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## NWSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS SEATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

On August 23, 2022, at the NWSA Annual Meeting in Bismarck, ND, the membership re-elected three incumbents to serve on the Board of Directors for terms expiring in 2025:

- Dan Buhman, General Manager, Tarrant Regional Water District
- Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager – Utility Enterprises, City of Murfreesboro TN
- Brad Brunett, Lower/Central Basin Region Manager, Brazos River Authority

These Directors will serve alongside fellow Directors Katherine Zitsch, Greg Volkhardt, Jen Verleger, Drew Dehoff, Glenn Page, and George Ostott in fiscal year 2023.

After the Board elections, the NWSA Board of Directors appointed the following to serve a second one-year term as Officers in fiscal year 2023:

- President: Dan Buhman, General Manager, Tarrant Regional Water District
- Vice President: Katherine Zitsch, Managing Director of Natural Resources, Atlanta Regional Commission
- Secretary: Greg Volkhardt, Source Water and Treatment Operations Manager, Tacoma Water
- Treasurer: Brad Brunett, Lower/Central Basin Region Manager, Brazos River Authority

Each of these Directors devotes a significant amount of time and attention to ensure that NWSA remains a relevant, influential, and respected organization. Under their leadership, the organization has grown steadily and expanded its reach with USACE, Congress, the Administration, and other water resources organizations.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Dave Mitamura, NWSA**

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We are all in a celebratory mood as we approach the holiday season. What better time, then, to celebrate and welcome our newest members. Since October 2021, NWSA has added eight new members to our growing family of water supply leaders. You have met some of these new members, including Anderson Regional Joint Water System, Dallas Water Utilities, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. This edition of the NWSA newsletter introduces you to our newest members, as well as one member who is new only in the sense of its changed corporate face.

# WELCOME

NEW NWSA MEMBERS

The heartbeat of NWSA is driven by our strong and diverse membership. Our members have experiences and skills on a wide range of water supply policies and practices, stretching from the West Coast to the East Coast and locations in-between. Member representatives offer varying expertise, including engineering, law, sciences, policy, and management. Our newest members add to the depth and breadth of NWSA's knowledge base. After reading a bit about each of them, I am confident that you will see – as I do – how much stronger NWSA has become.

And we're not resting, as Outreach Committee chair, George Ostott, continues to identify and recruit prospective members. He will be announcing additional new members in the coming months.

This edition of the newsletter also contains information on recent and current NWSA activities and emerging issues. Thank you for your contributions to NWSA's vision and mission.



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# MEMBER PERSPECTIVES

## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBER, THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BUREAU OF WATER SUPPLY

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The mission of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (NYC DEP) Bureau of Water Supply is to reliably deliver a sufficient quantity of high-quality drinking water to protect public health and enhance the quality of life of New York City.

The New York City Water Supply is truly a marvel of modern engineering. NYC DEP manages a total of 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes with a total storage capacity of approximately 570 billion gallons. The water supply evolved from private wells on the island of Manhattan during the city's early history to several modest-sized reservoirs in the Hudson Valley east of the Hudson River constructed in the 19th Century. Increasing demand led to six much larger reservoirs built in the Catskill Mountain region west of the Hudson River during the 20th Century with the most recent coming online in 1964.

New York is one of only five large cities in the country with an unfiltered surface water supply. This is owed to the high-quality water, especially from its Catskill Mountain reservoirs. To continue to avoid filtration, New York City has invested millions of dollars into protection of land in its watershed and by working with communities to manage household wastewater through construction of wastewater treatment facilities and septic rehabilitation. Through local partnerships NYC DEP also helps farmers manage agricultural runoff and forest landowners with responsible stewardship of forested lands.

