

ARWA'S 49th ANNUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

*"Rural Water Rising: Meeting Today's
Challenges, Shaping Tomorrow's Solutions"*

SUNDAY August 30, 2026

8:00 am Golf Tournament Diamondhead Golf Course
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Early Registration - "Grand Lobby"
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Exhibitor's Set-Up/Exhibit Halls "A, B, C, & D"
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm Hospitality Room

ARWA Hospitality Room Sponsored by:  Crews & Associates



"WATER PAC" Tickets
(30) for \$10.00
Drawings will be during the
Tuesday Luncheon



MONDAY August 31, 2026

7:00 am REGISTRATION OPENS - "Grand Lobby"

8:00 am EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

8:00 am ARWA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - Room "103"
9:00 am - 11:00 am "LADIES PROGRAM" - Rooms 104/105

9:30 am - 10:30 am	Room	Session Topic:
Directors and Admin	201	Preparing Your Utility for a Successful Financial Audit
General Water/Wastewater	202	Calibration of HACH Turbidity Meters
General Water/Wastewater	203	Remote Monitoring Advancements
General Water	204	Distribution System Best Practices
General Wastewater	207	Developing Your Standard Operating Procedures
ADH	208	ADH Drinking Water Update
DEQ	209	2026 Triennial Review 8 CAR pt 21

Trolley Shuttle

- Embassy Suites
 - Hotel Hot Springs
 - Arlington Hotel
- Sunday
5:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Monday
7:30 am - Midnight
Tuesday
7:30 am - 5:00 pm



"4-Wheeler Drawing"
Tuesday Luncheon
You must be PRESENT to WIN!

Speaker:

Cynthia Bearden/Bearden Accounting Services
Brian Burnett/Water Tech
Karl Cartmell/Haynes Equipment
Brent Hutchins/Brad Greer & Associates
Lloyd Rawlings/USA Bluebook
Staff/ADH
Mary Barnett/DEQ

11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Room	Session Topic:
Directors and Admin	201	GO Bond Update
General Water/Wastewater	202	AI: Friend or Foe
General Water/Wastewater	203	Dechlorination Options
General Water	204	Tank Inspection and Compliance
General Wastewater	207	Decentralized Treatment Solutions
ADH	208	Bacteriological Sample Submission
DEQ	209	Status of Arkansas Water

Speaker:

Chris Colclasure/ANRD Director
Jeff Coffelt/Scruggs
Troy Blake/Hawkins
Sam Gage/Municipal Management
Tyler Bertsch/BioMicrobics
Alindria Jordan/ADH
Felicia Osburn/DEQ



12 Noon - 1:30 pm ARWA LUNCHEON
"HORNER HALL" (Scholarship Presentations & CASH DRAWING)



1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Room	Session Topic:
Directors and Admin	201	Application Processing and Funding Updates
General Water/Wastewater	202	Chlorine Equipment Essentials
General Water/Wastewater	203	Aeration Solutions for Lagoons and Oxidation Ditches
General Water	204	Peracetic Acid Applications
General Wastewater	207	Manhole Flow Monitoring
ADH	208	Lead and Copper Rule
DEQ	209	Water Reuse

Speaker:

Matthew Hudson/USDA
Steve Luckett/CL2 Equipment
Bobby Ball/Bertrem Products Incorp.
Wes Cummins/USALCO
Kurt Burkett/Core & Main
Jack Wilson/ADH
Stacie Wassell/DEQ

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Break & Water Taste Test - Exhibit Hall

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Room	Session Topic:
Directors and Admin	201	Don't Loose Revenue-Servline Customer Leak Protection Program
General Water/Wastewater	202	Well/Motor Maintenance
General Water/Wastewater	203	Advanced Lagoon Microbiology
General Water	204	Operator Round Table-How Systems Utilize GIS Data
General Wastewater	207	The Anatomy of a Successful Water/Wastewater Project
ADH	208	Funding Opportunities (Emerging Contaminants and State Grants)
DEQ	209	Stormwater and Phosphorus

Speaker:

Emilie Zalfini/Jenna Hazelet/Servline
Jeff Jones/Jones Hydro
Doug McKinney/AMS
Peter Gandy/Greg Cagle/Diamond Maps
Brian Rohlman/Tolm Group
Debby Dickson/ANRD
Ashlynn Boedecker PhD/DEQ

7:00 pm - 12:00 am ARWA DANCE-HEATH SANDERS
Sponsored by Core & Main



TUESDAY September 1, 2026

7:00 am REGISTRATION OPENS - "Grand Lobby" 8:00 am EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

9:00 am - 10:00 am	Room	Session Topic:	Speaker:
Directors and Admin	201	Financing Alternatives for Utilities and Government Borrowers	Gary Larimore/Rural Water Financing
General Water/Wastewater	202	Importance of Hydrant Flushing & Chlorine Residual Monitoring	Josh Evans/Ferguson
General Water/Wastewater	203	TBD	Andrew Moseley/McIntire Management
General Water	204	Hydraulic Control Valve Basics, Cla-Val Operation	James Oney/Cla-Val
General Wastewater	207	TKN Advanced Nutrient Removal	Pat Beamon/Process Tech
ADH	208	Cybersecurity	Gregg Treadway/ADH
DEQ	209	Office of Water Quality Update	Staci Wassell/DEQ
10:00 am - 10:30 am Break			
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Room	Session Topic:	Speaker:
Directors and Admin	201	Investment 101: Let Your Utilities Money Make Money	Bob Wright/Crews & Associates
General Water/Wastewater	202	Cybersecurity Resources	Glenn Moore & Helen Combs/CISA
General Water/Wastewater	203	Reveal the True Drivers of I & I and Guide Smart, Efficient Trenchless Rehab Projects	Jonathan Castillo/ISG
General Water	204	Smarter Data, Stronger Systems, Strategies to Find, Measure, and Reduce Water Loss	Alex Burns & Dewey Miguez/Henard
General Wastewater	207	Keeping the Flow Moving: Best Practices for Wastewater Bypass Pumping Operations	Gregg Brannon/Jack Tyler
ADH	208	Area-Wide Optimization Program	Tenner Burns/ADH
DEQ	209	AR Wastewater Licensing Committee Meeting	Sarah Pierce/DEQ

11:30 am - 1:30 pm ARWA LUNCHEON - "HORNER HALL" DRAWINGS: Water Pac, 4-Wheeler, Kayaks

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Room	Session Topic:	Speaker:
Directors and Admin	201	Funding and Technical Assistance Information Session	Abby Bradshaw/EPIC
General Water/Wastewater	202	PFAS	Chesli Jackson/ARWA
General Water/Wastewater	203	How Self-Install Monitoring and Alarming is Helping Rural Water Systems	JP Risenhoover/Elynx
General Water	204	Improved Operations with Dashboards	Lucian Goodman/Metron
General Wastewater	207	Public Communication Strategies for Wastewater Collection System Issues	Susan Poe/NRWA
ADH	208	Water Plan and Wastewater Provider Oversight Update	Autumn Causey/ANRD
DEQ	209	Implementing Ammonia Criteria	Zachary Carroll PhD/DEQ

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Room	Session Topic:	Speaker:
Directors and Admin	201	No Class-----	
General Water/Wastewater	202	How to Prepare for a VA/ER Plan	Blake Allen/ARWA
General Water/Wastewater	203	How Can an Energy Assessment Save You Money	Darrell Kirby/ARWA
General Water	204	Training Update/Services	Jim Philipp/ARWA
General Wastewater	207	Algae Control	James Robertson/ARWA
ADH	208	Water Operator Licensing Update	Heather Parker Foster/ADH
DEQ	209	Harmful Algae Blooms: What They are and How We Handle Them	Grace Davenport/DEQ

WEDNESDAY September 2, 2026 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Water Exams (Rooms: 201-202) ADH Zachary Carroll/DEQ

8:30am- 5:00pm **Retail Water Providers Board Training ACT 605 2021/ACT 545 of 2023** Rooms 203-204
Board Training By: Chris Harris



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