



March 11, 2020

## CWCC FLY-IN / WATER WEEK 2020 DETAILS – TRACKING IMPACTS OF COVID-19

As you know, CWCC has again signed on as an organizational sponsor of Water Week 2020, which takes place on April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Washington, DC. In the coming weeks, you will receive DRAFTS of the traditional fly in materials and it remains our goal to have the CWCC website retooled (including a revised mission statement to reflect recent discussions).

CWCC understands that our members have evolving plans for continuity of operations and for travel / events in light of developments surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19). **As of today, we are in contact with the organizers of Water Week and we have been told that the event is proceeding as normal at this time.** NACWA is closely tracking information from national, state and local health officials around the country regarding the virus, but no domestic travel advisories or restrictions have been issued to date. CWCC will stay in contact with NACWA to monitor developments and will announce any changes as soon as possible.

**CWCCs Member-Only Briefing** during Water Week is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.** Events not held on Capitol Hill will be at the Washington Court Hotel located at **525 New Jersey Avenue NW.** This hotel is within walking distance of Union Station and Capitol Hill. The CWCC Member Briefing is being sponsored by **UCA of Illinois, UCA of New England and the UTCA of New Jersey.** At this briefing, we will hand out materials we typically prepare OR will coordinate getting you these materials in advance at your request.

The key days for Water Week are **Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>.** You should set a schedule that works best for your organization's needs and the availability of those you are set to meet with in DC. We have identified open slots in the schedule that would be ideal for Hill Visits but in our experience, you have to take the time slots you can get.

### The schedule is as follows for CWCC MEMBER / WATER WEEK RELATED EVENTS:

#### Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Morning: OPEN TIME FOR HILL VISITS

12:30 pm – Registration Opens for National Water Policy Fly-In

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Policy Sessions Lead by NACWA, WED, WRF and WateReuse

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6:00 pm - Reception & Brave Blue World Screening

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am – Congressional Breakfast

11:00 am – 1:00 pm– CWCC Member-Only Briefing / Lunch at the Washington Court Hotel

**NOTE:** We will be meeting on the Mezzanine Level in the Capital / Senate Function Space.

Lunch will be provided. If anyone has any special dietary needs, please advise in advance.

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - OPEN FOR HILL VISITS

5:30 pm - Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

OPEN FOR HILL VISITS

**REGISTRATION**

Please register for the 2020 Water Policy Fly-In online at your earliest convenience through the following website: [www.waterweek.us/nwpf/](http://www.waterweek.us/nwpf/)

The registration fee is \$100 per person. Advance registrations must be received by **Friday, April 10, 2020**.

Please email Dan Kennedy ([kennedy@utcanj.com](mailto:kennedy@utcanj.com)) confirming attendance for you and/or your association members/affiliates.

Your registration fee includes access to all Water Week activities Monday and Tuesday, including the policy sessions, breakout discussions, Monday evening reception, Tuesday morning Congressional breakfast and the Congressional reception on Tuesday evening.

**LODGING**

Lodging is at your discretion but here are options to consider.

The organizers have secured a special group rate of \$335 per night (standard king/standard double), plus applicable taxes, at the **Washington Court Hotel**. Reservations must be made by **Monday, April 6, 2020** to receive the special rate, while rooms are available. To ensure a hotel room, contact the Washington Court Hotel at 202.628.2100. Please reference “Water Week / NACWA Block” when reserving.

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Another option, negotiated by our friends at UCA of Illinois, is the Hotel Lombardy. Although it's a jump from the Water Week events hosted at the Washington Court Hotel, this is a great location on Pennsylvania Ave. They are extending the same rate as last year for CWCC members of \$289.00 per night plus applicable taxes. They have extended that rate to all CWCC members by following this link: [https://bookings.hotellombardy.com/reservation/roomdetails/139725?rooms=1&adults\\_1=1&checkin=20200426&checkout=20200503&bookingcode=61V2I8](https://bookings.hotellombardy.com/reservation/roomdetails/139725?rooms=1&adults_1=1&checkin=20200426&checkout=20200503&bookingcode=61V2I8)

### **POST ROLL OUT – WHAT'S NEXT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING DEAL**

As has been reported, the House Democratic leadership (Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Majority Whip Clyburn, and Assistant Speaker Lujan) along with the chairs of the key congressional committees of jurisdiction (DeFazio of T&I, Pallone of Energy and Commerce, and Neal of Ways and Means) rolled out a **\$760 billion, 5-Year infrastructure funding framework**.

The framework goes far past water infrastructure funding needs and includes traditional surface transportation issues, broadband, 911 updates, brownfields, safe drinking water, with mention of housing, education and natural resources. See the following for the full details: <https://transportation.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Moving%20Forward%20Framework.pdf>.

The attached report from Key Advocates includes an assessment of what could lie ahead, including an assessment of the budget submitted by the White House and its impact on CWCC priorities.

### **PROGRESS ON S. 1932, "DROUGHT RESILIENCY AND WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT"**

Key Advocates was recently made aware of a compromise draft (summary outline enclosed) which has bi-partisan support. Hearings are expected to start this month markups to follow. Members of the CWCC in the west should pay particular attention to this bill. The essence of the compromise is that the Republicans got "more" on the water storage issue in return for the Dems getting "more" on the recycled water issue. Staff was optimistic that the recycled water funding amount (\$160M over 5 years) would increase in conference (the Napolitano bill has \$500M over 5 years).

### **CWCC HIGHLIGHTED IN NATIONAL ENGINEERING / INFRASTRUCTURE ARTICLE**

In a special section of the Engineering News Record (ENR) on underground infrastructure work, the advocacy work on behalf of the CWCC and the UTCA of NJ was highlighted.  
See: <http://digitaladmin.bnppmedia.com/publication/?m=38305&i=650075&p=2>

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## KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

Included with this notice is Key Advocates recent report which is current to the end of February.

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