Three of New York City's reservoirs are built along streams that would naturally flow into the Delaware River. Because of this, NYC DEP is required to release a certain amount of water from those reservoirs to maintain a flow target in the Delaware River. New York City collaborates with the State of New York and the states of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania to best manage the water in the Delaware River Basin for all the basin states. In addition, all these entities work closely with the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), the U.S. Geological Survey Office of the Delaware River Master (ODRM), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and other Delaware River Basin stakeholder groups to ensure the best management of the water. During times of drought, USACE is required to store water in some of its reservoirs in Pennsylvania according to Federal Law. This is a requirement that USACE says it cannot currently meet. NYC DEP and the DRBC have engaged with USACE to determine if they can better manage its reservoirs in the Delaware River Basin to meet the requirements under Federal Law and to perhaps release water during times of drought to better meet downstream needs. This is vitally important because several municipalities get their drinking water supplies from the Delaware River. During the 1960s drought of record these water supplies were threatened from increasingly briny water from the Delaware Bay moving upstream due in part to less freshwater flowing downstream.

NYC DEP looks forward to working with the NWSA, USACE, and others on finding unique and creative ways to best manage water resources for the benefit of multiple stakeholders.

## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBER, THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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The Missouri River is the major source of water for the citizens of South Dakota. The Missouri is approximately 500 miles long in South Dakota and cuts through the entire state, north to south. Pursuant to the 1944 Flood Control Act and subsequent legislation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was authorized by Congress to construct a series of dams on the Missouri and to manage the waters. To satisfy that purpose, USACE constructed six mainstream dams on the Missouri, four of which are located in South Dakota. The construction of these mainstream dams resulted in the inundation of over 500,000 acres of South Dakota land. USACE currently controls all but 98 river miles of the 497 total river miles of the Missouri in South Dakota. In exchange for the loss of land, South Dakota was to receive its share of the natural flows of the Missouri. Instead,

South Dakota and its citizens have had difficulty obtaining access to the water which South Dakota believes it is entitled to under the federal legislation. With over 254 existing water rights appropriating approximately 1264 cubic feet per second from the Missouri River for a variety of purposes and an ever-growing future need, it is essential that the state's rights to the natural flows be recognized as intended by Congress.

South Dakota joined NWSA with hopes of finding resources and support regarding our water supply interests and improving communications with the Corps. Though new to this organization, we have appreciated the support we have already received, as well as the lines of communication with individuals at USACE that have opened. We look forward to working with all the members and USACE to ensure the equitable use and the protection of this precious resource.

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# INTRODUCING NEW AFFILIATE MEMBER, THE TEXAS WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

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The Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) is an association of Texas water professionals that includes more than 300 member entities, including river authorities and regional water districts; municipalities; other water districts (navigation, flood control, drainage, irrigation, utility); groundwater conservation districts; legal, engineering, and consulting firms that support the water industry; all kinds of water users; and other general/environmental water interests. TWCA members are responsible for the state's water supply and development and provide water and wastewater services to the vast majority of Texans.

Meeting Texas' water resource needs is of critical importance to the success of both Texas and the U.S. Texas is the fastest growing state with more than 1,000 people moving to Texas each day, and none of those people are bringing water with them. Forty-six percent of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) water supply storage is in Texas, with 89 percent of those water rights held by TWCA members.

TWCA is a leader and advocate for sound water policy at both the state and national levels, in conjunction with our federal association partners. TWCA facilitates policy discussions, networking, and sharing of best practices through our conferences and other membership events and offers a legislative service to keep members aware of policy changes at the state level. TWCA also coordinates Texas Water Day in Washington D.C. to share TWCA's federal priorities with the Texas Congressional Delegation.

**TWCA values the following overarching principles in federal water resources legislation and policy:**

- 1) State Primacy Over Water Resources**
- 2) Clear, Consistent, Predictable, and Economical Federal Regulation**
- 3) Partnership and Shared Investment in Federal Policy Development & Initiatives**
- 4) Science, Transparency, and Public Participation**
- 5) Intergovernmental Coordination with States, Tribes, and Local Project Sponsors**

The most pressing federal issues TWCA is tracking today include rulemakings on the definition of Waters of the U.S.; USACE principles, requirements, and guidelines; and treatment of endangered species in development of water infrastructure projects. Each of these issues has significant potential to change the regulatory landscape for water supply projects. Other issues for which TWCA continues to promote change include streamlining the Section 404 permitting process for water supply projects and allowing reallocation of storage in USACE reservoirs. You can find more information on TWCA's Federal Priorities at [www.twca.org/federalaffairs](http://www.twca.org/federalaffairs)

