

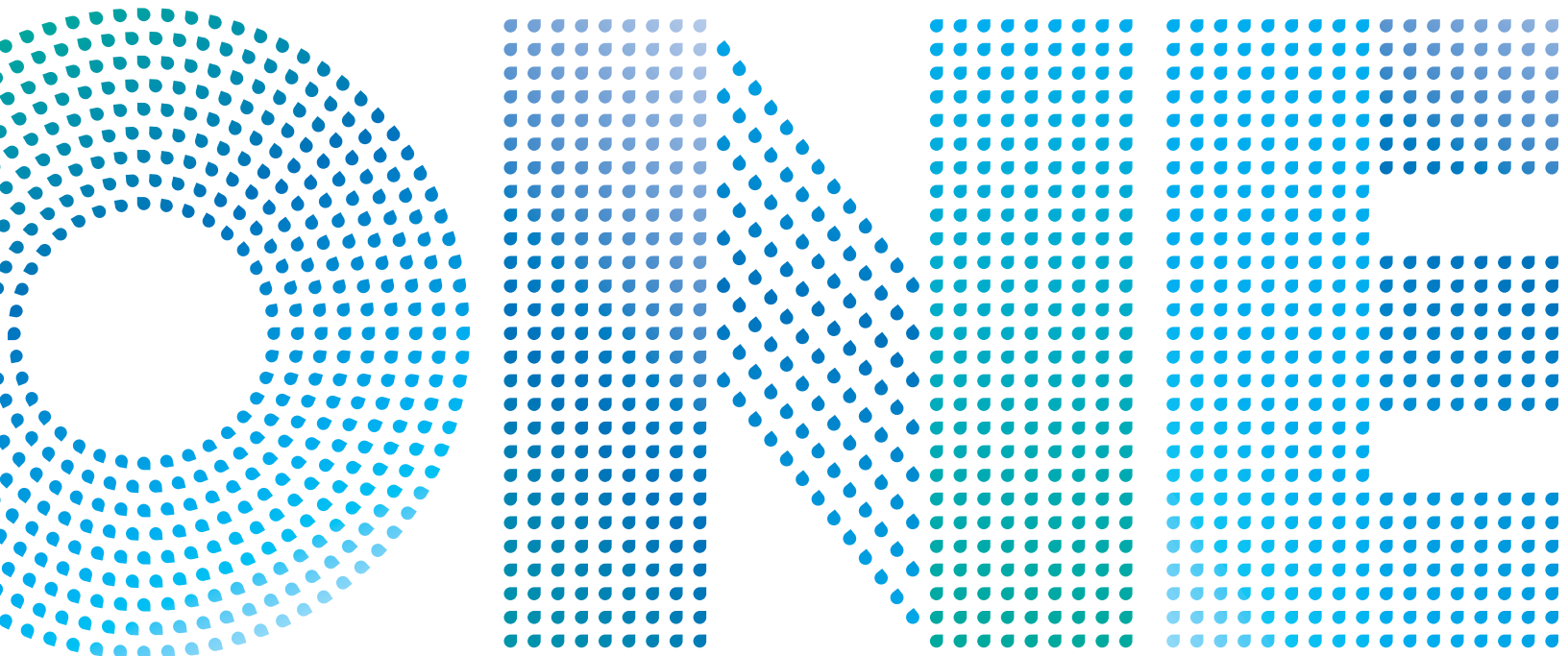
The Heart of the Movement: One Water Delegations



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One Water, One Future.



People. Partnerships. Progress.

Collaboration—it's what drives the One Water movement and everything that we do at the US Water Alliance. The Board and staff of the US Water Alliance recognize Delegations as the heart of the One Water movement. We are thrilled to welcome 44 Delegations to One Water Summit 2019. It is an impressive group of dedicated leaders representing diverse regions and constituencies from across the country. We thank our many partners who helped form these delegations.

Delegates are champions for an equitable, sustainable, and inclusive water future and are dedicated to sharing knowledge, building relationships, and bringing the learnings from One Water Summit 2019 back to their home regions or communities of practice. We look forward to working with the One Water Delegations in the months and years to come.

One Water, One Future.



Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprang up.

– Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Host State Delegations

Austin Regional Delegation

People may come to Austin for its music and culture, but they stay for the water. Austin is a swimmable city—Barton Springs, Lake Austin, and Bull Creek are just some of the places where Austinites have historically stayed cool on a summer day. Now more than 100 people a day are moving to Austin so, as in many other cities, pressure from urban growth has changed the character of many of our creeks. This is reducing or eliminating baseflow and introducing pollutants that no longer make them safe for human contact. In 100 years, our city demographer projects that Austin Water will need to supply four times today's population. To address this challenge, the City of Austin has adopted a groundbreaking 100-year water supply plan that relies on locally available water supplies to equitably meet our future water needs. Aquifer Storage and Recovery, centralized non-potable reuse, onsite rainwater capture, landscape transformation, generation of onsite non-potable water, and many other strategies will lead us into a resilient future and ensure affordable water for all the people of Austin. One Water Summit 2019 is an opportunity for representatives from the Mayor's Office, City Council, Austin Water, Austin Watershed Protection, Development Services Department, Water Forward Task Force, non-profit organizations, local artists, indigenous peoples, and other stakeholders to learn how other cities are addressing these challenges and to share our creativity in identifying solutions that secure our water supplies while restoring the watersheds that make Austin home.

Houston Regional Delegation

The Houston Regional Delegation is comprised of professionals working on drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and parks and recreation operations, maintenance, and planning. Delegation members represent municipalities, municipal utility districts, water authorities, groundwater subsidence districts, institutions of higher education, and nonprofits throughout the Houston region. Catastrophic flooding, periodic drought, growing population, densifying urban core, aging infrastructure, wastewater consent decree, limited surface water and groundwater supplies, subsidence, competing social and economic interests, and siloed planning and development activities are all challenges the Houston region faces. The Houston Regional Delegation is seeking information, models, and mentors to address these challenges in a holistic, collaborative manner that results in a more resilient, sustainable, and

equitable community. We believe that by engaging all stakeholders and maximizing resources, we can plan, build, and implement projects and programs that provide multiple benefits across the Houston region.

San Antonio Regional Delegation

The San Antonio Delegation brings together community stakeholders from our water utility, local and regional government, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions. San Antonio's delegates represent a diverse and fast-growing community, the seventh largest in the United States. Located in south-central Texas, our community is supported by abundant aquifers, springs, and rivers, yet the region often experiences prolonged droughts and flooding. San Antonio's continued growth has led to renewed focus on a diversified water supply, water conservation, water quality protection, and an increased emphasis on water equity issues. As the city expands, traditional lawn-dominant landscapes are driving water challenges, including increasing peak demand, and they lack the overall ecosystem benefits of more diverse landscapes. A focus on conservation does not begin and end with landscapes but includes assisting community members with water efficiency and bill assistance programs, addressing water equity issues from all angles. The San Antonio Delegation aims to collaborate on strategies for a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable community. Our group is focused on two areas of priority: landscape transformation and water equity. We hope to learn from others who have addressed water equity challenges in their communities as we improve upon the programs and policies driving our own efforts. We look forward to sharing engagement strategies as we encourage our community to transform water-hungry landscapes into more diverse landscapes that require less water, slow down and filter storm water, and create habitats for wildlife.

Texas Community Leaders Delegation

Thanks to the generous support from the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation—local host partner and Summit sponsor—the Texas Community Leaders Delegation brings to One Water Summit 40 community-based professionals who might not otherwise be able to attend. The Foundation's Water Program is advancing thought leadership, stakeholder engagement, and important policy and program action in support of One Water in Texas. An integral component of that work is ensuring that people of different backgrounds, with divergent values and goals, are able to come together

to identify and advance common ground solutions. The Texas Community Leaders Delegation is dedicated to fostering inclusion in One Water leadership and to ensuring that community leaders have a seat at the table. The Texas Community Leaders Delegation is also committed to supporting the next generation of leaders and to creating space for young leaders to join the One Water movement.

Texas Hill Country Delegation

The Texas Hill Country Delegation is composed of both rural and urban water professionals who recognize the need for modernizing water resource management practices. The Texas Hill Country is a 17-county, 11 million-acre region that includes some of the fastest growing cities and counties in the nation. It is a region defined by its unique water resources and climate variability. Extreme drought, catastrophic flooding, and the impact of climate change is making those swings more pronounced—and will further strain both rural and urban water supplies alike. The once-prolific aquifers, springs, and iconic rivers that have sustained our region for centuries are under mounting stress from growth and development pressures, over withdrawal of water resources, and a lack of coordinated planning. The Texas Hill Country Delegation is seeking scalable and holistic solutions that relieve the current pressures on our surface and groundwater. We are looking for models of development, innovative policy initiatives, and urban-rural collaborations that will enhance livability and the long-term resilience of water supply. We are committed to passing that information along to local water managers, elected officials, and the general public of the financial and ecological benefits of moving away from narrow and siloed approaches to water management and toward a spectrum of best management solutions that recognize the value of all water sources.

