

**2025 Hawai'i Water Works Association Annual Conference,
Aulani Hotel, Ko Olina Resort Oct. 15-17, 2025**

KAHE HO'OKAHI NĀ WAI - The Waters Flow as One

Wed Oct. 15, 2025

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration Continental Breakfast	
	General Session 1 Kaiona Ballroom	
	Climate Change Track	
9:00 a.m. (15 min)	Welcome & Pule Arthur Aiu Ernest Lau Manager & Chief Engineer Mayor Rick Blangiardi Video Message	
9:15 a.m.(45 min)	Honolulu's Climate Ready Oahu Strategy for Climate Adaptation Alex Yee and Sarah Harris Office of Climate Change Sustainability and Resiliency	
10:00 a.m. Break		
10:15 a.m. (45 min)	One Water Honolulu's Collaboration Framework Wendy Broley and Lenise Marrero Brown and Caldwell	
11:00 a.m. (45 min)	A Climate Adaptation Approach to One Water Honolulu's CIP Rachel Duncan Carollo Engineers Tess Sprague Brown and Caldwell	
12:00 noon Lunch		

Program At-A-Glance

Wed Oct. 15 2025	Breakout Session 1, Kaiona Ballroom	Breakout Session 2 , Ka'ala Ballroom I-II	Breakout Session 3, Ka'ala Ballroom III-IV
	Projects Track	Operations/Systems Track	Consultant/Vendor Agency Track
1:30 p.m.	Who Picked This Site Anyway? Kalaeloa Seawater Desalination Challenges and Progress * Barry Usagawa BWS Water Resources	BMPs Suck* – Handling Runoff During Main Break Repairs * Jordan Kurahara BWS Field Operations Blake Gammel and Rich Konkler Tru-Vac, International Trucks of Hawaii	BWS Initiatives to Conserve and Potentially Utilize Existing Assets * Charles Jury and Francis Cheng Okahara & Assoc.
2:00 p.m.	Regulatory and Enhanced Water Quality Pilot, Kalaeloa Seawater Desalination * Dawn Halpern Kalaeloa Desalco, LLC	On-Site Gray Water Reuse Applications and Benefits for New Residential Developments ** Alana Kobayashi-Pakkala Kobayashi Group Randy Hiraki Commercial Plumbing	The Hawai'i Water Plan Framework Update Alyssandra V. Rousseve State Commission on Water Resource Management
2:30 p.m.	Kalaeloa Aquifer Test Plan Approach and Preliminary Findings for the Determination of Hydraulic Separation of Layered Geologic Formations * Kevin Gooding INTERA	Water Sensible: Everyday Choices, Lasting Impact Lorna Heller BWS Water Conservation Daniel Chen Honeywell	Backflow Prevention Programs * Mitch Lebas, P.E. Backflow Preventions Services, LLC, Sponsored by DOH Safe Drinking Water Branch
3:00 p.m. Break			
3:30 p.m.	Integrating Climate Change Topics into the Primary Urban Center Development Plan Noelle Cole Honolulu Dept. of Planning and Permitting	Pipe Dreams: Optimizing Pipeline Rehab and Replacement * Isaac Hayashi BWS Water Systems Planning Tony Shing BWS Technical Engineering Projects	Leveraging AMI, AI, and Operational Dashboards to Reduce Field Work and Operating Expenses in Water Utilities * Joseph Rogers Xylem
4:00 p.m.	One Water Honolulu Climate Change Adaptation Panel Facilitator: Christin Reynolds Panelists: Barry Usagawa-BWS, Alex Yee-CCSR, Noelle Cole-DPP, Wendy Broley and Tess Sprague Brown & Caldwell Rachel Duncan Carollo Engineers	Cybersecurity Trends and Mitigations for the Water Sector * Scott Wong BWS IT Cybersecurity Office	Understanding System Pressure and Leak Detection for Non-Revenue Water Loss Reduction * Kevin Barnes Fluid Conservation Systems
4:30 p.m.		DWSRF Funding Updates-Loans for Capital Improvement Projects Judy Hayducsko DOH Safe Drinking Water Branch	Enhancing Asset Management through Digital Condition Assessment and Data Visualization * Michael Flores HDR
5:00 Meet & Greet			

