



North Central Texas Chapter
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NCT TAWWA February Meeting

Thursday, February 20th

Social: 11:15 am

Lunch & Program: 12:00
pm

Register [here](#)

Texas Star Conference
Center

1400 Texas Star Pkwy

Eules, Texas 76040

“Designing for Tomorrow:
Water Utility Climate
Alliance’s (WUCA) Climate
Resilience Design
Guidance”



Presented By

Dr. Tess Sprague

Brown & Caldwell

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NCT TAWWA Members!

We have an exciting line up of events ahead for our Chapter, and I am thrilled to share what's coming up with you all. First, please join us for our next Chapter meeting on Thursday, February 19, where Dr. Tess Sprague, with Brown and Caldwell will present "Designing for Tomorrow: Water Utility Climate Alliance's (WUCA) Climate Resilience Design Guidance." This topic is especially timely following the recent winter weather event in North Texas and the challenges it presented for our utilities. I am confident this presentation will provide valuable insight and practical perspective for all who attend. Doors will open at 11:15 a.m. for networking, with lunch and the presentation beginning shortly thereafter. Thank you to our Annual Sponsors for their continued support of our Chapter meetings. We look forward to seeing you at the Texas Star Conference Center.

Please also save the date for our April Plant Tour on April 16, 2026, at the Leonard Water Treatment Plant, owned and operated by the North Texas Municipal Water District. This tour will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about the facility's operations and treatment processes while connecting with fellow professionals in our industry. Have you submitted your abstract for the Chapter's 2027 education program? If not, now is the time! The deadline is March 13, and presentations are needed for three Chapter meetings as well as the Robert F. Pence Drinking Water Seminar. If your abstract was not selected for Texas Water, we strongly encourage you to submit it for consideration at the Chapter level. Our programs are strengthened by the knowledge and experience of our members.

Speaking of Texas Water, we look forward to another exceptional conference this spring. I encourage you to register early and participate in the many events that make this conference so impactful, including the Operations competitions, Dodson Drive Fun Run, Competitions, Awards Lunch, Women of Water Breakfast, technical sessions, exhibits, and more. Your engagement and support continue to strengthen and elevate our professional community.

Lastly, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our entire Executive Committee for their dedication and hard work in planning and organizing these events. Their commitment, along with your continued involvement and support, is what makes our Chapter thrive. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Your North Central Texas Chapter President,

Mariana Anguiano
President, North Central Texas Chapter
Texas American Water Works Association (TAWWA)



PREVIOUS MEETING RECAP

Holiday Dinner: Dallas Water Utilities – State of the Union

A warm thank you to all who attended our Holiday Dinner in December! It was a wonderful night to celebrate everything this chapter accomplished in 2025. The event opened with “human bingo” where all were encouraged to get to know each other to fill in their bingo boards. Winners were rewarded with prizes!

Dallas Water Utilities - State of the Union



Presentation Highlights

The panel of DWU Directors discussed the past, present, and future of DWU. The group discussed their perspectives of successes, challenges, and priorities of the organization and the exponential growth happening within it. The group also opened up on strategies to tackle the influx of new employees that will be required in the coming years to keep up with growth as well as a large amount of the organization’s institutional knowledge retiring from the organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	SIGN UP
NCT “Tappin’ it in Texas” Pipe Tapping Competition	Thursday, March 26th 5:30–8:00 pm	DN Tanks Facility 410 E. Trinity Blvd. Grand Prairie, Texas 75050	Register
Save the Date: NCT April Plant Tour	Thursday, April 16, 2026	TBA	Registration Information Coming Soon
Texas Water 2026	April 27–30, 2026	Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio	Register



**FASTEST
SAW CUT
2026**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
RELAY EVENT

Fastest team to cut a 6-in pipe* wins!
 • 3-person team relay
 • Teams must have at least one female team member
 • Teams may include pro(s)
 Teams with a pro must all cut an 8-in pipe

Top 4 teams with the fastest team time will make it to the playoffs!

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Traditional Head to Head Sawcut
(Women, Men, Pro)

All events are open to all TX Water attendees.

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Entry Details:
\$15 per relay team entry - \$5 per individual entry
All equipment provided



REGISTER HERE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

[Click here for more information on NCT TAWWA Abstract Submissions](#)



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NCT TAWWA Chapter: Call for 2026-2027 Abstracts!

Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026

In an effort to keep our members well-informed of the most up-to-date happenings within our industry, the **North Central Texas TAWWA is soliciting abstracts for presentations.**

Presentations should be 45 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions for chapter meetings and 30 minutes for the Robert F. Pence Drinking Water Seminar.

