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METROPOLITAN  
WATER AGENCIES

Membership Meeting

# AMWA'S 2ND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

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# REMINDER:



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Today's presentation is being recorded.

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Recording and slides will be available at [www.amwa.net](http://www.amwa.net).

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Put questions or comments in the chat or raise your hand.

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Please mute all lines unless you are asking a question.

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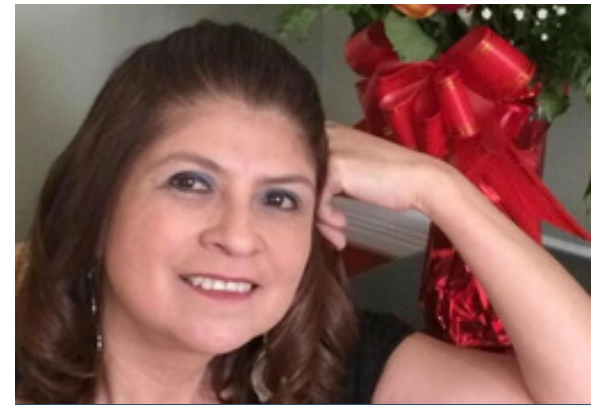
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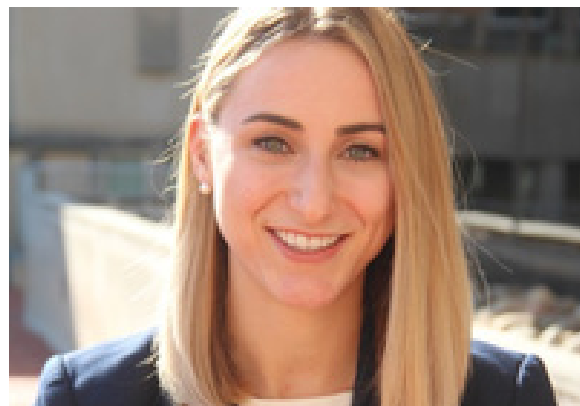
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# NEW MEMBER PORTAL



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# UTILITY MANAGEMENT

# APPLY FOR AMWA'S AWARDS PROGRAM BY JULY 11!

Address each section as thoroughly as possible, being sure to include metrics

01

Use the checklist provided by AMWA to ensure a complete application

02

Submit to [info@amwa.net](mailto:info@amwa.net) or [barber@amwa.net](mailto:barber@amwa.net) by the July 11 deadline

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# UPCOMING WEBINAR:



 ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN WATER AGENCIES  Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure

**Integrating Envision with EUM: Advancing Sustainable Water Infrastructure**

in conjunction with AMWA's Management Committee  
via Zoom | Tuesday, July 15 at 3:00 p.m. ET

**REGISTER NOW!**



**Keynote  
Speaker:  
Angel Nix**



**Networking  
Dinner &  
Reception**



**Austin Water  
Site Visit  
and Hike**

# **2025 EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**



# A NEW PERSPECTIVE: INTEGRATING GOOD COMMUNICATION IN UTILITY MANAGEMENT



**Christy Harowski**  
HCB Strategies



**ADVOCACY**



# REGULATORY UPDATE

## PFAS NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATION MAY 14 ANNOUNCEMENT

- Retains the 4 ppt PFOA and PFOS MCL;
- Rescinds the regulatory Hazard Index (HI) for 4 PFAS (PFHxS, PFNA, Gen X, and PFBS) and announces intent to revisit regulatory determinations for the 4 HI PFAS;
- Extends the compliance timeline for the NPDWR from 3 to 5 years (a deadline of compliance from 2029 to 2031); and
- Establishes an exemption framework under section 1416 of SDWA.

# REGULATORY UPDATE

## MICROBIAL AND DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCTS (MDBP) RULE REVISIONS

- Proposal Timeline Shifted: Agency has quietly announced plans to push its proposal for the rule revisions to 2027.
- AMWA commissioned study on relationship between water system residual chlorine measurements and presence of Legionella in GSA buildings: Initial findings have established that there is no statistically significant relationship between the two. AMWA staff aim to host joint meeting(s) with study partners and EPA, GSA to highlight pre-publication study results and recommendations for EPA research.





# REGULATORY UPDATE

## LEAD AND COPPER RULE IMPROVEMENTS

AMWA has heard that EPA intends to visit the LCRI after PFAS. We will keep members informed of potential revisions EPA anticipates making (if any).

## FLUORIDE

2 states (Florida, Utah) have now taken actions banning fluoride addition in drinking water.

## NEPA

A major Supreme Court case has limited the scope of environmental reviews, which will likely be beneficial to many AMWA members. An overview of the case will be in the June WUE.

# RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

AMWA's position listing for the Manager of Sustainability and Resilience Policy is now live!

## **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Energy Tax Credits Update**

- The Senate's version of the reconciliation bill would retain (with phase outs) some of the major financial incentives available to public water systems for projects producing or investing in solar and wind, and fully retain incentives for energy produced from biogas and micro/in-line hydropower.

EPA continues to propose primacy for states for Class VI (Carbon Sequestration) Wells under the UIC program

- AZ and TX have open comment periods.

EPA and DOE demonstrate commitment to investing in resilience and intersection of water and power sectors.





# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Hill Engagement:

- 107+ congressional meetings this year
- Reintroduced multiple AMWA priority bills

## Reconciliation Bill:

- Focus: Extension of 2017 tax cuts
- \$3.8 trillion projected deficit increase
- House bill passed and Senate bill is going through the Byrd Rule review
- Possible addition: rural hospital stabilization fund

## FY26 Appropriations:

- President's budget request proposed 90% SRF cuts – strong AMWA opposition
- Lawmakers signal cuts won't be approved
- Level funding proposed for AMWA priority EPA grant programs (Lead Reduction, Resilience)

## Advocacy:

- Preserved tax-exempt bonds
- Secured bipartisan CERCLA PFAS bill
- Advanced WaterISAC Threat Protection Act, FLOW Act, and LIHWAP reauthorization
- Anticipating hearings on water cybersecurity and passive receiver protections

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY



**STEPHEN COLE**  
Assistant General Manager

# QUESTIONS



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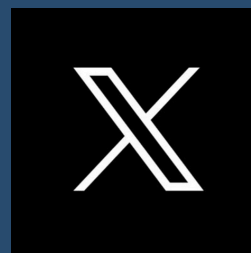




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# CLOSING POLL: EVALUATION



A high-speed photograph of water splashing, creating a dynamic and energetic background. The water is captured in various stages of motion, from a large splash on the left to numerous smaller droplets and bubbles scattered across the frame. The color palette is dominated by shades of blue and white, with a dark blue rectangular box in the center containing the text.

**THANK  
YOU!**