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville's Path to Biosolids Disposal Sustainability <i>Zach Trammel, McKim &amp; Creed</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> From Collegiate Pilot Studies and Small-Town Win-Wins, Graduating to the Ivy League: Case Studies in the Simplicities and Challenges of Incorporating Codigestion into RNG Upgrades <i>Manuel Moncholi, GHD</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Drying Technologies in Transition: Preparing Biosolids for Reliability, Sustainability, and Next-Generation Thermal Solutions <i>Jay Surti, GHD</i>
BR-B	<b>SESSION T-2</b> Water Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Testing Ozone and GAC for Color and Iron Removal to Enhance WTP Capacity <i>Dennis Davis, Wright-Pierce</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Degradation of PFOA and PFOS in Water by Hexagonal Boron Nitride Photocatalysis: Technology Overview and Case Studies <i>Laura DiGiocomo, Clemson University</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Fitting In: OSG and the Use of 3D Scanning <i>Evan Groomer, Goodwyn Mills Cawood</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Define "Urgent" - CIP Optimization & Prioritization at BJWSA's Chelsea WTP <i>David Christopher, HDR</i>
BR-C	<b>SESSION T-3</b> Wastewater Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction and Operational Challenges for a Rerate of the Lower Dorchester WWTP <i>Mary Sadler, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Redundancy, No Space, No Problem: A Dewatering Solution <i>Spencer Lindsay, Freese and Nichols, Inc.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Novel Aeration Control Delivers Energy Savings and Improved Nutrient Removal <i>Mark Gehring, EnviroMix</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Expansion of the NACA Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant: Meeting Explosive Growth While Achieving Ultra-Low Nutrient Limits <i>Gregory Knight, Garver</i>
101	<b>SESSION T-4</b> Water Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Highlights from Five Years of Stakeholder-Driven River Basin Planning <i>John Boyer, CDM Smith</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Overview of the 2025 South Carolina State Water Plan <i>Scott Harder, SCDES</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Source Water Protection - Working the Plan! <i>Jason Thompson, Charleston Water System</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterways and Ways In: Creating Public Connections Through Environmental Stewardship Opportunities <i>Guinn Wallover, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>
102/103	<b>SESSION T-5</b> Stormwater	<input type="checkbox"/> Rethinking Flood Risk in a Changing Climate <i>Alexa Schiazza, Thomas &amp; Hutton</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation and Construction of Stormwater Pump Stations on the Charleston Peninsula <i>Kyle White, Black &amp; Veatch</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Has Tavares Ecological Park Improved the Quality of Lake Dora? <i>Bradley Hayes, Woodard &amp; Curran</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixing Grey and Green in an Urban Corridor: Folly Beach Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements <i>Chris Pyman, Weston &amp; Sampson Engineers</i>
104/105	<b>SESSION T-6</b> Asset Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Using Improved Data Collection and Advanced Reporting to Support Pump Station Asset Management at CWS <i>Kevin Consroe, Charleston Water System</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> The Pain and Gain of Implementing Best Maintenance Practices at Charleston Water System <i>Simon Watson, Black &amp; Veatch</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> North Charleston Sewer District Cartograph, Year 2 <i>Nicholas Bussinah, North Charleston Sewer District</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Make it Stick: Hidden Challenges in Adoption of a Sustainable Asset Management Program <i>Deirdre Blackard, Beaufort-Jasper Water &amp; Sewer Authority</i>
106/107	<b>SESSION T-7</b> SCADA	<input type="checkbox"/> Buck the Traditional and Jump into the Cloud. Modern Monitoring Solutions like Cloud-based SCADA are the Future <i>Kevin Stock, STREAMETRIC</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Closing the Cybersecurity Gap: What Utilities Have Learned and What to Fix Next <i>Nicholas Claudio, Freese and Nichols</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Rooms for Improvement: Building Operator Centric Environments <i>Joel Irvine, ICS Automated</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Your Systems: Enhanced SCADA Master Planning for Treatment Facilities <i>John Abrera, Stantec</i>
202	<b>SESSION T-8</b> Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/> TBD <i>Julie Dawson, Carotek</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> TBD <i>Jason Thompson, Charleston Water System</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> TBD <i>Emily Stopka, Renewable Water Resources</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> TBD <i>Benny Cockerel, SCDES</i>
204	<b>SESSION T-9</b> Wastewater Operator School	<input type="checkbox"/> Screening <i>David Wiman, Town of Lexington</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grit <i>David Wiman, Town of Lexington</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> SBR Treatment <i>Glemmie Haimes, Richland County Utilities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Operator Math <i>Neeraj Patel, Grand Strand Water &amp; Sewer Authority</i>

