



ASSOCIATION OF
METROPOLITAN
WATER AGENCIES

45 Years of Leadership.
Focused on What's Ahead.

AMWA at 45

For forty-five years, AMWA has been the national voice for the nation's largest publicly owned drinking water systems.

This milestone honors decades of leadership while looking ahead to the future.

1980s

Establishing National Influence (1981–1989)

The 1980s: Foundation & Influence

- Began representing large public water systems before Congress and federal agencies
- Shaped early Safe Drinking Water Act improvements
- Established the Donald R. Boyd Award and President's Award

Regulatory Leadership & Strategic Communication **(1990–1999)**

The 1990s: Policy & Engagement

- Influenced Stage 1 DBP Rule and first UCMR
- Launched *Monday Morning Briefing*
- Helped secure SDWA reform and the Drinking Water SRF
- Expanded utility management programs



Security, Excellence & Global Collaboration (2000-2009)

The 2000s: Tools & Security

- Launched Gold Awards for utility management excellence
- Co-founded WaterISAC
- Advanced Effective Utility Management with EPA
- Introduced INSIGHT financial benchmarking
- Formed the International Committee to advance global water peer exchange

2010s

Modernization & National Leadership (2010-2019)

The 2010s: Innovation & Resilience

- Hosted Climate Change Impacts Forum
- Championed the WIFIA Act
- Supported WIIN Act progress on LSL replacement
- Published Bond Ratings & Climate Risks

2020

Responding to a National Crisis (2020)

2020: COVID-19 Response

- Delivered rapid operational guidance
- Held first Virtual EMC
- Conducted financial impact surveys
- Published *Countering Drinking Water Disinformation*

Water's Moment & Federal Investment (2021-2022)

2021-2022: National Visibility & IJA

- Elevated water infrastructure and equity as national priorities
- Co-launched Affordable Water, Resilient Communities with NACWA
- Championed drinking water priorities in the historic IJA water funding
- Advanced the FLOW Act for full LSL replacement



Strategic Modernization & Policy Momentum (2023-2024)

2023-2024: Modernization & Advocacy

- Adopted 2023-2025 Strategic Plan, establishing Policy and Knowledge-Sharing pillars
- Led LIHWAP coalition efforts
- Introduced Environmental Justice & Equity Award
- Launched Legislative Action Center
- Advanced PFAS liability protections

Legal Influence, Research & Future Preparedness (2025–2026)

2025-2026: Preparing for the Future

- Filed federal briefs on PFAS liability
- Sponsored VOW's *National Economic Benefits Report*
- Advanced WIRSA
- Launched Legionella research initiative
- Supported the creation of Xavier University's first M.S. in Water Utilities Management
- Adopted Responsible & Cautious AI Use Policy

A modern, sleek faucet with water flowing from it, set against a dark blue background. The faucet is a single-lever design with a curved spout. The water is captured in a way that shows its motion as it falls. The background is a solid dark blue, and the overall image has a professional, clean aesthetic.

AMWA's Enduring Impact

Four and a Half Decades of Leadership

- Advocated to secure historic federal investments
- Shaped national drinking water policy
- Strengthened utility resilience and security
- Advanced equity, affordability, and innovation
- Supported the nation's largest public drinking water systems and their executive leadership





2031

The Road to 50

Looking Ahead

- Amplify utility voices in national policy
- Help to ensure a skilled and future-ready water workforce
- Prepare for climate, cybersecurity, and infrastructure challenges
- Advance science-based, equitable regulation
- Strengthen executive leadership capacity across the nation's largest drinking water systems





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