
NWRA WEEKLY

July 7, 2023



Join your Western water colleagues in Medora!

Despite the NWRA hotel blocks closing, you can still register for the 2023 Western Water Seminar and stay at one of Medora's nearby hotels.

Our general session will include the following confirmed speakers:

NWRA Events

Western Water Seminar

Aug 2-4

Medora,
ND

Leadership Forum and Annual Conference

Nov 8-10

San
Antonio, TX

Tammy Miller – North Dakota Lieutenant Governor
Dr. Andrea Travnicek – North Dakota Dept. of Water Resources
Wanda McFadyen – Assiniboine River Basin Initiative
Amy McCann – Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library
Lance Yohe – International Joint Commission
Ken Royse – Educate, Advocate, Engage Program
Kurt Pfeifle – South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems
James Brower – Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project
Jeff Zueger – Harvestone
Mark Urquhardt – Cavendish Farms

To see the complete event agenda, registration, and lodging information click on the button below.

We look forward to seeing you in Medora!

[Click here to register!](#)

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Trinity River Authority of Texas

**Member
Events**

**Agribusiness and
Water
Council of
Arizona**

Annual
Meeting &
Water
Conference

Sept 15

Phoenix,
AZ

32nd
Annual
H2O Golf
Tournament

Oct 27

Casa
Grande,
AZ

**Association of
California
Water
Agencies**

Fall
Conference

Nov 28–30

Water Buffalo

Indian Wells, CA

[Kogovsek & Associates, Inc.](#)

Colorado Water Congress

Gold

Summer Conference

[Central Utah Water Conservancy District](#)

August 22–24

Steamboat, CO

Silver

[Association of California Water Agencies](#)

Groundwater Management Districts Association

Bronze

[CREDA \(Colorado River Energy Distributors Association\)](#)

Summer Conference

July 10–13

[Water Management Solutions](#)

Santa Fe, NM

THIS WEEK IN REVIEW

[Biden-Harris Administration Makes Up to \\$5 Million Available for WaterSMART Funding Opportunities](#)

Idaho Water Users Association

Legislative Water

Reclamation today announced a notice of funding opportunity through President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the WaterSMART Basin Study Program for the development of hydrologic information and water management tools that improve modeling and forecasting capabilities. Reclamation’s WaterSMART Applied Science Grants are providing up to \$5 million, with funding for each project limited to no more than \$400,000. The funding opportunity is available at www.grants.gov by searching for funding opportunity number R23AS00446. Applications are due by 5 p.m. MDT, Oct. 17, 2023. Click [HERE](#) to read the full news release.

College
Aug 28–30
Burley, ID

Kansas Water Congress

Kansas Water Office, 2023 Governor’s Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas

Nov 15–16
Manhattan, KS

Make an NWRA 2023 Award Nomination Today

Do you know a water professional that goes above and beyond the call of duty in the service of our nation’s water users and our association? If you have someone in mind, complete this [Nomination Form](#) and send it to NWRA’s Awards and Recognition Committee at nwra@nwra.org by August 31, 2023. Nominations will be reviewed and approved by NWRA’s Awards Committee in early September and will be presented at the NWRA Leadership Forum and Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX the week of November 6th.

Montana Water Resources Association No Immediate Events

Experimental Populations Designation ESA Rulemaking

On June 7, 2022, the FWS issued a proposed rule to revise its regulations concerning experimental populations of endangered species and threatened species. The new rule would revise Title 50, part 17, subpart H under the Code of Federal Regulations by deleting reference to a species’ “historical range” which would effectively allow the FWS to introduce experimental populations into habitat outside of where they have historically lived under appropriate circumstances as deemed by the FWS. On July 3, 2023, the FWS published the final rule in the Federal Register which goes into effect on August 2, 2023. The final rule published in the Federal Register, which details the rulemaking action and a summary of received comments and responses, can be found [HERE](#) and a summary can be found [HERE](#).

Nebraska Water Resources Association

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Almost half of U.S. tap water contains ‘forever chemicals’

By E&E News

The most high-profile chemicals under fire from the Biden administration likely permeate almost half of U.S. tap water systems, according to a new study from the U.S. Geological Survey that raises yet more concerns about the sprawling family of compounds. The [first-of-its-kind report](#) offers yet more ammunition to regulatory proponents who have pushed for a strong-armed approach to cracking down on PFAS. Their push has already sparked significant results, with the Biden administration tackling the chemicals through a range of statutes as regulators seek to bring the crisis under control. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

NSIA Joint
Conventio
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Nov 21–23

Kearney,
NE

**North
Dakota
Water
Users
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NDWRD &
NDWEF
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Summer
Water Mtg
& Exec
Briefing

Environmental takeaways from a transformative Supreme Court term

By E&E News

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July 19–21

Dickinson,
ND

60th
Annual
Joint ND
Water
Conventio
n and
Irrigation
Workshop

Dec 5–8

‘Absolute crap’: Garret Graves incensed with CEQ chair

By E&E News

House Republicans wanted to take a victory lap Thursday on recent changes to environmental protection laws they extracted from the Biden

Bismarck,
ND

Oregon

administration in exchange for raising the debt ceiling.

