



TALKING POINTS

February 2026

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

APWA is soliciting nominations for appointments to national-level committees, councils, and external representation groups for the 2026–27 year. For more information, please visit the [nominations landing page](#) on APWA's website. The nomination deadline is March 31, 2026.

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- The Government Affairs team is preparing for three days of meetings in Washington, DC, February 10–12, for the APWA Board of Directors.
- The Engineering & Public Works Roadshow will be on Capitol Hill, February 25, to meet with elected officials and staffers. The Roadshow is also in talks with officials in Jacksonville, Florida, to showcase great infrastructure projects either late this month or early next month.
- APWA Government Affairs Manager Leah Harnish visited the APWA Delaware Chapter in January. On February 5, Director of Government and Public Affairs Andrea Eales will join the Region VI virtual meeting to provide a legislative update and share advocacy resources with the group. Where will a member of the Government Affairs team visit next? Send your invites to Andrea at aeales@apwa.org.

Follow APWA Government Affairs on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Be in the know.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY ONLINE LEARNING LIBRARY

The Sustainability and Resiliency Committee developed this [online learning library](#) to provide a starting point for APWA members to quickly access sustainability and resiliency content. Water Resources Management is the first focus area in the library.

MEMBERSHIP

29,709

ACCREDITATION

- Region 3—Morrisville, North Carolina Public Works Department—3rd accreditation
- Region 4
 - Atlanta, Georgia Department of Public Works—3rd accreditation
 - Manatee County, Florida Public Works Department—2nd accreditation
- Region 6—Belton, Missouri Public Works Department—4th accreditation
- Region 8—Alameda County, California Public Works Agency—4th accreditation

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Registration is Now Open for Snow 2026!



The [2026 North American Snow Conference](#) (NASC) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 26–29, 2026. You may now register and make your hotel registration online, as well as review the education schedule and find additional event details.

Planning is Underway for PWX 2026!



The PWX Program Review Committee met in Kansas City in January to make final selections. Submitters will be notified by February 13, 2026, of their submission status.

QUICK LINKS

[Focus on Public Works](#) | [Tell Your Story](#) | [Education/Credentialing Center](#) | [Technical Committees](#)
[Groups and Committees](#) | [Council of Chapters](#) | [Washington Report](#) | [Legislative Action Center](#) | [Ottawa Report](#)

EDUCATION

UPCOMING LIVE PROGRAMS

February 19. **RainDROPs Keep Falling on My Head: Embodying Long-Term Flood Resilience.** Discover how cutting-edge tools are transforming flood risk management in a changing climate with our live virtual program on RainDROP. Learn how engineers and agencies are using advanced rainfall data and atmospheric models to design resilient infrastructure and prepare for future storms. [Register here.](#)

March 19. **Transforming the Future of Solid Waste through Intelligent Technologies: AI in Action.** This live virtual program will explore the expanding role of AI within the solid waste industry, highlighting current applications, innovations, and practical strategies for safe and efficient implementation. [Register here.](#)

CERTIFICATION

CHANGES TO THE CERTIFIED STORMWATER MANAGER (CSM) PROGRAM

APWA is excited to announce an update to the Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM) program that will launch in 2027. This update aligns APWA's stormwater education and credentialing, providing a better overall experience for members and stormwater professionals.

If you're planning to apply under the current CSM program, please note:

- Eligibility applications will be accepted through June 30, 2026.
- After this date, applications will pause until the new CSM program launches in 2027.
- This transition period ensures that all eligible applicants have time to complete the current exam process.

If you've already earned the Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM) credential and maintain it through regular recertification, your credential will remain valid and recognized under the new model. There will be no change to your certification status; you will continue to be a CSM.

Learn more about the new Stormwater Credentials [here.](#)

March 31. **APWA Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate Program.**

The Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate program is a live, virtual program that covers the basic need-to-know topics that professionals in the facilities and grounds disciplines need to understand to perform their jobs effectively and proficiently. [Register here.](#)



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCING: CAREERZONE

We're excited to launch CareerZone, a robust space where you can post open positions, hire the best candidates to add to your growing team, and find everything public works job-related in one place. Whether you're just starting your job search or looking for your next opportunity, CareerZone provides curated advice and resources to help you move forward. Start exploring by visiting [apwa.org/careers](#).



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

APWA'S PUBLIC WORKS RADIO PODCAST IS HERE! #PWR

Public Works Radio is the official voice of APWA, bringing the stories behind our communities to life. We've got two fantastic episodes available for listening today! [Click here](#) to preview descriptions.

Episode One: *Leading in Public Works Means Showing Up Every Day*

Episode Two: *Understanding the Safety Risks of Lithium-Ion Batteries*

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