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Thurs Oct. 16, 2025		
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.		Continental Breakfast
8:25 a.m.	General Session 2 Kaiona Ballroom	
	Strategic Initiatives Track	
8:30 a.m.(45 min)	Water Research Foundation Updates Jim Siriano Water Research Foundation	
9:15 a.m.(45 min)	BWS Emerging Contaminants Management Program * Marc Chun BWS Water Resources Sierra Johnson Brown & Caldwell	
10:00 a.m. Break		
10:30 a.m.(45 min)	Healthy Waters After Wildfires - Evaluating Post-Fire Water Quality Using Advanced Analytical Methods * Mel Tokuda and Scott Murakawa DOH Safe Drinking Water Branch Yvonne Heaney California Division of Drinking Water	
11:15 a.m.(45 min)	BWS Updates Islandwide Water Master Plan * Carl Lundin CDM Smith	
12 Noon Lunch		

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Thurs Oct. 16, 2025	Breakout Session 4, Kaiona Ballroom Regulatory Track	Breakout Session 5, Ka`ala Ballroom I-II Planning Track	Breakout Session 6, Ka`ala Ballroom III-IV Communications Track
1:30 p.m.	CWRM Goals and Major Projects Ciara Kahahane Deputy Director State Commission on Water Resource Management	Wildfire Modeling and Emergency Response Plan Coordination on Oahu Michael Cubas CDM Smith	From Supervisors to Leaders: Empowering the Frontline for Tomorrow's Challenges * Michele Rodriguez-Flores Ridgecresta Inc.
2:00 p.m.	State and PWS Perspectives on PFAS Rules and CCR Revisions* Zhaohui Wang DOH Safe Drinking Water Branch	Granular Activated Carbon Reactivation Facility * Jay Stone Bowers & Kubota	Communicating Complicated Analyses to Utility Leaders and the Public Glenn Barnes Water Financing Assistance
2:30 p.m.	Adjusting Sewer Rates to Support Affordability and Water Conservation while also Meeting Revenue Requirements. Roger Babcock Dept. Environmental Services Dave Ebersold CDM Smith	Ha'ikū Tunnel Bulkhead Study, a Groundwater Storage and Stream Restoration Evaluation * Nancy Matsumoto BWS Hydrology-Geology Charles Luxford Brierley Assoc.	Educational and Participatory Communications Arthur Aiu, Sheri Mikami and Michele Harman BWS Communications Ani Turner Kaua'i Board of Water
3:00 p.m. Break			
3:30 p.m.	Pure Water Hawai'i, Guidelines for Potable Reuse Andy Salveson and Mike Miyahira Carollo Engineers	Nu'uanu Hydro-Managed Aquifer Recovery, a Stormwater Capture, Treatment, Energy Recovery and Aquifer Recharge Solution for a Climate Change Future ** Judy Nishimoto CDM Smith	Hawai'i's Watershed Partnerships, Protecting our Water Source in Mauka Forests Amy Tsueyoshi BWS Hydrology-Geology Yumi Kam Waianae Mountain Watershed Partnership
4:00 p.m.	PFAS Challenges for a Small Public Water System * Judy Hayducsko and Ann Kam DOH Safe Drinking Water Branch	State of Hawai'i Water Audit Program an Overview * Nicholas Ing State Commission on Water Resource Management	Panel: Adapting Communications for Optimal Impact Despite Increasing Polarizing Community, Political, and Social Perceptions
4:30 p.m.	GAC vs IX for PFAS Treatment * Kevin Lavery Carbon Supply, Inc.	East Honolulu Watershed Management Plan, a Holistic Ahupua`a and Community Based Water Management Plan * Melissa May Haley Aldrich Barry Usagawa BWS Water Resources	Moderator: Kathleen Elliott- Pahinui Steven Norstrom and Stella Bernardo Honolulu BWS Kawika Uyehara Hawaii DWS Adam Mundy Maui DWS Ani Turner Kaua'i DWS.
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Thompson Award, Banquet		

Fri Oct. 17, 2025	
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	General Session 3 Kaiona Ballroom
	Business Track
8:00 a.m. (45 min)	Local Forecasts and Analysis of Economic, Demographic, and Business Trends in Hawai'i. Deteriorating US outlook weighs on Hawai'i prospects. Dr. Steven Bond-Smith UHERO
8:45 a.m. (45 min)	Our Kuleana: Leveling Up in Water Advocacy Ann Miyahira Hajnosz Harris & Associates
9:30 a.m. (45 min)	Manager's Roundtable: Ernest Lau Honolulu BWS Keith Okamoto Hawaii DWS John Stufflebean Maui DWS Joe Tait Kaua'i DWS
* Course has been approved for Drinking Water Operator CEUs.	
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