

# Building a Resilient Future



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Speakers and Topics Subject to Change***

## **Wednesday, August 11**

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CSRMA Training Seminar ([Separate Registration Required](#))

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CASA Board of Directors Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Associates Committee Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Fleet Tracking, Electrification and AI: Clean Water Tech in 2021

Location:

Moderator: Greg Kester, CASA

- Barbara Egan, RMJ Technologies
- David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation District
- Cristina Ahmadpour, Isle Utilities

Technologies that help track your agency's fleet behavior to improve operations? An all-electric future in California? Using artificial intelligence to help efficiently manage your collection system? Hear from panelists on current and future trends in the clean water sector and get a glimpse of how agencies are utilizing technology to build a resilient future.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. The Future of Work is Now

Location:

Moderator: Eileen White, East Bay Municipal Utility District

- Adriana Ochoa, Procopio
- Teji O'Malley, Central Costa Contra Sanitary District

## **Wednesday, August 11 – con't**

The pandemic brought so many changes to the way we live and work. Are some of these changes here to stay? Hear from the experts on how clean water agencies are adapting to the possibility of remote work, virtual meetings, community engagement and other changes we have all experienced this past year.

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.     **Break**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.     Regulatory Hot Topics and Deep Dives  
Moderator: Jared Voskuhl, CASA

- Ryan Batjiaka, SFPUC (Region 2 PFAS Study)
- Sarah Deslauriers, Carollo (Air Toxics)
- Steve Jepsen, SCAP (SSS WDR)
- Greg Kester, CASA (SB 1383)
- Jared Voskuhl, CASA (Microplastics)

CASA's Regulatory Workgroup is one of the most active groups in the association. Hear the latest updates on topics essential to your agency's regulatory compliance and learn how CASA members are collaborating with researchers and policy makers on the development and implementation of regulations, including an update of the Sanitary Sewer System Waste Discharge Requirements (SSS WDR), findings and results from the Bay Area PFAS study, statewide developments on microplastics methods, health effects, and the Ocean Protection Council's study of treatment technology removal effectiveness, new air toxics and emissions rules, and implementation nuances of SB 1383 organics diversion regulations, all of which the group is working to address on behalf of CASA member agencies.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.     Gender Diversity and Pay Equity in the Workforce  
Moderator: Jackie Zipkin, East Bay Dischargers Authority

- Beverli Marshall, Valley Sanitary District
- Kathleen Welter, Woodard & Curran

Equity and diversity are essential components of managing a successful agency and have increasingly come into focus in recent years. Hear from both private entities and public agencies who have looked at this issue and implemented successful programs to address diversity and equity in their workforces.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.     Federal Legislative Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.     CSRMA Executive Board Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.     Ice Breaker Reception (Open-air Reception)

## **Thursday, August 12**

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Women's Networking Breakfast

*Look for signage to join this informal networking group during breakfast*

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CSRMA Board of Directors Meeting

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CASA Education Foundation Board Meeting

9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Morning Sessions & Business Meeting**  
President Jason Dow, Presiding

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. **Jen McDonough, Celebrating the Everyday Hero**

Keynote on celebrating everyday heroes will address the challenges experienced daily by our essential workers and how to overcome those challenges so we can lead from a place of strength. Jen McDonough reminds everyday heroes of the importance of their work and acknowledges the vital impact that they have on their communities and organizations.

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Communicating with Diverse Constituencies**  
Moderator: Sarah Macdonald, Western Municipal Water District

- Victor Griego, Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL)
- Gabriela Dow, NV5
- Tonya Durrell, City of Los Angeles, LASan

Hear from association leaders and communications professionals on how to build bridges with diverse constituencies in your community and develop programs to communicate the clean water community's message.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Annual Business Meeting**

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Networking Opportunity** (Open-Air)  
Location:

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon** (Open-air)  
Location:

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Networking Opportunity** (Open-Air)  
Location:

## **Thursday, August 12 – con't**

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **Afternoon Sessions**

Secretary Treasurer Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold,  
Presiding

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

### **Drought on the Horizon**

- Sean Maguire, Board Member, State Water Resources Control Board
- Ellen Hanak, Public Policy Institute of California

California is in the midst of yet another extremely dry period, and both the state and local agencies are taking emergency actions to try and address some of the most severe impacts. Hear what is being done from the State Water Board perspective, what lessons we learned from the last multi-year drought, and how water shortages can impact water and wastewater agencies alike.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

### **Celebrating Excellence in 2021**

- 2021 Awards of Excellence Presentation
- CASA Education Foundation 2021 Scholarship Recipients
- CASA LEAD Initiative

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Associates Engineering and Research Subcommittee

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CASA Communications Committee

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Statewide Biosolids Hot Topics & Solutions Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Back Reception (Open-air Reception)

## **Friday, August 13**

8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

State Legislative Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

### **Closing Session**

Vice President Jasmin Hall, Presiding

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

### **State and Federal Legislative Updates**

- Jessica Gauger, CASA, State Update
- Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources, Federal Update

## **Friday, August 13 – Con't**

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

### **Resilience in Real Life**

Kevin Phillips, Town Manager, Paradise, CA

The 2018 fires that nearly destroyed the town of Paradise were a terrible tragedy and emblematic of the increasing threats from California's wildfires. Hear from the new Town Manager of Paradise on what they are doing to rise from the ashes, including development of an entirely new wastewater collection system.

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

### **President's Closing Remarks**

- Board of Director Election Results
- Passing of the Gavel

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Attorneys Committee Meeting

Hear a special presentation from a panel of young professionals as they provide their perspective on the workplace and their careers in the wake of the pandemic.