Texas Living Waters Delegation

Texas Living Waters is a collaboration between the National Wildlife Federation, the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Galveston Bay Foundation. The Texas Living Waters Project was launched in 2001 to ensure that Texas has the water it needs for thriving communities and to support the abundant fish and wildlife that constitute our state's natural heritage. Our priorities are focused on three areas: climate resilience, urban water management, and water for wildlife. We use a range of approaches and work in multiple venues to achieve our mission. Environmentally sound urban water management

is fundamental to efforts to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population without impairing the ability of rivers, streams, springs, and bays to support fish and wildlife. Our goal is to promote an integrated One Water approach to municipal water management that simultaneously protects source waters and downstream river flows. We will also work to accelerate progress on water conservation statewide. While water conservation and One Water approaches to water efficiency are important tools for stretching limited water supplies to meet water needs, they do not guarantee water-for-wildlife benefits if saved water is not returned to or retained in rivers and aquifers.

Texas State Agencies Delegation

The Texas State Agencies delegation is composed of staff from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD), and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The three agencies work together to support water planning and conservation efforts across the state. The mission of the TWDB is to provide leadership, information, education, and support for planning, financial assistance, and outreach for the conservation and responsible development of water for Texas. The mission of the TPWD is to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Texas has experienced both record-setting droughts and floods over the last decade, and it continues to be one of the fastest growing states in the country. To meet these challenges, communities and utilities in Texas must consider all the tools in the toolbox to address their individual circumstances and to maintain the viability of the state's natural resources, health, and economic development. Our goal is to collaborate with other state agencies, as well as all levels of government, to support bottom-up planning and implementation of water, wastewater, and flood strategies for Texas communities while continuing to conserve the natural resources of Texas.

Regional Delegations

Atlanta Water Equity Delegation

The Atlanta Delegation is anchored by the Department of Watershed Management and the Partnership for Southern Equity, an organization that works to advance racial equity and shared prosperity. It includes representatives from national and local environmental groups that work towards sustainable and equitable urban watersheds, including American Rivers, ECO-Action, The Conservation Fund, Partnership for Southern Equity, and the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance. The Delegation comes to the Summit as part of the Water Equity Taskforce, a US Water Alliance initiative that builds collaboration between utilities, community partners, and other stakeholders in seven cities around the country. Over the course of two years, the Taskforce aims to accelerate the development and adoption of equitable water policies and practices. The Atlanta Delegation is deepening relationships between the community and decision-makers, enhancing community engagement on infrastructure planning, and outlining recommendations to advance workforce development.

Buffalo Water Equity Delegation

The Buffalo Delegation includes representatives from water, housing, community development, environmental organizations, as well as local philanthropy, including the Buffalo Sewer Authority, Buffalo Water Board, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Groundwork Buffalo, the Alliance for the Great Lakes, and PUSH Buffalo. The Delegation comes to the Summit as part of the Water Equity Taskforce, a US Water Alliance initiative that builds collaboration between utilities, community partners, and other stakeholders in seven cities around the country. Over the course of two years, the Taskforce aims to accelerate the development and adoption of equitable water policies and practices. Through our delegation, the Buffalo Learning Team is focused on relieving the inequitable water rate burden on our city's most vulnerable populations who struggle to pay household bills, while funding infrastructure needs to protect public health.

Camden Water Equity Delegation

The Camden Delegation is anchored by the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority. It includes representatives from Camden Lutheran Housing, Cooper's Ferry Partnership, the District Council Collaborative Board, the Trust for Public Land, the state Department of Environmental Protection, and New Jersey American Water. The Delegation comes to the Summit as part of the Water Equity Taskforce, a US Water Alliance initiative that builds collaboration between utilities, community partners, and other stakeholders in seven cities around the country. Over the course of two years, the Taskforce aims to accelerate the development and adoption of equitable water policies and practices. The Camden Learning Team is focused on workforce development, public engagement in addressing lead risks, and climate resilience.

