29th Annual Water Systems Expo & Conference
Feb. 11-13 • Best Western Ramkota – Bismarck

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m., in the Dakota Ballroom entrance

9:00 a.m. STATE REVOLVING FUND, OLD AND NEW – Governor’s Room
This session will provide an overview of the entire SRF program, as well as provide information on upcoming programmatic changes. New and experienced individuals working with SRF loans will benefit from this session.

2:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES – Missouri Room
- Official Opening – Michele Schommer, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association President
- Special Guest – Gov. Jack Dalrymple (unconfirmed)
- Special Guest – Jasper Schneider, Acting Administrator, USDA Rural Utilities Service
- Welcome to Bismarck-Mandan – Terry Harzinski, CEO of Bismarck-Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Keynote Address – National Rural Water Association Representative

3:00 p.m. EXHIBIT HALL OPENS – Dakota Ballroom
Displays of products and services covering all aspects of water and wastewater system operation and maintenance. Take a look at what is new in the water and wastewater industries.

4:00 p.m. METER CHANGE-OUT COMPETITION PRELIMINARY ROUND – Exhibit Hall

4:30 p.m. LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION AND EXHIBITOR APPRECIATION – Exhibit Hall
Legislators have been invited to join us for some rural water hospitality. It is also a great time to say thank you to our exhibitors for their support.

6:00 p.m. EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

7:45 a.m. BUFFET BREAKFAST – Exhibit Hall
Breakfast is included with full registration. Extra tickets may be purchased for $15.

8:30 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS
A. Operation & Maintenance Track – Exhibit Hall:
   Exhibitor Demonstrations
B. Board of Directors Track – Heart Room:
   Roundtable Session

11:00 a.m. METER CHANGE-OUT FINALE – Exhibit Hall

11:30 a.m. EXHIBIT HALL PRIZE DRAWINGS – Exhibit Hall
The last chance to visit the exhibits – the Exhibit Hall will close at noon.

Noon PASTA BUFFET LUNCHEON – Courtyard
Pasta buffet is included with full registration and additional tickets may be purchased for $15.

1:00 p.m. SPOUSE/GUEST TOUR – Heritage Center and State Capitol (there is a $10 charge)

1:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS
A. Operation & Maintenance Track A – Heart Room:
   1:00 p.m. – Rural Water: Moving Forward or Repeating the Past – Julia McCusker, CoBank
   1:35 p.m. – Leak Detection for Large Diameter and PVC Pipe – Ron Rappard, Utility Service Co., Inc.
   1:50 p.m. – Mueller Hydrant & New Generation 350 PSI Gate Valve – Doug Kilanowski, Mueller Company
   2:25 p.m. – Coffee Break
   2:45 p.m. – OpWorks – Brian Barclay, AE2S
   3:20 p.m. – Water and Wastewater Technology Program – Bruce Emmil, BSC National Energy Center of Excellence
   3:35 p.m. – Top of the Tower – Shawn Mulhern, KLM Engineering, Inc.
   4:10 p.m. – Cured in Place Pipe – Mitchell Hoeft, Insituform Technologies USA, LLC
B. Operation & Maintenance Track B – Sheyenne Room:
   1:00 p.m. – Pretreatment of Problem Waste Streams and Simple, Passive Phosphorous Removal – Eric Larson, Wexco Environmental
   1:35 p.m. – Rich Pawlicki, A.Y. McDonald Manufacturing Company
   1:50 p.m. – Grease Control and Aquatic Plant Management – Gary Syverson, Team Laboratory Chemical Corporation
FRIDAY, FEB. 13

7:45 a.m.  BUFFET BREAKFAST – Courtyard
This event is included with full registration and additional tickets may be purchased for $15.

8:30 a.m.  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. Operation & Maintenance Track C – Grand Pacific/Patterson Room:
8:30 a.m. – Cleaning Mechanism for Water Quality – Joe Schmidt, Hawkins, Inc.
9:05 a.m. – Macro and Alpha Product Lines – John Nelson, Romac Industries
9:40 a.m. – Mapping with Locators – Andrew Carey, Compass Tools, Inc.
10:15 a.m. – Sampling Protocols and Procedures – North Dakota Department of Health Staff
11:15 a.m. – Rule and Regulation Update – Greg Wavra, North Dakota Department of Health

B. Board/Manager Track – Lamborn Room:
Decision Making Manual – Eric Volk, NDRWSA

C. Safety Track – Governor’s Room:
Confined Spaces – Safety Concerns of Excavation Trenches and Areas - KLJ

11:45 a.m.  CLOSING SESSION: GRAND PRIZE DRAWING – GRAND PACIFIC/PATTERSON ROOM – Be Present To Win!

2:25 p.m. – Coffee Break
2:45 p.m. – Winter Operations for Water Tanks and Towers – Rich Kemmis and Chad Edwards, Maguire Iron, Inc.
3:20 p.m. – Manhole Rehabilitation Options – Todd Stelmacher, Visu-Sewer, Inc.
3:35 p.m. – IDT: AMR/AMI Technology Update – Nick Polsinelli and Darin Waldner, Dakota Pump & Control, Inc.
4:10 p.m. – Sewer Evaluation and Rehabilitation – Todd Stelmacher, Visu-Sewer, Inc.

C. Board/Manager Development Track – Cannonball Room:
1:00 p.m. – Open Meeting and Open Records – Sandra Voller, North Dakota Assistant Attorney General
2:00 p.m. – Bringing Changes in a Rural System: A Cultural Clash (Part A) – Deb Nelson, DLN Consulting, Inc.

5:30 p.m.  SOCIAL HOUR – Courtyard

6:30 p.m.  AWARDS BANQUET – Dakota Ballroom
Included with full registration. Additional tickets available for $35.
- Awards Ceremony – Honoring the Best in the Business
- Corporate Elite and Diamond Sponsor Recognition
- Water Taste Contest Final Judging
- Scholarship Live Auction and Equipment Fund Bucket Raffle Drawing