



# THE SPIGOT

from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

## 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 CLOSSES**

### 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**

- 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

**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:**

- Bringing Changes in a Rural System: A Cultural Clash (Part B)* – Deb Nelson, DLN Consulting, Inc.
- 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!**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Expo**  
**North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association**  
**Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck • Feb. 11-13**

Name – *to be used on name badge* \_\_\_\_\_

Title – *to be used on name badge* \_\_\_\_\_

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**The fees listed are for members only – please call 701-258-9249 if you wish to become a member.**

**A. Package/Full Registration (\$205)**

Includes: training sessions, breaks, social hours, exhibit hall, and ALL MEALS

On or before Jan. 30: \$205 \_\_\_\_\_  
After Jan. 30: \$230 \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Partial Registration (\$125 plus meals)**

Includes: training sessions, breaks, social hours, and exhibit hall.  
*Individual costs if package/full registration is not selected:*

On or before Jan. 30: \$125 \_\_\_\_\_  
After Jan. 30: \$150 \_\_\_\_\_  
Breakfast Buffet (Feb. 12): \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Pizza Buffet (Feb. 12): \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards Banquet (Feb. 12): \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
Breakfast Buffet (Feb. 13): \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Spouse/Guest Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any meals your spouse/guest is planning to attend.

Breakfast Buffet (Feb. 12): \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Pizza Buffet (Feb. 12): \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards Banquet (Feb. 12): \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**D. Spouse/Guest Tour (see insert) (Feb. 12): \$10 per person**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total fees for registration, meals, and tour** \_\_\_\_\_

**Room reservations are available at the following location:  
Best Western Ramkota Hotel 701-258-7700.  
Ask for the Rural Water block.**

Online registration is now available at [www.ndrw.org](http://www.ndrw.org) or mail completed form and payment to:

**NDRWSA, 2718 Gateway Ave., Suite 201,  
Bismarck, ND 58503**

**Cancellation Policy:** When you register for the Expo, we make arrangements for your arrival. In the unlikely event you have to cancel your registration, the following cancellation policy will be applied. By registering to attend the event, you are complying with the cancellation policy. A \$50 administrative fee will be charged on all refund requests on or before Jan. 30. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after Jan. 30.