# INTRODUCING NEW AFFILIATE MEMBER, BURNS & MCDONNELL

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Burns & McDonnell is a Kansas City-based family of companies, bringing together an unmatched team of 10,000 engineers, construction and craft professionals, architects, and more to design and build our critical infrastructure. Our singular mission since 1898 has been to make our clients successful. When we plan, design, permit, construct and manage projects worldwide, we do it like we own it. As a 100% employee-owned firm ranking in the top leading firms for safety, each professional brings an ownership mentality to our projects. That means we think like owners, working through each challenge until it's resolved, exceeding our clients' goals.

We design and build the tangible and intangible, everything you see (and don't see) that helps our cities thrive. We've worked relentlessly to make our clients and our communities successful since 1898, because we know safe, essential infrastructure is the foundation of a flourishing society.

Burns & McDonnell is pleased to have an association with the National Water Supply Alliance. As a national/global engineering, architecture and construction firm, our water practice is expanding from its' traditional Missouri and Kansas roots to 20 states, with over 60 offices across the globe. We specialize in everything water, ranging from master planning to complex progressive design-build projects.

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We are currently constructing the largest water project in the company's history in Wichita, KS. The Northwest Water Treatment Facility is a \$500 million, 120 MGD design-build project that will enable the city to meet its projected water demand for the next 40 years. Through a joint-venture with St. Louis-based Alberici Constructors, Burns & McDonnell is leading the design and construction effort consisting of over 30 additional design and construction sub-contractors

While we are excited to be part of large water infrastructure projects, we are also assisting smaller communities and water users adapt to declining water resources through innovative water reuse strategies and water transportation projects. Currently, Burns & McDonnell is working with two communities relying on the declining Ogallala Aquifer for its water supply and is developing wastewater treatment strategies for Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR). Upon successful implementation of replacing Ogallala pumping with treated wastewater on neighboring agricultural irrigation, coupled with MAR in the non-growing season, local aquifer declines are projected to diminish with groundwater levels slated to increase over a period of years.

We appreciate being part of NWSA and look forward to our continued association. If you are interested in learning more about Burns & McDonnell, please contact Tracy Streeter, Global Water Practice at [tdstreeter@burnsmcd.com](mailto:tdstreeter@burnsmcd.com) or (785) 224-6398.

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2,500+  
Projects in the past 20 years

**\$250M**  
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### WHERE WE ARE



## INTRODUCING AFFILIATE MEMBER, JONES FORTUNA LP

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As NSWA members know, Lewis Jones and John Fortuna are nationally recognized experts on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water supply policy and water supply storage reallocations. After many years at King & Spalding, they have formed their own firm, Jones Fortuna LP, specializing in environmental and natural resources law and litigation. Serving public and private sector clients across the United States, they offer innovative solutions to meet their client's growing

water supply needs. Their areas of practice include water and water rights, water supply storage reallocations and modifications of federal reservoir projects, environmental litigation, permitting, compliance and enforcement, infrastructure and natural resource development, and regulatory development and public policy. Lewis and John have been very active members from the inception of NWSA.

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# ON CAPITOL HILL

## THE 117TH CONGRESS WRAPS UP

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Congress returned to Washington, D.C., for a brief period after the August recess to address the slate of annual spending bills before the current fiscal year ended on September 30th. Failing to reach an agreement, the House and Senate passed a continuing resolution, also known as a CR, to fund the federal government through December 16th. The CR was passed and sent to President Biden on September 30th, averting a partial federal government shutdown. After passing the CR, Members and Senators returned to their home districts and States to continue campaigning for the midterm election on November 8th.