11:45 am - 1:15 pm AWWA Luncheon and Business Meeting (AWWA/SCAWWA Members)



## TUESDAY PM TECHNICAL SESSIONS

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TUESDAY PM		1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	2:05 pm - 2:35 pm	2:40 pm - 3:10 pm	3:15 pm - 3:45 pm
BR-A	<b>SESSION T-10</b> Wastewater Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Futureproofing the Flow: Wet-Weather Storage for a Dry Tomorrow <i>Troy Maciaszek, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Smarter: Acoustic Inspection for Sewer Cleaning <i>Walt Woodard, InfoSense</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Navigating Modeling Software Transitions: The City of Greenville's Sewer Model Upgrade <i>Ashley Castillo, Freese and Nichols</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley County Water and Sanitation- Camp Hall Master Sewer Extension <i>Alan Townsend, Sr., Hussey Gay Bell</i>
BR-B	<b>SESSION T-11</b> Water Distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> From Foundation to Future: AMI Innovation and the Next Chapter of Leadership <i>Edward Navarrete, Mount Pleasant Waterworks</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plans Age, Models Drift, and Yet We Persist: Greenville Water's Approach to Capital Planning <i>Michael Knapp, Garver</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrapping up the Water Delivery: Project Update for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville Water Service from JMWSC <i>Harold McLeod, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chlorate & Your Water - What is Chlorate & how to mitigate against it at your Water Treatment Facility? <i>Robert Newton, De Nora Water Technologies</i>
BR-C	<b>SESSION T-12</b> Wastewater Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations for the Future: Innovation, Collaboration, and Growth in a Utility Laboratory <i>Emily Stopka, Renewable Water Resources</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tiny Bubbles Result in Large Cost Savings <i>Gary Hunter, Black &amp; Veatch</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 to Report: Implementing an Automated Sewer Overflow Alert System for Gwinnett County <i>Joseph Rhyne, Arcadis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweating the Existing Assets- The Mobile Organic Biofilm (MOB) Process Demonstration at Charlotte Water's Sugar Creek WWTP <i>Savanna Haygood, Nuvoda</i>
101	<b>SESSION T-13</b> Water Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Addressing Sedimentation in Spartanburg Water's Water Supply Reservoirs <i>Camren Shea, CDM Smith</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> From Florida to South Carolina: Applying Integrated Hydrologic Modeling to Strengthen Coastal Resilience Infrastructure <i>Rama Rani, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Find the Source - Using AI to Identify PFAS Contamination <i>Katie Walker, Jacobs</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> The Mystery of GenX Occurrence in South Carolina <i>Adam Feffer, Black &amp; Veatch</i>
102/103	<b>SESSION T-14</b> Growth and Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Take a WAC at it! - Projecting & managing construction water demand for data centers and other large-scale industrial sites <i>Carly Noone, Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Women Empowered: Strengthening Communities Through Leadership and Action <i>Jenelle Ostrowski, Freese And Nichols</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Explosive Growth Needs Solid Infrastructure: A Planners Role in Utility Master Plans <i>Katherine Amidon, Bolton &amp; Menk, Inc.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Watering the Future: SJWD's Response to Regional Growth and Industrial Expansion <i>Chad Walters, Garver</i>
104/105	<b>SESSION T-15</b> Asset Management	<input type="checkbox"/> What to Do with All That Data: Building a Risk-Based Asset Assessment Model for Smarter R&R Planning <i>Meghan Moody, Weston &amp; Sampson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Developing and Implementing a Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) <i>William Adams, CDM Smith</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Beyond the Technology: Why Organizational Change Management is the Make-or-Break Factor for CMMS Implementation Success <i>Kathleen Zynda, GHD</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Advancing Cityworks with ArcGIS Dashboards and Arcade Data Expressions <i>Shana Lowe, KCI Technologies, Inc.</i>
106/107	<b>SESSION T-16</b> Cybersecurity	<input type="checkbox"/> SCADA Master Plan 2.0 - A New Approach to SCADA Master Planning <i>Mike Stoup, McKim &amp; Creed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage Wars: Prepping Your SCADA for Judgement Day <i>Eddie Noyes, Infinity Control Systems</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> What Cyber Risk? Our SCADA is Isolated <i>David Bearleyp, HDR</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> How safe are you? Cybersecurity of SCADA Automation Systems in Water and Wastewater Utilities Explained <i>John Abrera, Stantec</i>
204	<b>SESSION T-18</b> Wastewater Operator School	<input type="checkbox"/> Preparing for Pretreatment Inspection for Industrial Waste <i>Sonya Harrison, Goldie Associates</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Collections – Pumps, Wet Wells, Piping and More <i>Bill Davis, KCI</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary and Secondary Clarifiers <i>Clint Riley, AECOM</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> UV Disinfection and Effluent Flumes <i>Clint Riley, AECOM</i>



