

Building a Resilient Future



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Preliminary Program as of 7/12/21 Speakers and Topics Subject to Change

Wednesday, August 11

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.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. **Track 1A:** Fleet Tracking, Electrification and AI: Clean Water Tech in 2021

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. **Track 2A:** The Future of Work is Now

Moderator: Eileen White, East Bay Municipal Utility District

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

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

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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. **Track 1B:** Regulatory Hot Topics and Deep Dives

Moderator: Jared Voskuhl, CASA

- Sarah Deslauriers, Carollo
- Steve Jepsen, SCAP

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 future needs, including an update of the Sanitary Sewer System Waste Discharge Requirements (SSS WDR), state and federal developments on PFAS regulation and microplastics, new air toxics and emissions rules, biosolids management, and many other items the group is working to address on behalf of CASA member agencies.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Track 2B:** 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

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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. – 4:30 p.m. Registration

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

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CSRMA Board of Directors Meeting

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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**

Jen McDonough, AKA “The Iron Jen” is an eight-time national Olympic-style weightlifter, Ironman triathlete, volunteer firefighter and first responder, and the author of three Amazon Top 100 books. Her keynote on celebrating everyday heroes will address the challenges experienced daily by our essential workers, be it from dealing with constant change, stressful calls, rotating shifts, or any of the 99 things that could go wrong on the job. 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 Utility District

- Victor Griego, President, Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL)

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. – 12:15 p.m. **Networking Break**

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Networking Break**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Afternoon Sessions**
Secretary Treasurer Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold,
Presiding

2:00 – 3:00 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.

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- 3:00 – 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

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
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Congressman Scott Peters (Invited)
- 10:30 – 11:00 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.

- 11:00 – 11:15 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