Congress returns to D.C. during the week of November 14th for a “lame-duck” session and work to enact multiple legislative packages. Congressional leaders have expressed that the last few months of the 117th Congress will be very busy. The House and the Senate will work on either finalizing an omnibus appropriations package or introducing another continuing resolution to give members more time to finalize the 12 annual spending bills. Congress will also attempt to complete negotiations and pass the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which may include a House and Senate compromise on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022, which would authorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to carry out new or modify existing USACE water resources development projects, including water supply and wastewater infrastructure

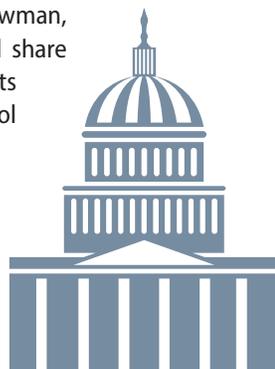
projects, flood control projects and navigation improvement projects. Staff in both chambers have stated that negotiations on a final bill are ongoing. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee filed a Manager’s Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 NDAA, which includes the Senate version of WRDA. Negotiations on WRDA would likely need to be concluded by the week of November 28th to be included in the NDAA. Congress passed the past four WRDA bills with bipartisan support and expects to do the same for WRDA 2022.

The outcome of the November 8th elections will determine the productivity of the lame-duck session. Currently, the Democrat party controls the House by less than ten seats, and polling shows the Republican party is projected to regain control of the chamber. Meanwhile, whether control of the Senate is held by the Democrats or flips to the Republicans remains a toss-up. If the Republicans do gain control of the House in the 118th Congress, it is expected that the current Democrat-controlled Congress will work to push as many of their legislative priorities as possible in the last few weeks of this session. If Republicans win both the House and Senate, the Democrats will have a more difficult time achieving the desired legislative wins. Furthermore, if the Republican party wins both chambers, it is expected that Senate Republicans will attempt to block the passage of an FY2023 omnibus appropriations bill before the end of the calendar year and pass another continuing resolution into the following year starting in January 2023. This outcome would allow a Republican-controlled Congress to rewrite the FY2023 appropriations bills.

## KEEPING TABS ON CONGRESS: WEBINARS PRESENTED BY VAN SCOYOC ASSOCIATES

As a complement to the efforts by the Communications Committee to develop a foundational understanding of the language, processes, and decision making of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), our governmental affairs consultant, Van Scoyoc Associates, will conduct a series of virtual meetings/webinars on aspects of the legislative process specific to USACE. Geoff Bowman, John Anderson, and Ashley Strobel will share their deep insider knowledge and insights on “how the sausage is made” on Capitol Hill and at USACE.

If you have suggestions for other Capitol Hill issues that you would like Van Scoyoc to present, please send a note to [davem@nationalwatersupply.org](mailto:davem@nationalwatersupply.org)



### The tentative schedule for two prominent webinars is as follows:

- 1) **Mid-December 2022 for a session on the congressional appropriations process, including the Corps’ role in funding of projects and programs;**
- 2) **May-June 2023 for a session on the process for developing Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) legislation, including the preparation necessary to request authorizations through the Corps’ Section 7001 report; and**
- 3) **Other webinars as issues emerge.**

# NWSA UPDATES

## NOAA AND ARMY CIVIL WORKS ISSUE JOINT MEMORANDUM ON ESA CONSULTATIONS

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Department of the Army (Civil Works) issued a [joint memorandum](#) on January 5, 2022, clarifying how the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) would evaluate the effects of projects involving existing structures in Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultations. Federal actions that may harm ESA-listed species or their habitats must undergo a consultation by the agency having oversight over that species (NMFS or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or jointly as “Services”).

This consultation process is described in Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. In the past, these consultations have typically applied to new federal projects or to the review of federal permits (e.g., USACE section 404 permits) issued for new projects. In August of 2019, the Services published a final rule updating the ESA Section 7 Implementing regulations (84 Fed. Reg. 44976). The rule clarified various aspects of how agencies and the Services would evaluate effects associated with existing agency facilities, including how the issue of agency discretion and authority may, or may not, impact such analysis. The joint memorandum provided additional clarity as to how the Corps and NMFS would evaluate work on existing Corps infrastructure and on Corps regulatory permitting for non-federal projects.