To ensure education opportunities to our broader membership base, we ask you to submit in one of the following categories:

- Treatment/Operations
- Instrumentation/Networking/Cyber Security
- Utility Management/Asset Management/Work Order Management
- Pipelines/Transmission/Distribution
- Planning
- Communications/Media/Public Outreach
- Construction Issues
- Other

Abstracts will be accepted through Friday, March 13, 2026.

The anticipated dates for 2026/2027 Chapter Meetings and the 2026 Drinking Water Seminar are as follows:

- Thursday, August 13, 2026 – Lunch Meeting
- Friday, October 23, 2026 – Robert F. Pence Drinking Water Seminar*
- Thursday, February 18, 2027 – Lunch Meeting
- Thursday, June 17, 2027 – Lunch Meeting

**Please note, the Drinking Water Seminar is an all-day seminar. If selected for the seminar, the speaker needs to be available all day to allow scheduling flexibility.*

Additionally, note that the dates are tentative and have not been finalized.

If you have any questions, please contact Dario at dario.sanchez@arcadis.com.

CALL FOR SPONSORS



Sponsorship Opportunities June 2025 - April 2026

Annual Program Sponsor

Annual Program Sponsor: \$2000 - Recognized at all THREE bi-monthly Chapter Lunch Meetings (June, August and February) and the April Plant Tour, and have their name included on the website and in the bi-monthly newsletter *The Lake*, and thanked at each meeting.
Individual Chapter Meeting and April Plant Tour Sponsorships: \$500 - Includes 1 registration and logo on event advertisements and thanked at the meeting.

Special Chapter Events

Proceeds benefit our
Scholarship Program

Robert F. Pence Drinking Water Seminar (October 2025)

Platinum: \$800 - Includes 1 registration, logo on event advertisements and slide show, and literature table near entryway.
Gold: \$500 - Includes 1 registration and logo on event advertisements and slide show.
Breakfast Sponsor: \$1500 - Includes 1 registration, logo on event advertisements and slide show, and emcee mention during the breakfast. One available - first come basis.
Morning Break Sponsor: \$1000 - Includes 1 registration, logo on event advertisements and slide show, and emcee mention during the morning break. One available - first come basis.
Afternoon Break Sponsor: \$1000 - Includes 1 registration, logo on event advertisements and slide show, and emcee mention during the afternoon break. One available - first come basis.

Women in Water (November 2025)

Individual Meeting Sponsorship: \$300 - Includes logo on event advertisements and slide show and thanked at the meeting.

Holiday Dinner (December 2025)

Platinum: \$1500 - Includes a reserved table with 10 registrations, logo on event advertisements and slide show, and emcee mention.
Gold: \$1000 - Includes half a reserved table with 5 registrations, logo on event advertisements and slide show, and emcee mention.
Silver: \$500 - Includes logo on event advertisements and slide show, and emcee mention.
Bar Sponsorship: \$2000 - Includes 1 registration, opportunity to hang logo banner, etc. by bar, logo on advertisements and slide show, and emcee mention. Two available - first come basis.

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YP CORNER

May Aye, EIT (Wade Trim)

Trivia Night at Hoppin' Grapevine

YP's gathered at Hoppin' Grapevine for a fun night full of fun, drinks, and friendly competition! The event was a great success – thank you to all who attended.

4th Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party.

The event took place December 11th from 6-9pm at 3 Nations Brewery and was a great success! Thank you to all who showed up!

YP Intramural Kickball & Cookout

The Young Professionals kicked off the week with a high-energy Kickball & Cookout event at Randol Mill Park! The evening began with a cookout featuring grilled hot dogs and burgers, topped by casual conversations. After, attendees enjoyed a fun mix of friendly competition, action-packed plays on the field, and plenty of time to connect with fellow YPs. Events like this remind us how strong and engaged our YP network truly is (as well as athletic!). We look forward to hosting more opportunities for connection throughout the year.



Want to stay updated on what's next? Join the YP email list by reaching out to May at maye@wadetrim.com. And if you're thinking about getting more involved, now's a great time; new committee members are always welcome!

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

TAWWA's Small Systems Division provides assistance to overcome:

- Inability to interconnect with nearby compliant water systems
- No quick access to small dollar emergency grants/loans
- Lack of funding "navigators" to assist in securing funding
- Lack of trained, certified water operators- huge problem throughout the country

TAWWA's Small Systems Division

Sign-up to volunteer,
collabotate, and learn!



UTILITY SPOTLIGHT



Andrew Brower, P.E.