Instead, GOP members of the House Natural Resources Committee were confronted with a White House official who effectively downplayed the first overhaul of the National Environmental Policy Act in decades. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

**Water
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Congress**

Water Law
Seminar

Oct 4

Sisters,
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Annual
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Nov 28–30

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River, OR

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NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS

Week of Monday, July 10, 2023

House of Representatives - In Session

[House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Management](#)

**Hearing on Future of FEMA: Agency Perspectives with
Administrator Criswell**

Thursday, July 13 at 10:00am (ET)

[House T&I Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment](#)

**Hearing on Review of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request: Agency
Perspectives (Part II)**

Thursday, July 13 at 2:00pm (ET)

Senate - In Session

Senate Indian Affairs Committee

Legislative Hearing to receive testimony on S. 616, S. 1898 & S. 1987

Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30pm (ET)

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No Immediate Events



JOB LISTINGS

Utah Water Users

Association

No Immediate Events

City of Phoenix

Title: Director of Public Works and Director of Street Transportation

Salary: \$228,758 annually

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Deadline: July 28, 2023

Summary: The Director oversees the procurement, management, and maintenance of the City's fleet of equipment, construction, maintenance, operation of City-owned facilities, electrical and mechanical systems, and custodial service contracts. Will also oversee the implementation of an asset management system for all city facilities and amenities. Is responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating activities related to streets and freeways, stormwater design and construction, and maintenance, as well as traffic related engineering, and floodplain management.

Apply: [Here](#)

Washington State Water Resources Association

No Immediate Events

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City of Oklahoma City

Title: Deputy Director of Utilities Engineering

Salary: \$111,582–\$170,526 annually

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Deadline: July 31, 2023

Summary: Will manage and direct the work of the utilities engineering division and will be responsible for managing a ten-year capital improvement program exceeding \$3.3 billion. This role will also provide technical assistance to the water treatment, wastewater treatment, water distribution/wastewater collection, and Tinker AFB divisions.

Apply: [Here](#)

Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District

Title: General Manager

Salary: Starting

at \$130,000 annually – depending on experience/qualifications – salary is negotiable

Location: Norfolk, NE

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: Under the direction of the LENRD Board of Directors, the GM will provide direct and indirect supervision to all employees of the district. Work involves developing operational policies, budgets, and procedures as well as long and short-range plans that are consistent with the district's 12 responsibilities of wisely governing the use, and conservation of, our soil, water, wildlife, trees, and other natural resources.

Apply: Questions – email lenrd@lenrd.org or visit www.lenrd.org/latest-news for a complete job description.

Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District

Title: General Manager

Salary: Dependent on qualifications

Location: Moses Lake, WA

Deadline: June 30, 2023

Summary: The successful candidate will lead a team to accomplish the requirements of the governing statutes and the mission of the MLIRD under the direction of the Board of Directors. Potential candidates should be able to show skills and experience in leadership, public or private administration, and communication. Knowledge of and experience in working with many levels of government is preferred. Full position description is available at: https://wsra.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Manager%20Job%20Description_052423.pdf.

Apply: Submit resume with references to: byonko@milird.org

Kennewick Irrigation District

Title: District Manager

Salary: \$168,774–\$222,530 annually

Location: Kennewick, WA

Deadline: August 18, 2023

Summary: The District Manager shall be responsible for managing the administrative and operational functions of the District. The District Manager shall also be responsible for the following: acquisition, supervision, and development of staff; development of a Board approved annual operating budget and annual capital improvement program; proper preparation and collection of an accurate irrigation assessment role (**per RCW 87.03.250**); review of all contracts and other agreements entered into by the District, prior to their award; overseeing the administration of the Bureau of Reclamation-Kennewick Irrigation District contract (circa 1956); developing excellent relations with the water users and all interfacing governmental agencies; coordination of legal activities; and maintaining a quality assurance and safety program. See a full description [here](#).

Apply: Contact Water Strategies Executive Search Service c/o Mr. Kris Polly at (703) 517-3962 or email Kris.Polly@waterstrategies.com.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

Title: General Manager

Salary: \$145,000 plus - based on qualifications

Location: Dumas, TX

Deadline: July 21, 2023

Summary: North Plains Groundwater Conservation spans all or part of eight counties in the northern Texas Panhandle and is recognized nationally as a leader in innovative agricultural water conservation education programs. The district is seeking a General Manager to provide the vision, leadership and management of the district's professional staff that support the district's mission and core values. As general manager, your primary responsibility includes advising the board on new and emerging policy issues, and responsible for managing all district operations safely to achieve the board policies, mission, regulatory mandates, and partnerships.