### USACE Lacks Discretion

The joint memo articulates that the Corps typically lacks discretion to cease to maintain or operate congressionally authorized agency projects. Thus, the effects stemming from the existence of those structures are considered part of the environmental baseline and not subject to review. However, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation activities are often discretionary. This includes con-

struction impacts and those related to the manner and timing of the project. It is these discretionary elements that would be subject to Section 7 consultation under the joint memorandum.

### USACE Regulatory Program Had Discretion

The joint memo further articulates that when the Corps issues a regulatory permit authorizing construction of structures, including fill, typically it authorizes the structure to exist indefinitely with no expiration date cited. However, if in the course of maintenance, a new Corps regulatory permit is required, the issuance of that new permit would be discretionary. Thus, the Corps must evaluate the impacts on ESA-listed species and their habitats through a Section 7 Consultation before issuing or denying the permit.

### Stakeholder Meeting

NMFS and USACE held a stakeholder meeting on May 13, 2022, to receive feedback on the joint memorandum. Testimony was provided by NWSA, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, National Water Resources Association, Northwest Marine Trade Association, National Waterways Conference, and others.

The Section 7 process can take a lot of time to complete depending on the complexity of the project and its impacts. Thus, a lot of the comments focused on the added delay this process would cause for getting important maintenance work done and for implementing Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds directed at underserved communities. Also discussed was the added cost of consultations for project sponsors, delays associated with the development of national and/or regional mitigation approaches or tools, and the need to collaborate on solutions for the expressed concerns.

We will continue to track this issue. Please reach out to Dave Mitamura if you have concerns or examples of the application of these policies in your area.

## NWSA’S POLICY COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS PRODUCTIVE WORK SCHEDULE

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Over the past year, the NWSA policy committee, board, and all NWSA members have developed two policy statements- [#1 The Army Corps Must Defer to State-Granted Water Rights](#) and [#2 The Army Corps’ Role in Water Supply is Limited to Providing Storage Space and Not Water Itself](#). These policy statements will be used to help advocate for water supply, inform members of Congress and USACE, and communicate to potential new members on some of NWSA’s major focus areas. These policy statements were finalized this fall and can be reviewed along with NWSA’s general policy principles at <https://www.nationalwatersupply.org/policy-principles>.

The policy committee is also tracking USACE’s recent activity on drought and climate change. In late July 2022, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASACW) sent a [memo](#) to Lieutenant General Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, on how USACE can better support drought resilience in America’s communities. The Chief will respond to the ASACW on “the ongoing, planned, and additional potential CW actions that can further drought resilience at local and regional scales.” In the [USACE Climate Adaptation Plan 2022 Progress Report](#), USACE has indicated that it plans to update its Guidance for Incorporating Climate Change Impacts to Inland Hydrology (ECB 2018-14). USACE has started initial efforts and will continue to work on the

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### NWSA'S POLICY COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS PRODUCTIVE WORK SCHEDULE

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update through 2023. Depending on the outcomes of these USACE initiatives, the policy committee will work to inform members and respond to USACE to ensure NWSA's perspectives are heard and considered.

Finally, the policy committee is watching for USACE's forthcoming report to Congress on what it would mean for water supply to become a primary mission of USACE. This analysis was required by [Section 221 of WRDA 2020](#), and it required the Secretary of the Army to report to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

on "any recommendations of the Secretary relating to including water supply and water conservation as a primary mission of the Corps of Engineers." A draft of the report is currently under review by the ASACW's office.

The policy committee meets at least a couple of times between NWSA meetings and is open to new committee members. Please let Andrew Morris or Dave Mitamura know if you are interested in joining the committee.

### NWSA LAUNCHES THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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For newer members of the National Water Supply Alliance, there is a considerable learning curve to understanding the organization, its vision to align federal policy with regional, state, and local needs, and become familiar with the people that make up the organization. At our last meeting in Bismarck, despite my attempts to follow the presentations or conversations, there were many times where I felt confused or out-of-the-loop. I spoke with several people during and after the meeting who felt the same way. I communicated my concerns to Dave Mitamura following the meeting, and like a good executive director, he co-opted my help to form a communications committee to alleviate some of these issues. The Board of Directors approved the establishment of the committee and appointed me as Chair.