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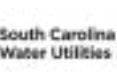
### Competitions (Meter/Tap/Ops)



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### Women in Water Reception



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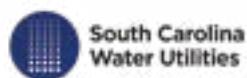
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## MESSAGE FROM DAVID BAIZE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to SCEC 2026! We have another great conference planned for you again this year. Our conference theme is focused on new technologies and how they can affect the water industry. Artificial Intelligence is being utilized in many facets of our lives, and we all need to be aware of how water professionals can also benefit from this rapidly evolving technology. At this year's SCEC, we will discuss these issues and many more to keep you informed about the latest best practices and innovations.

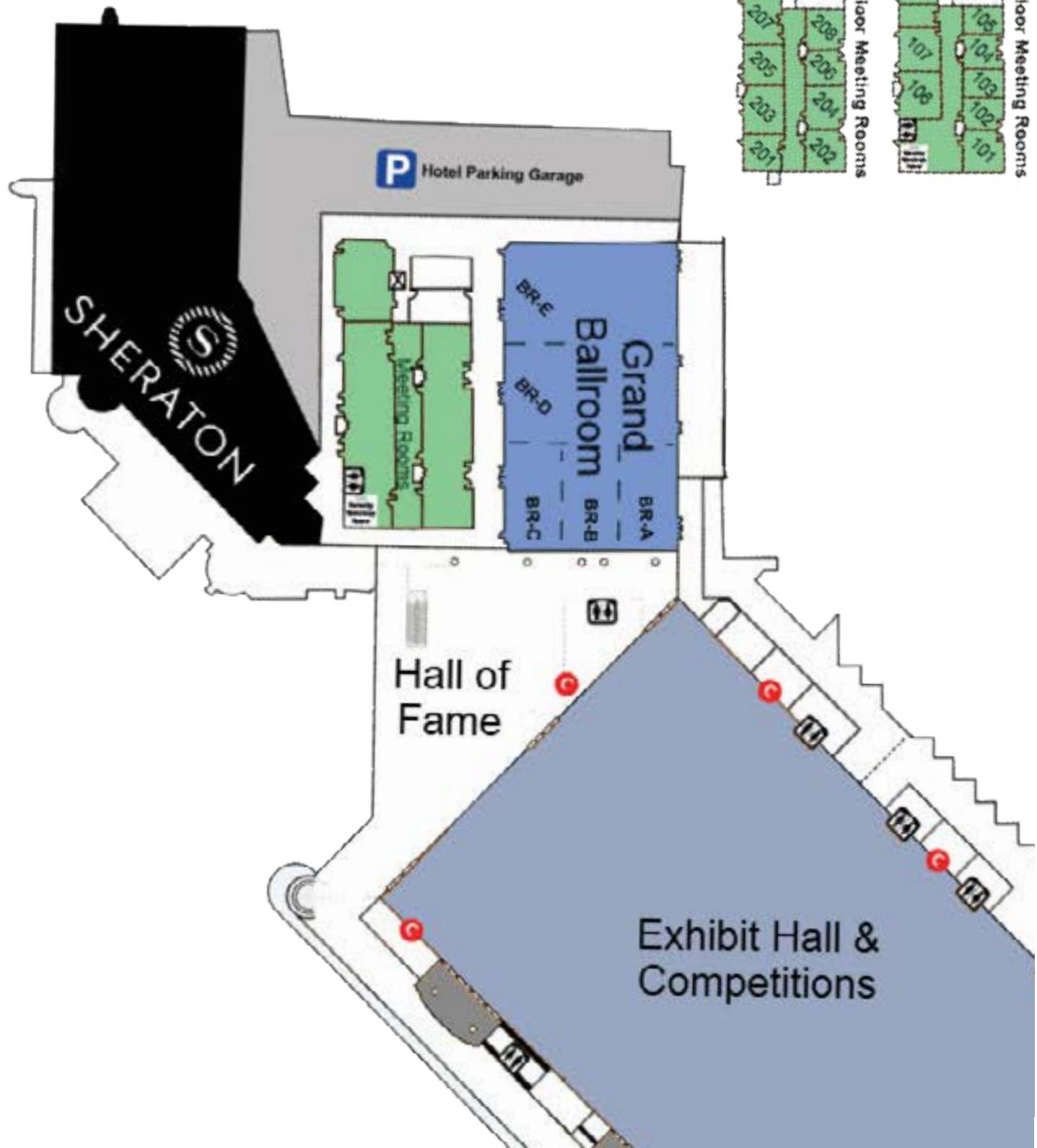
I look forward to seeing you at the conference, and I hope SCEC continues to exceed your expectations.