Chesapeake Bay Delegation

The Chesapeake Bay Delegation is comprised of water management professionals from the public and non-profit sectors. Their watersheds and service areas range from the most densely developed cities to suburban and rural areas of the Chesapeake Region. Enhanced wastewater technologies and advanced storm water management programs have contributed to significant improvements in surface and ground water quality. However, increasing population, climate change, and protecting the safety and quality of public drinking water supplies continue to stress the region's water infrastructure. Addressing these challenges while also ensuring water management fees are equitable for all poses significant challenges for many cities in our region. The Chesapeake Bay Delegation seeks to develop a network of leaders in the region open to new, integrated approaches to the management of water resources who can help guide future support from the region's philanthropic and government sectors to advance equitable, integrated, and sustainable water management in the region.

Cleveland Water Equity Delegation

The Cleveland Delegation represents a broad ecosystem of water professionals, researchers, innovators, and enthusiasts that is dedicated to our great Lake Erie and its watersheds. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District protects public health and the environment by leading effective wastewater and stormwater management. Cleveland Water works tirelessly to produce high quality drinking water even as they pilot new technologies such as satellite-based leak detection. The Delegation includes organizations focused on environmental justice, economic development, community resilience, and housing, as well

as local philanthropy and city officials. These leaders are part of the Water Equity Taskforce, a US Water Alliance initiative that builds collaboration between utilities, community partners, and other stakeholders in seven cities around the country. Over the course of two years, the Taskforce aims to accelerate the development and adoption of equitable water policies and practices. The Cleveland Learning Team is formulating recommendations for addressing water equity challenges and opportunities in the city, with a particular focus on water affordability, climate impacts, and sustained community engagement.

Denver Regional Delegation

The Denver Delegation is currently in formation, with a small but enthusiastic crew all looking to One Water to further our community goals. There will be both a community and professional strand to this effort, with the intent to take the strengths of both to create a stronger community through water. We have continuing challenges with water supply in a warming and growing world, and a need to be more inclusive in stewarding our resources.

Great Lakes Community Partners Delegation

The Great Lakes Community Partners Delegation includes a diverse set of leaders representing local governments, non-profit organizations, and local community and neighborhood organizations working together to ensure water is clean, distributed equitably, and affordable for everyone in Great Lakes cities. The Great Lakes region has suffered from far too many water infrastructure related failures—Toledo's Do Not Drink Advisory, Detroit's massive shutoffs, and Flint's water crisis. As a Delegation, we will create solutions that will improve the health of Great Lakes citizens by ensuring that our water infrastructure will be fixed, the cost will not be burdensome, innovations utilizing green infrastructure will be pursued, and the protection of the Great Lakes—as commons, as public trust—will be prioritized. We will encourage infrastructure improvements that are holistic, helping to not only deliver safe, affordable water, but to transform neighborhoods. In the interest of affordability for all, we will also take leadership on legislative policy to establish water as a human right.

Green Bay Regional Delegation

The Delegation from the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin, is comprised of members from our newly formed Sustainability Commission, as well as staff members from the Mayor's office and Development departments. The City of Green Bay is the third largest city in Wisconsin, with over 100,000 residents and over 45 square miles. Green Bay is also the oldest city in Wisconsin and is located on the largest freshwater estuary in the world. Green Bay is a city with a strong industrial base that has recently seen a great deal of development. A changing climate has caused flooding and has over-taxed existing grey infrastructure. Furthermore, Green Bay has been designated a Great Lakes "Area of Concern" due to contamination from chemicals such as PCBs. We continue to experience persistent excessive nutrient and sediment deposits which cause algal blooms in our waterways, namely the Fox River, the Bay of Green Bay, and the East River. Many of the areas affected by poor water quality are low-to-moderate income. The City of Green Bay delegation is seeking solutions that will improve our green infrastructure, water quality, and neighborhood livability. We want to work with developers to create common-sense and cost-effective practices that protect water quality and minimize flooding. We are seeking solutions that are innovative, collaborative, and environmentally just. Our delegation will return to Green Bay and share what we've learned about the financial and ecological benefits of a comprehensive approach to water management with the Sustainability Commission, Common Council, staff members, residents, and business owners.

Iowa Delegation

Across Iowa, there are many examples of the One Water ethos: water management that is innovative, inclusive, and integrated. Joining the Iowa Delegation this year are water sector professionals who span both the urban and rural landscape of Iowa. These individuals and their organizations are coming together to align and engage in leading One Water action in the state. Erratic and variable weather, including perennial flooding and droughts, continues to present challenges to managing water for Iowa communities—both upstream and downstream. While we believe we are seeing good directional progress, achieving downstream performance with implementation of practices at scale remains elusive. Iowa's goal is to continue bringing diverse stakeholders together to advance working solutions to our mutual water challenges. We envision collaboratively reducing flood risk, building stronger soils, fostering investments with upstream and downstream agriculture and municipal partnerships,

improving conservation use on farms across watersheds, and investing in conservation infrastructure. Our hope is this will result in an enduring land and water legacy. We believe the value of the One Water approach is driving continuous improvement and delivering better outcomes for all Iowans.

