ARWA'S 49th ANNUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

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

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

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

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

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

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:	Speaker:
Directors and Admin	201	Preparing Your Utility for a Successful Financial Audit	Cynthia Bearden/Bearden Accounting Services
General Water/Wastewater	202	Calibration of HACH Turbidity Meters	Brian Burnett/Water Tech
General Water/Wastewater	203	Remote Monitoring Advancements	Karl Cartmell/Haynes Equipment
General Water	204	Distribution System Best Practices	Brent Hutchins/Brad Greer & Associates
General Wastewater	207	Developing Your Standard Operating Procedures	Loyd Rawlings/USA Bluebook
ADH	208	ADH Drinking Water Update	Staff/ADH
DEQ	209	2026 Triennial Review 8 CAR pt 21	Mary Barnett/DEQ

11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Room	Session Topic:	Speaker:
Directors and Admin	201	GO Bond Update	Chris Colclasure/ANRD Director
General Water/Wastewater	202	AI: Friend or Foe	Jeff Coffelt/Scruggs
General Water/Wastewater	203	Dechlorination Options	Troy Blake/Hawkins
General Water	204	Tank Inspection and Compliance	Sam Gage/Municipal Management
General Wastewater	207	Decentralized Treatment Solutions	Tyler Bertsch/BioMicrobics
ADH	208	Bacteriological Sample Submission	Alindria Jordan/ADH
DEQ	209	Status of Arkansas Water	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:	Speaker:
Directors and Admin	201	Application Processing and Funding Updates	Matthew Hudson/USDA
General Water/Wastewater	202	Chlorine Equipment Essentials	Steve Luckett/CL2 Equipment
General Water/Wastewater	203	Aeration Solutions for Lagoons and Oxidation Ditches	Bobby Ball/Bertrem Products Incorp.
General Water	204	Peracetic Acid Applications	Wes Cummins/USALCO
General Wastewater	207	Manhole Flow Monitoring	Kurt Burkett/Core & Main
ADH	208	Lead and Copper Rule	Jack Wilson/ADH
DEQ	209	Water Reuse	Stacie Wassell/DEQ

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

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Room	Session Topic:	Speaker:
Directors and Admin	201	Don't Loose Revenue-Servline Customer Leak Protection Program	Emilie Zalfini/Jenna Hazelet/Servline
General Water/Wastewater	202	Well/Motor Maintenance	Jeff Jones/Jones Hydro
General Water/Wastewater	203	Advanced Lagoon Microbiology	Doug McKinney/AMS
General Water	204	Operator Round Table-How Systems Utilize GIS Data	Peter Gandy/Greg Cagle /Diamond Maps
General Wastewater	207	The Anatomy of a Successful Water/Wastewater Project	Brian Rohlman/Tolm Group
ADH	208	Funding Opportunities (Emerging Contaminants and State Grants)	Debby Dickson/ANRD
DEQ	209	Stormwater and Phosphorus	Ashlynn Boedecker PhD/DEQ

***7:00 pm - 12:00 am* ARWA DANCE-HEATH SANDERS**
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TUESDAY September 1, 2026

7:00 am REGISTRATION OPENS - "Grand Lobby" **8:00 am F 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 WaterWastewater	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 Migues/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 WaterWastewater	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 Oversite 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
			Zachary Carroll/DEQ

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

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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