## 2026 AWARDS SCHEDULE

<b>OPENING GENERAL SESSION</b> Sunday, 10:20 am – Ballroom E	<b>WOMEN IN WATER AWARD</b> Sunday, 4:30 pm – Ballroom E	<b>OPERATIONS BREAKFAST &amp; AWARDS PRESENTATION</b> Tuesday, 7:30 am – Ballroom E
<b>AWWA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Warren Fuller Award</li> <li>• AWWA Gold Water Drop</li> <li>• AWWA Silver Water Drop</li> <li>• AWWA Life Members</li> <li>• Gary Visser Award of Excellence</li> <li>• Dyke Spencer Distribution System Excellence Award</li> </ul>	<b>SCAWWA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herman F. Wiedeman Award</li> <li>• SCAWWA Scholarships</li> <li>• L.A. Graham Award</li> <li>• Section Membership Award</li> <li>• Heart of Customer Service</li> </ul> <b>WEF</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WEF Life Member</li> <li>• Bedell Award</li> <li>• Hatfield Award</li> </ul> <b>WEASC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W. T. Linton Award</li> <li>• Henry E. Gibson Service Award</li> <li>• WEASC Scholarships</li> <li>• Jimmy Wigglesworth Scholarship</li> <li>• Engineer of the Year Award</li> <li>• Noel Hurley Membership Award</li> <li>• Education Award</li> <li>• Life Members</li> </ul> <b>JOINT ASSOCIATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer of the Year</li> <li>• Excellence in Asset Management</li> </ul>	<b>SCAWWA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women in Water Award</li> </ul> <b>AWWA COMPETITION AWARDS</b> Sunday, 6:30 pm – Exhibit Hall
<b>WEASC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Professional of the Year Award</li> <li>• Operator Meritorious Service Award</li> <li>• Kelly Hunsucker Award</li> <li>• Distribution Operator of the Year Award</li> <li>• Best Tasting Water Competition</li> <li>• System Safety Citation</li> </ul>	<b>YP SOCIAL</b> Monday, 5:00 pm – Exhibit Hall	<b>WEASC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance Operator of the Year Award</li> <li>• Wastewater Operator of the Year</li> <li>• Water Operator of the Year</li> <li>• Administrative Professional of the Year</li> <li>• Lab Analyst of the Year</li> <li>• Crystal Crucible Award</li> <li>• WEASC President's Safety Award</li> <li>• Excellence in Collection System Operations Award</li> </ul>
<b>WEASC/SCAWWA COMPETITIONS</b> Monday, 5:00 pm – Exhibit Hall	<b>SCAWWA LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING</b> Tuesday 11:45 am – Ballroom E	<b>WEASC BREAKFAST &amp; BUSINESS MEETING</b> Wednesday, 8:30 am – Ballroom E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AWWA Hydrant Hysteria</li> <li>• PWO</li> <li>• WEASC Operations Challenge</li> <li>• Meter Challenge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past Chair Award</li> <li>• Recognition of Committee Chairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SS Induction</li> <li>• Past President Award</li> <li>• WEF Past Delegate Award</li> <li>• Recognition of Committee Chairs</li> </ul>