Kansas City Regional Delegation

The Kansas City Regional Delegation is a bi-state group of water and wastewater professionals, non-profits, and community partners dedicated to addressing the future of water in the metro area. In order to embrace a One Water approach in an area divided by two major rivers and a state line, community partnerships and strong, well-defined goals are a necessity. Our region is demonstrating our commitment to a One Water future through green infrastructure, public-private partnerships, combined sewer overflow reduction, strong community outreach, and innovative communications and education strategies. This regional delegation includes representatives from Kansas and Missouri water and wastewater organizations, and the consultants and community partners that work with these entities in both states. Since we hosted the conference in 2014, our delegation has continued to support water quality in the region through bi-state work groups, local and regional water quality grant programs, and One Water focused educational curriculum.

Los Angeles Regional Delegation

The Los Angeles Regional Delegation hails from the nation's most populous county with over 10 million inhabitants across eight major watersheds that experience cyclical droughts. We represent a diverse group of professionals from public, private, and nonprofit organizations working together to help our communities and economy thrive in the face of global warming. We are focused on: greening the urban environment through stormwater and runoff capture funded by the recently-adopted largest tax measure of its kind creating resilience through water conservation and infrastructure upgrades at the household, neighborhood, and utility level; institutionalizing efficiencies through modernizing water data collection and analytics that guide infrastructure decisions and consumption patterns; improving the governance of our fragmented water management through transparency and accountability; implementing the Human Right to access safe, clean, affordable drinking water and sanitation for all Angelenos; and ensuring these improvements are communicated to Angelenos in culturally relevant ways. We are eager to share from our experiences and learn from others.

Louisville Water Equity Delegation

The Louisville Delegation is anchored by the Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District. It includes representatives from local government, a public transit agency, a workforce organization, and the Louisville Water Company. The delegation comes to the Summit as part of the Water Equity Taskforce, a US Water Alliance initiative that builds collaboration between utilities, community partners, and other stakeholders in seven cities around the country. Over the course of two years, the Taskforce aims to accelerate the development and adoption of equitable water policies and practices. The Louisville Learning Team is celebrating the recent release of its Water Equity Roadmap, with recommendations for enhancing the utility's equitable workforce development programming to ensure that members of vulnerable communities have greater access to careers and contracting opportunities in the water sector.

Milwaukee Water Equity Delegation

The Milwaukee Delegation is anchored by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Milwaukee Water Commons, an organization that promotes equitable water stewardship and decision-making. It also includes representatives from economic development and environmental initiatives, local philanthropic and educational institutions, and Milwaukee Water Works. The Delegation comes to the Summit as part of the Water Equity Taskforce, a US Water Alliance initiative that builds collaboration between utilities, community partners, and other stakeholders in seven cities around the country. Over the course of two years, the Taskforce aims to accelerate the development and adoption of equitable water policies and practices. The Milwaukee team is working with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Center for Economic Development to develop a framework for understanding the current and future conditions of water sector jobs in Greater Milwaukee, develop a roadmap for equitable access to those jobs, and ensure long-term sustainability for both the environment and the community.

National Capital Region Delegation

The National Capital Region Delegation is a diverse group from across the state of Maryland, the commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Our region continues to see rapid growth, demographic change, and new weather patterns brought on by a changing climate. Through our Delegation, we are working with utilities, nonprofits, and the federal government to find new collaborative efforts to protect our critical water resources and the Chesapeake Bay. We intend to broaden our knowledge and ability to share services to more effectively serve the public good of our respective communities as we improve our local and regional water resources.

New Jersey Delegation

The New Jersey Delegation includes representatives from Jersey Water Works, a statewide cross-sector collaborative of more than 500 members working to transform New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure through investments in sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide multiple community benefits. This year's New Jersey Delegation represents diverse perspectives, including city and regional utilities, nonprofit environmental and smart growth organizations, state and municipal government, community groups, and communications professionals. The Delegation will use its time at One Water Summit 2019 to explore new ways to build public and political support for improved water infrastructure and management systems that provide equitable access to water services, recreation, and workforce opportunities. The group will reconvene after One Water Summit 2019 to establish actions to advance their ideas and coordinate with the Jersey Water Works collaborative.