North Texas Municipal Water District

Position: Water Treatment Operations Professional Engineer

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree: Texas A&M University (Civil Engineering)
- Master of Engineering: Texas A&M University
- Nearly 10 years' experience in Consulting Engineering
- 4 years' total experience with public agencies
- 3 years with NTMWD

What motivated you to be involved in the water and wastewater utility industry?

After undergrad, access to clean and safe drinking water stuck out to me as an universal need. Initially, I wanted to focus on local needs as a jumping off point for an impact on a larger international scale after engaging in mission work abroad. After beginning my career locally and focusing on the needs of people in my local community, I realized that I also get a lot of fulfillment out of having a career that impacts all members of our community on a daily basis.

What advice would you give to those who are new to this industry, and what do you wish you could tell yourself back when you started?

If you want to go to grad school – do it immediately... there is no time like the present. I'd also like the younger generation to know that the thing you start off doing does not have to be what you do for the rest of your career. This industry has many meaningful paths, and it's important to find a path that is fulfilling to you personally on a day-to-day basis.

I'd also like to tell those early in their career to not be discouraged when you feel that there is so much you don't know– it's supposed to be hard at first. There's a lot to learn. Ask questions, and find a mentor, and recognize when it's time for a new challenge or opportunity.

What is a current challenge you are facing within the water and wastewater utility industry?

Currently, my role centers around one main challenge: planning maintenance and engineering activities during very tight seasonal shutdown windows. Every shutdown season, prioritizing and grouping all maintenance requests to ensure all necessary work gets done is a tricky balancing act. Plant shutdown and start up each take a week – so it can't happen multiple times in a season, and most certainly doesn't happen on a dime.

What career success are you most proud of?

The most rewarding challenge I have ever faced was last year when our team successfully cleaned the 84" effluent pipe at Plant 3. The pipe diameter was reduced significantly due to scale and mineral buildup, and the cleaning operation took a lot longer than expected and was much more difficult than anticipated. After some trial and error with different cleaning methods, our team found a solution for expedited cleaning and worked in shifts around the clock to complete the cleaning in a single shutdown season.

What do you think more people should know about our industry?

I enjoy telling friends, family and neighbors I meet about our industry and the impact we have. I wish more people in the community understood how well looked after tap water is and how much work goes into making it.

Please describe your family and/or hobbies and interests.

My family includes my beautiful wife, three children (ages 3, 6, 8), a dog, and 5 chickens. In my spare time I enjoy watching and critiquing vintage films, Brazilian jujitsu, morning fitness bootcamps, and cooking for my family.

What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

Between undergrad and graduate degrees, I worked for 6 months in Uganda as an intern at a Christian mission organization.

Upcoming AWWA Webinars

Ashley Van Keer, P.E. (LAN)

[AI + Satellite Technology to Reduce NRW's and Monitor Critical Assets](#)

March 31, 2026, 11 AM – 12:00 PM

[The Reuse Revolution: What's Happening in Water Reuse Today](#)

April 29, 2026, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

North Central Texas TAWWA Officers

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We Love Our Water Memes!

Traci Peterson (City of Arlington)



February 14th
Valentine's Day

#TXWATERAMBASSADOR



Water makes those yummy chocolates possible!
It takes approximately 450 gallons of water to make 3.5 ounces of chocolate.



February 20th
Love Your Pet Day

#TXWATERAMBASSADOR



We love our pets. Our pets love water!
Water professionals make sure your pets have what they need.

A white sign with black lettering that reads "BLACK HISTORY MONTH". The sign is set against a background of colorful geometric shapes in red, black, yellow, and green.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February
Black History Month

#TXWATERAMBASSADOR



We celebrate the historic contributions of our African American colleagues in the water industry and beyond.



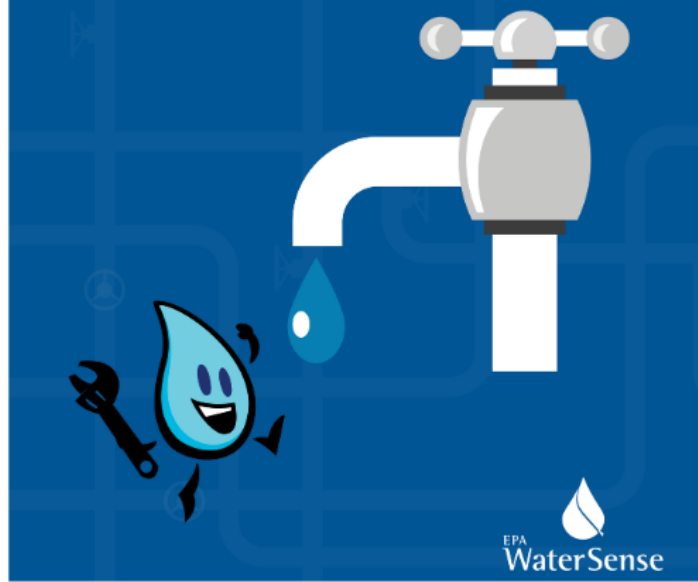
Feb. 16th-22nd
Engineers Week

#TXWATERAMBASSADOR



Engineers throughout the U.S. are essential to the water industry. This week is a great time to learn more about their work and say thanks!