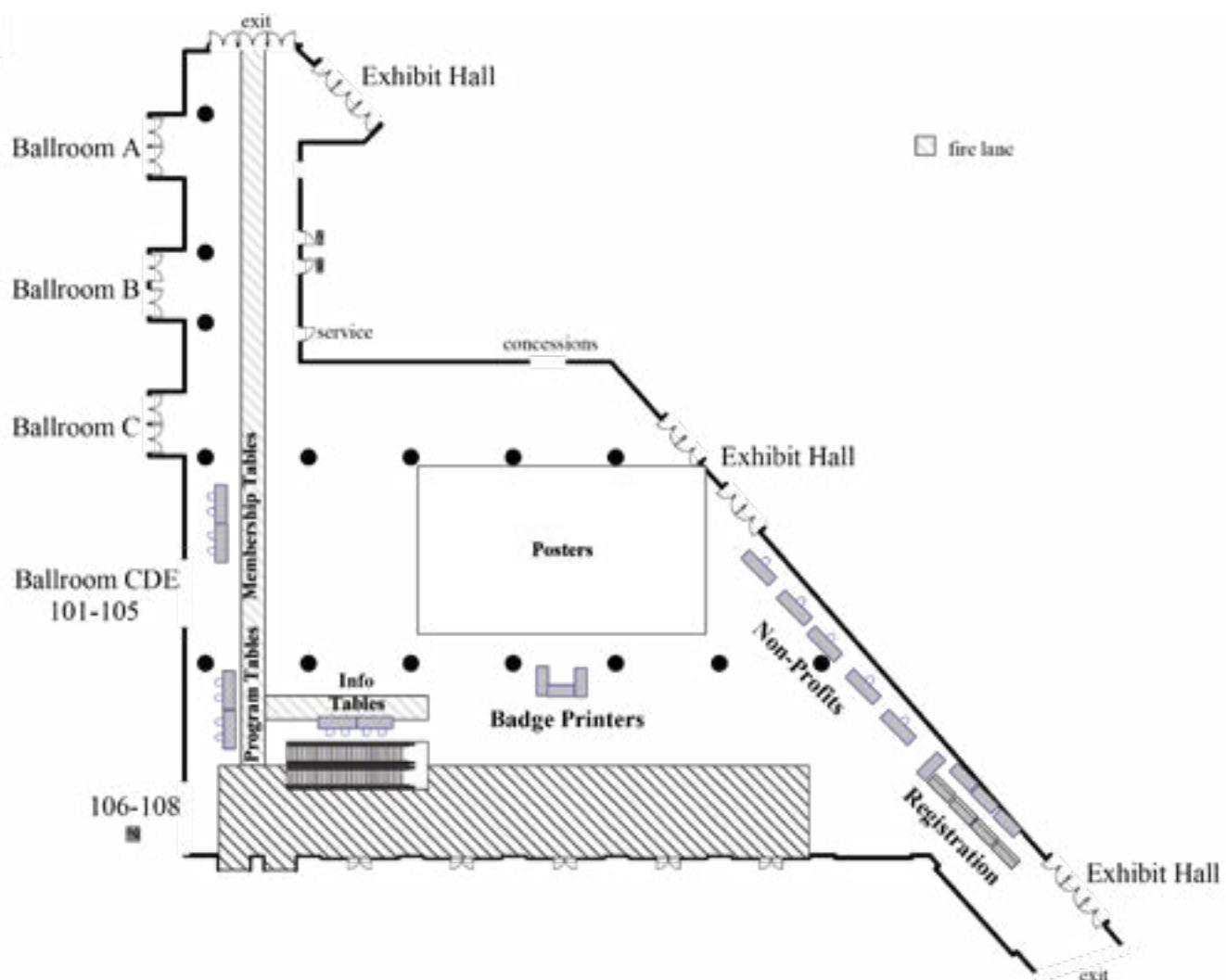


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# *In Memoriam*

*Remembering the members we have lost since last year.*

<b>Bridget Moyley Clarke, P.E.</b> WEASC - Capital	She was employed by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services as an Engineering Manager.
<b>Dianne C. Coleman</b> WEASC - Blue Ridge Foothills	Retired from Rogers & Callcott Engineering, Inc. She was the 2007-2008 District Chair and received the Certificate of Service Excellence award in 2008. Dianne was a WEASC Life Member and was inducted into the 5S society in 2012.
<b>Chuck Williams</b> SCAWWA WEASC - Sea Island	Chuck worked for Sea Pines before founding the Chuck Williams Company, a water and wastewater consulting business in Hilton Head. He was a Life Member and received the AWWA's Silver Water Drop award in 2017.
<b>John Reynolds</b> WEASC - Pee Dee	John was a civil engineer who worked with the Army Corps of Engineers in Savannah and Ft. Jackson. He also worked for Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, AECOM, and Davids & Floyd.
<b>Donald R. Coker</b> WEASC - Blue Ridge Foothills	Donald retired from ReWa. He was a recipient of WEASC Wastewater Operator of the Year award, the Hatfield Award, WEF Quarter Century Award, 50 Year Life Member, and a member of the 5S Society.



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