

# Agenda

## Monday, October 22, 2018

**11:00 AM: Pre-Conference Golf** Includes Lunch, Shotgun Start at Noon

## Tuesday, October 23, 2018

**Master of Ceremony, Richard Corbi, American Water**

**7:00 AM – 8:20 AM: Registration, Continental Breakfast**

**8:20 AM-8:30 AM: Welcome – James Irvin, Director, Howard County DPW**

**8:30 AM-9:00 AM: Keynote – Ben Grumbles, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment**

**9:00 AM -10:30 AM: Water Quality Trading**

Moderator: Matt Ries, PE, PhD, Chief of Water Quality and Watershed Management at DC Water

Assistant Moderator: Rizwan Siddiqi, PE, President & CEO, EBA Engineering, Inc.

- Mindy Selman, Senior Environmental Markets Analyst, Office of Environmental Markets, USDA
- Ellen Gilinsky, President, Ellen Gilinsky, LLC, Former Associate Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, US EPA
- Lynn Buhl, Assistant Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment
- Sonal Ram, Director of the Office of Environmental Design for the Maryland Department of Transportation – State Highway Administration
- Kimberly Grove, PE, Chief, Office of Compliance & Laboratories, Baltimore City Department of Public Works
- Nick Dilks, Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Ecosystem Investment Partners

**10:30 AM -11:15 AM: Break**

**11:15 AM -12:15 AM: Concurrent Sessions**

### **Room 1: Work Force Challenges and Solutions**

Moderator: Joe Mantua, Deputy General Manager of Operations, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)

Assistant Moderator: Chris Caro, PE, Project Manager, AECOM

- Beate Wright, Executive Director, Water Research Foundation
- Damion Lampley, Chief of Utility Services, WSSC
- Karen Henry, Assistant Director, Anne Arundel County DPW

## 11:15 AM -12:15 AM: Concurrent Sessions (cont.)

### Room 2: The Importance of Community Outreach

Moderator: Jeffrey Raymond, Communications and Community Affairs, Baltimore City Department of Public Works

Assistant Moderator: Sophia Z. Liskovich, PE, Project Manager, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

- Mark Babbitt, Manager, Developer Review, DC Water
- Mark Miller, Administrator, Office of Public Information, Howard County Government
- Charles Kiely, Assistant General Manager, DC Water

## 12:15 PM -1:15 PM: Lunch

### 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM: Financial Management and Rate-Setting Strategies, Part 1

Moderator: Ed Markus, PE, Founder, Amawalk Consulting

Assistant Moderator: Bob Beringer, PE, Chief of Utilities at Howard County, Maryland (*retired*)

- Calvin D. Farr, PE, Director of Public Utilities, City of Richmond, VA
- Joseph Beach, Deputy General Manager for Administration, WSSC
- Andrew Kricun, PE, Executive Director/Chief Engineer, Camden County NJ Municipal Utility Authority

### 2:45 PM – 3:15 PM: Philadelphia Water Department’s Rate Affordability Initiatives

- Melissa LaBuda, Deputy Water Commissioner, Philadelphia Water Department

## 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM: Break

## 4:00 PM-5:30 PM: Concurrent Sessions

### Room 1: Financial Management and Rate-Setting Strategies, Part 2

Moderator: Ed Markus, PE, Founder, Amawalk Consulting

Assistant Moderator: Bob Beringer, PE, Chief of Utilities at Howard County (*retired*)

- Matt Brown, Chief Financial Officer, DC Water
- Olga Chernat, Executive Director, New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority

### Panel Discussion:

Moderator: Rudy Chow, PE, Director, Baltimore City Department of Public works

Assistant Moderator: Bob Beringer, PE, Chief of Utilities at Howard County (*retired*)

- Melissa LaBuda, Deputy Water Commissioner, Philadelphia Water Department
- Matt Brown, Chief Financial Officer, DC Water
- Olga Chernat, Executive Director, New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority



**4:00 PM-5:30 PM: Concurrent Sessions (cont.)**



## **Room 2: Alternative Project Delivery**

Moderator: Art Shapiro, PE, PMP, Chief, Bureau of Utilities, Howard County, Maryland

Assistant Moderator: Pareesh Sanghavi, PE, BCEE, Assoc. DBIA, Director of Client Services – Mid-Atlantic Region

- Monty Simon, Project Manager Office of Engineering & Construction Baltimore City, DPW
- Josh Gliptis, PE, Project Manager Bureau of Utilities, Technical Services Division, Howard County
- Dean Dickey, General Manager, Prince William County Service Authority
- Eric Schrader, Project Manager, City of Lynchburg

## **Room 3: Energy Cost/Usage**

Moderator: Steve de Mik, Director of Operations, Hampton Roads Sanitation District

Assistant Moderator: Teresa DiGenova, PE, Engineering Manager, Black & Veatch

- Rick Raike, Chief of Electrical and Energy Management, HRSD
- Paul Kohl, PhD, Energy Program Manager, Philadelphia Water Department
- Rob Taylor, Energy Manager, WSSC
- Chris Peot, PE, Director of Resource Recovery, DC Water

**5:30 PM-7:00 PM: Reception**

**7:15 PM – Dinner**

**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

**Master of Ceremony, Getachew D. Melsew, DC Water**

**8:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Registration, Continental Breakfast**

## **8:30 AM - 10:30 AM: Innovation/Technology**

Moderator: Chris Phipps, PE, Director, Department of Public Works, Anne Arundel County

Assistant Moderator: Priscilla Brown-Buchalla, Black & Veatch

- Ted Henifin, PE, General Manager, Hampton Roads Sanitation District
- Karen Pallansch, General Manager for AlexRenew
- Micah Vieux, Program Development Manager for Loudoun Water
- Biju George, PE, Chief Operating Officer, DC Water
- Keith Tyson, PE, Division Manager; Engineering and Environmental Services

**10:30 AM -11:15 AM: Break**

**11:15 AM -12:45 AM: Concurrent Sessions**

## **Room 1: Protection of Underground Assets**

Moderator: Andrew Fuller, PE, PMP, CP2, Project Manager, AECOM

Assistant Moderator: Bill Bettin, PE, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works, Harford County

- Joe Siemek, PE, Director, Department of Public Works, Harford County
- Tom Mollica, Vice President, Piping and Corrosion Specialties, Inc.
- Suzanne Maxa-Albersk, MS, PMP, Senior Project Manager, BGE
- Chris Billak, PE, Senior Project Manager, Spiniello Companies, Inc.
- Christene Mitchell, PE, ENV SP, Condition Assessment Manager, HRSD

**11:15 AM -12:45 AM: Concurrent Sessions (cont.)**

**Room 2: Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Response, Resiliency**

Moderator: Ed Adams, PE, Vice President, Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson

Assistant Moderator: Charles Bao, PE, President, Transviron, Inc.

- Dave McDonough, Police and Homeland Security Division Manager, WSSC
- Dusti F. Lowdens, Emergency Planning, DC Water
- Jay Price, Acting Bureau Head of Water and Wastewater, Baltimore City DPW
- Frank Nabozny, Superintendent, Pump Division, Public Works Water and Sewer Baltimore County

**12:45 PM -1:45 PM Lunch**

**1:45 PM-3:45 PM: Utility Management Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Rudy Chow, PE, Director, Baltimore City Department of Public Works

Assistant Moderator: Shirley Jinks, PE, PMP, Civil Engineer, DC Water

- Carla Reid, General Manager, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
- Ted Henifin, General Manager, Hampton Roads Sanitation District
- Dean Dickey, General Manager, Prince William County Service Authority
- Kishia L. Powell, PE, Commissioner, City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management
- Calvin Farr, Director, City of Richmond, Department of Public Works

**3:45 PM – 3:50 PM: Conference Wrap-Up**

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