Take the 10-Minute Challenge



March 17th-23rd
EPA Fix a Leak Week

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In just 10 minutes, you can check your house for easy-to-fix leaks. Stopping leaks could shave 10 percent off your water and sewer bill

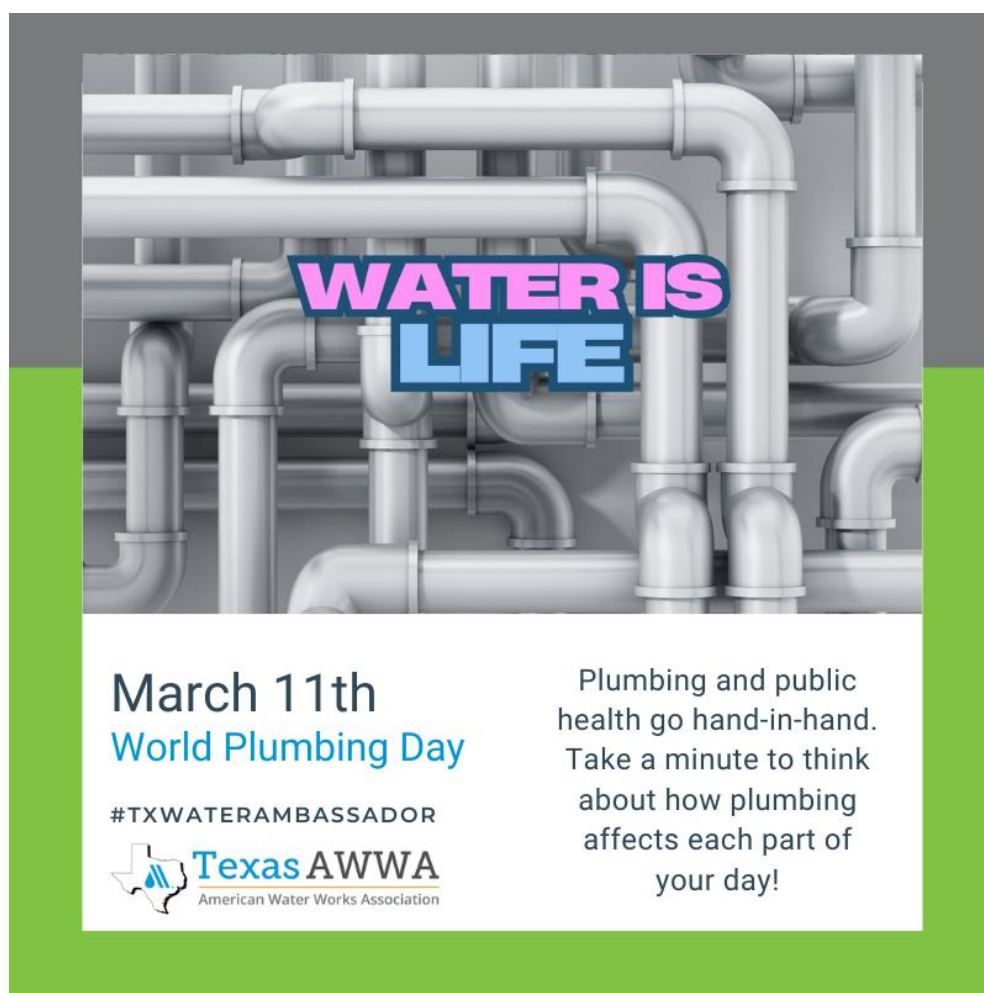


March 2nd
Read Across America Day

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Pick up a book about water and share it with a friend today!



WATER IS LIFE

March 11th
World Plumbing Day

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Plumbing and public health go hand-in-hand. Take a minute to think about how plumbing affects each part of your day!

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For questions or comments about the newsletter, please contact Caitlin Koranda. We're open to ideas for potential articles and newsletter contributions.

Thanks for reading.

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