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Webcast Agenda

- Water Week Events
- **≥2022** Funding and Policy Requests
 - Clean Water Funding Requests
 - Water Reuse Funding Requests
 - R&D Funding Requests
 - Stormwater Funding Requests
 - Policy Recommendations
- **≻**Hill Meetings

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Water Week Events

National Water Policy Fly-In

Hilton Washington DC National Mall The Wharf

Plenary Session w/ Congressional and EPA Leaders

April 27, 1:30 – 5 PM ET, L'Enfant Ballroom

Water Week 2022 Congressional Reception

April 27, 6 – 9 PM ET, Hilton Washington DC National Mall The Wharf

WEF Government Affairs Committee Meeting

April 27, 9 - 10 AM ET, Archive Room

Capitol Hill Meetings

April 27, 10 AM - 1 PM

April 28, all day

Water Week Events

Virtual Events

WEF Stormwater Policy Forum (WEF members only)

April 25, 12:30 – 4 PM ET

Register at: https://www.wef.org/advocacy/water-week/

State of the Industry: Federal Action on Water Quality, hosted by the Water Quality Assoc.

April 26, 12 PM ET

Register at: www.WaterWeek.US

Navigating Supply Chain Disruption, hosted by the Water Quality Assoc.

April 27, 12 PM ET

Register at: <u>www.WaterWeek.US</u>

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National Water Policy Fly-In Plenary Session Agenda

Keynote Remarks

- Kishia Powell, COO, DC Water
- Radhika Fox, EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Water (including time for Q&A)

Panel One

- Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management
- Jennifer McClain, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
- Deborah Nagle, Director, Office of Science and Technology
- Brian Frazer, Director, Oceans, Wetlands and Communities Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

National Water Policy Fly-In Plenary Session Agenda

Panel Two

- David Palumbo, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Sharon Nappier, National Program Leader for Water Reuse, U.S. EPA
- John O'Neill, Program Manager for Better Plants, Advanced Manufacturing Office, Department of Energy

Congressional Panel

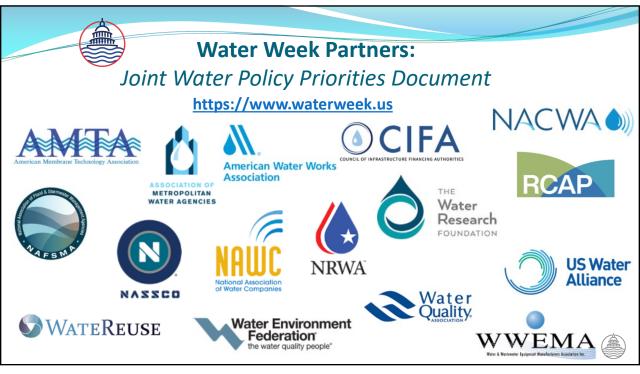
- The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)
- The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
- The Honorable Tom Carper (D-DE)

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Invite Your Member of Congress and their staff to the 2022 Water Week Congressional Reception!









2022 Requests to Congress: Clean Water Programs

Provide FY23 Funding For:

- \$2.75 billion for Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- \$280 million for Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG) program
- Minimum of \$50 million for Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (WIFIA)
- \$25 million for Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Grants

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2022 Requests to Congress: Clean Water Programs

Provide FY23 Funding For:

- Funding to establish the EPA Rural and Low-Income Water Assistance Pilot Program (IIJA Sect. 50109)
- \$20 million for Wastewater Energy Efficiency Grant Pilot Program
- Funding to establish the Small Publicly Owned Treatment Works Efficiency Grant Program
- \$40 million for connection Publicly Owned Treatment Works Grant Program



2022 Requests to Congress: Clean Water Programs

Provide FY23 Funding For:

- \$5 million to complete the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey
- \$18 million for the EPA Small POTW Technical Assistance Program, which is level with FY22 funding
- \$50 million in Grants for Construction and Refurbishing of Individual Household Decentralized Wastewater Systems for Individuals with Low- or Moderate-Income

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2022 Requests to Congress: Clean Water Programs

Provide FY23 Funding For:

- > \$1.6 billion for direct loans under USDA Rural Utilities Service Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account
- \$670 million for grants under USDA Rural Utilities Service Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account
- \$5 million for Water Infrastructure and Workforce Investment Grant Program



2022 Requests to Congress: Water Reuse Programs

Provide FY23 Funding For:

- \$25 million for the Alternative Water Source Grants Pilot program
- > \$20 million for the Title XVI-WIIN Water Reuse Grants Program

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2022 Requests to Congress: Water Research Programs