We identified two key communication barriers within the organization -- familiarity with the other NWSA members, and familiarity with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as an organization. The initial steps to overcome these barriers, increase engagement from existing members and decrease the amount of time needed for newer members like myself to fully participate with the organization are

rather simple. First, the committee plans to improve our member list by including more details about each member organization as well as contact information, photos, and biographies of the representatives of each member organization ([download sample](#)). For those of us who mostly participate once a year at the annual meeting, this will help to refresh our memories and certainly help me to feel more confident in engaging with my peers. Second, we plan to publish a list of acronyms commonly used by USACE and pertinent to the water supply mission. There were several times in Bismarck during presentations where industry specific jargon was a significant barrier to my understanding of the presentation topic. An acronym reference sheet provided to members I believe will help us to ensure that members attending our annual meeting can stay tuned in to each topic.

These are some small changes and may not seem very significant, but I believe they will be helpful in the long run in attracting and retaining new members and increasing engagement within the organization. There are additional ideas on the table like a Corps of Engineers for Dummies (like me) presentation, but we are taking these small steps first. I would like to hear from you, the NWSA members, about ideas you may also have, so please feel free to reach out.

### NWSA MEETING PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

NWSA will hold two in-person meetings in 2023. The first meeting, the DC Roundtable, will be held jointly with the Interstate Council on Water Policy. We have just finalized an agreement with the Doubletree Crystal City in Arlington, VA, for meeting space and sleeping rooms. The agenda is currently in development, but the dates of the meeting are Tuesday, April 4, and Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Information on the hotel room block and agenda will be sent to all members and friends soon.

The second meeting, NWSA's Annual Meeting, is tentatively scheduled for mid-September 2023 and will be held in Denver, CO. Preliminary planning has started, and more details will be provided as logistics and agenda topics further develop.

# CLOSING MESSAGE FROM THE NWSA OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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Membership in NWSA allows water supply organizations to be an integral part of NWSA's national advocacy role as the "Voice of Water Supply" in the United States. NWSA partners with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and other federal authorities that have direct responsibility for the management of water resources throughout the country, particularly in respect to USACE reservoirs that store our members' water supplies. Because we represent many water supply providers and users throughout the country, USACE and other federal authorities seek to communicate with NWSA in a spirit of cooperation regarding national water supply rulemaking, reallocation decision making, cost of storage calculations and other policies that impact our members.

NWSA also works closely with Congress and the Executive Branch on policy issues and support for member projects in water supply. Another benefit of membership is face-to-face interaction with other NWSA members. NWSA meets in person at least twice each year, typically in Washington, DC, in the Spring, and at various locations in the Fall. In addition, NWSA plans to offer virtual meetings in the future to increase engagement and information sharing.

NWSA also coordinates with other water resources organizations, such as the National Waterways Conference, Western States Water Council, and the Interstate Council on Water Policy. The strength of NWSA is our united water supply voices, when spoken in one voice helps to shape better water supply management and policy and increase understanding of water supply issues.

NWSA welcomes State, regional and local governments, River Basin Commissions, wholesale water providers, water districts, and water utilities that identify with and seek to promote the interests of water supply providers.

The Outreach Committee heartily welcomes our newest members, some of whom are highlighted in this edition of the newsletter. The Committee will continue to seek out water supply entities to become involved in the very important work of NWSA and to be a part of the "Voice of Water Supply."

The Outreach Committee is open to new committee members. Please contact George Otstott at [hogmang@aol.com](mailto:hogmang@aol.com) or (214) 498-8616 if you are interested in helping with outreach activities.



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Gwinnett County Water Resources  
Brazos River Authority  
North Texas Municipal Water District  
Tacoma Water

Gulf Coast Water Authority  
Riverbend Water Resources District  
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