Apply: [Here](#)

SRP (Salt River Project)

Title: Hydrologist

Salary: Based on qualifications

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: The Hydrologist provides professional expertise in hydrology and hydraulic engineering to resolve problems related to water resources planning, supply, demand, transmission and distribution operations, hydraulic integrity of facilities and measurement and control of water. Investigates the hydrologic characteristic of specific watersheds and formulates criteria to determine rate and quantity of runoff related to storm intensities to improve storage/delivery operations.

Apply: [Here](#)

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Title: Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program Supervisor

Salary: \$58,965 – \$88,197 annually

Location: Carson City, NV

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: This is an exciting opportunity to guide efforts to restore and protect

waterbodies throughout our beautiful state for current and future generations to enjoy! The Bureau of Water Quality Planning's Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program (NPS Program) is the lead agency addressing nonpoint source (NPS) pollution within Nevada. Primary duties and responsibilities of the NPS Program Supervisor are: Implementation oversight of the NPS Program consistent with state and federal regulations including the Clean Water Act (CWA), Code of Federal Regulations, Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code; preparation and execution of annual CWA 319(h) grant application, including workplan and budget, quarterly progress reports, and annual report; building and maintaining constructive internal and external working relationships to achieve program goals and advance water quality improvement within the State; and develop contract workplans and budgets and manage contracts to ensure successful outcomes.

Apply: [Here](#)

SRP (Salt River Project)

Title: Hydrogeologist

Salary: Based on qualifications

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: Performs comprehensive technical analysis of groundwater resources and infrastructure. Undertakes planning, management, and implementation of large-scale projects, some involving multiple SRP departments or outside entities. Occasionally, works with municipal or regulatory personnel to solve mutual water resources problems.

Apply: [Here](#)

SWCA Environmental Consultants

Title: Assistant Project Water Resources Specialist - Water Quality

Salary: \$137,280–\$193,440 annually

Location: To be determined

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: Will support various projects in North and South Carolina, Virginia,

Tennessee, and surrounding states. Our Raleigh-Durham and Charlotte, NC offices offer a unique work environment and specialize in environmental permitting, natural and cultural resources services, ecological restoration, and renewable energy permitting.

Apply: [Here](#)

Tarrant Regional Water District

Title: Public Safety Telecommunications Specialist

Salary: \$43,014–\$64,417 annually

Location: Fort Worth, TX

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: Under the general supervision of the Security Operations Supervisor, the Tele-Communicator performs duties including but not limited to receiving, prioritizing, and disseminating multiple 911 and administrative telephone lines and monitoring the District's radio communication system

Apply: [Here](#)

Tarrant Regional Water District

Title: Facility Maintenance Technician

Salary: \$37,440–\$61,713 annually

Location: Waxahachie, TX

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: The Facility Maintenance Technician is responsible for maintaining and upkeep of water district grounds, buildings, and structures

Apply: [Here](#)

Wyoming State Engineer's Office

Title: Deputy State Engineer

Salary: \$8,086–\$10,000 monthly

Location: Cheyenne, WY

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: Reports directly to the State Engineer and acts as delegate in areas relating to Wyoming water law, water administration and agency representation.

Apply: [Here](#)

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District

Title: Numerous opportunities

Salary: Based on position and qualifications

Location: Arvin, CA

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: The district oversees major infrastructure consisting of 45 miles of concrete canals, 50 pumping plants with 150 pumps/motors, 1500 acres of spreading basins, 82 groundwater extraction wells, and manages approximately 50 employees.

Apply: [Here](#)

Arizona Department of Water Resources

Title: Numerous opportunities

Salary: Based on position and qualifications

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: Virtually everything Arizona Department of Water Resources employees do affects the quality of life for the state's residents and guests. With multiple career opportunities available through the same employer job mobility and career advancement are highly likely.

Apply: [Here](#)

Conservancy of Southwest Florida

Title: Numerous opportunities

Salary: Based on position and qualifications

Location: Naples, FL

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is a leading environmental conservation organization dedicated to protecting the water, land and wildlife in the region. As the population of this area grows, so do the demands placed on its unique, natural resources. For more than 50 years the Conservancy has worked with community leaders, businesses, partner agencies and individuals to find a sensible balance between the demands of a growing population and the preservation of our natural treasure

Apply: [Here](#)

Texas Water Development Board

Title: Numerous opportunities

Salary: Based on position and qualifications

Location: Austin, TX

Deadline: Until filled

Summary: Employees of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) enjoy excellent benefits along with an incredible opportunity to do important work and make a positive difference for the state of Texas.

Apply: [Here](#)

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We're Here For You!

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