Provide FY23 Funding For:

- Dedicate \$20 million in the National Priorities Water Research Grant Program through the EPA's Science and Technology Account for extramural water research grants to non-profit organizations
- > \$10 million for the Innovative Water Technologies Grant Program through EPA's Science and Technology Account



2022 Requests to Congress: Water Research Programs

Provide FY23 Funding For:

> \$100 million to fund ongoing activities related to the energy-water nexus within the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy

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2022 Requests to Congress: Stormwater Programs

Provide FY23 Funding For:

- > \$5 million for the establishment of 5 Centers of Excellence for Stormwater Control Infrastructure Technologies
- > \$10 million for community planning and implementation grants for stormwater or watershed-based planning investments



2022 Policy Requests: PFAS

Hold polluters, and not local water utility ratepayers, responsible for the costs of remediating PFAS.

- > PFAS Fact Sheet: https://www.waterweek.us/#resources
- ➤ If PFAS are designated as hazardous substances under CERCLA, provide a CERCLA PFAS exemption for public and private drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities.
- Congress must also provide EPA adequate resources to advance research, risk assessment, and standards development to advance, not circumvent, the PFAS regulatory process.

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2022 Policy Requests: Wipes

Congress should require Do Not Flush labeling on non-flushable wipes packaging and give federal agencies the authority to require that wipes marketed as flushable disintegrate like toilet paper when flushed.

- H.R. 4602 & S. 3956, Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety Act (WIPPES Act)
- ➤ H.R. 6591, Protecting Infrastructure and Promoting Environmental Stewardship Act (PIPES Act)



2022 Policy Requests: Investment Tax Credit for Water Reuse

Congress should establish a tax credit to help industrial facilities adopt water recycling technologies and systems – investments that recognize the need for sustainable water consumption and support job creation in the U.S.

These tax credits should be structured on a sliding scale, reflecting the size and impact of improvements.

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2022 Requests to Congress: Other Requests

- Buy America / Build America Requirements
- > Affordability
- Cybersecurity
- Lead Service Line Replacement



Finding Your Member of Congress

If you don't already have a relationship with your Members of Congress, visit:

www.house.gov

www.senate.gov

www.govtrack.us/congress/members

Follow links to your Senators' and Representative's websites. Call their offices to ask how to request a virtual meeting with Member of Congress or staffer handling water infrastructure issues.



What works best:

According to a Congressional Management Association survey of Members of Congress and Senior Staff:

- 95% said that "in-person visits from constituents" would have "some" or "a lot" of influence on an undecided lawmaker.
- 79% said "meet or get to know the Legislative Assistant with jurisdiction over their issue area"
- 91% said it would be helpful to have "information about the impact the bill/issue would have on the district or state."
 - Only 9% report they receive that information frequently.
- 79% said a personal story from a constituent related to the bill or issue would be helpful.
 - Only 18% report they receive it frequently.

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Important to Remember...

- Start by saying THANK YOU!
 - For \$50 Billion in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act for drinking water, wastewater, water recycling, and stormwater infrastructure
 - For over \$1.2 Billion for low-income ratepayer assistance through the HHS in the CARES and ARPA covid relief packages

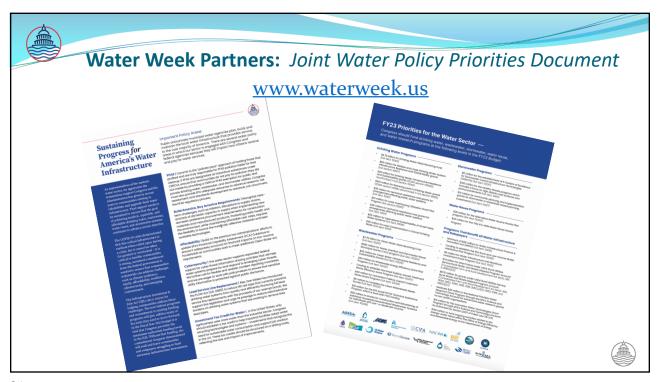
Important to Remember...

- Be punctual -- and be patient!
- Tell them what they need to know about what's going on back home.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, say you don't know -- promise to get back to the legislator or staff with the requested information.
- NEVER offer to make a political contribution or pledge of political support!
- Don't look at your smartphone. Silence it!

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Important to Remember, continued...

- Make the ask! Be clear and concise, and ask who the correct staff person is for following up.
- Don't use acronyms or terms that someone outside of your profession won't understand.
- Thank the legislator and offer to serve as a resource on other water-related issues.
- After the visit, write a thank you letter/email reviewing the key points discussed.





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