North Carolina Research Triangle Delegation

The North Carolina Research Triangle Delegation is composed of leaders in local, regional, and state government, water utilities, community organizations, conservation organizations, and academic institutions from both rural and urban areas of the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill metropolitan area of North Carolina and leaders in the Jordan Lake watershed including the City of Greensboro. This region and the state as a whole are some of the fastest growing areas in the country; rapidly growing population is outstripping the traditional water management tools upon which these communities have relied. Years of traditional management and single-metric regulatory frameworks have exacerbated conflicts and hindered the ability to solve the region's most pressing and increasingly demanding water resources

problems. Area leaders seek to identify innovative water management alternatives to allow multi-variate, multi-benefit approaches, and build effective relationships to achieve collective goals. Our delegates are working to integrate One Water principles into a proposed alternative regulatory framework that can be endorsed by state agencies and adopted by diverse stakeholders across the region. This framework would allow for a flexible, collaborative approach to water resources management built on the full value of water. Among many other benefits, it will balance human and ecological uses; identify, unlock, and enhance Triple Bottom Line benefits; protect water quality and quantity; and incorporate green infrastructure into redevelopment.

Pittsburgh Water Equity Delegation

Pittsburgh is blessed with an abundance of water but also faces several challenges. This delegation comes to the Summit as part of the Water Equity Taskforce, a US Water Alliance initiative that builds collaboration between utilities, community partners, and other stakeholders in seven cities around the country. Managing stormwater as it flows down the city's hilly terrain and enters aging sewer infrastructure and eventually flowing to the regions' three rivers is one challenge that will require thoughtful solutions. The city is also working through lead service line replacement, keeping services affordable, and how to make sure the water sector is attracting diverse and talented workers to build the city's next generation of infrastructure. The Pittsburgh Delegation wants to work together to take advantage of this opportunity to not only solve the water issues, but also to create healthier, safer, more sustainable, vibrant, and attractive communities.

Seattle Regional Delegation

The Delegation from the Seattle metropolitan area is comprised of drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater planners and executives. The Central Puget Sound Region is served by several dozen water and sewer utilities. King County provides wholesale wastewater treatment services to nearly three dozen cities and local utilities in King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties. Seattle Public Utilities provides solid waste, drainage, and wastewater services for Seattle residents and businesses and drinking water for 1.4 million regional customers in 27 cities around the region. The Pacific Northwest is known for its water. Nestled between Puget Sound and the Cascade Mountains, residents of Seattle and its neighboring cities embrace each of the 152 days on average it rains each year. As is the case throughout the globe, climate change is expected to alter the water cycle of the Northwest by modifying

snowpack accumulation and the timing of snowpack melt and fuel more intense rainfall and the intensity and frequency of drought. With less snow melt coming from mountain streams in summers, managing the region's water supply will become increasingly difficult. Integrating a One Water management model that incorporates sustainable and inclusive approaches to protecting water resources will involve building public and political will for investment in sustainable water infrastructure and water supplies. Given Seattle's history of an abundance of water, creating a common understanding that all water has value and that water can be used to provide increased system resiliency should be a top priority in coming years.

Tucson Regional Delegation

The Tucson Regional Delegation is returning for its fourth year to build leadership and momentum for One Water as a key strategy to ensure water resiliency and livability for the one million people and wildlife species that make their homes in our region. This year's delegates represent various arms of the jurisdictions who are jointly creating a vision of long-term sustainability for the region. In Tucson, local government is at the forefront of strategically managing all available water resources, including smart policy and public communication. Tucson's story is one of visionary planning, patience, and persistence. Decades ago, the One Water groundwork was laid to add renewable surface water and recycled water into our water portfolio that had been singularly a groundwater system. More recently, the region has embraced harvested rainwater and stormwater as additional supplies to plan for and manage. Climate forecasts provide little comfort and indicate the need for robust planning tools that protect our aquifers and restore our watershed. Recognizing water resource benefits and availability vary by type, and that climate solutions may currently be unseen, the Tucson Delegation is seeking holistic solutions for quantifying and utilizing resources for maximum community and environmental benefit, long-term utility-scale planning, and investing in smart partnerships. We are beginning to operate through a One Water lens and we are committed to expanding this view through communication to all employees, elected officials, and our public.

National and Issue-based Delegations

American Rivers Delegation

American Rivers' mission is to protect wild rivers, restore damaged rivers, and conserve clean water for people and nature. We couldn't accomplish our mission without acknowledging the massive impact that cities and the built environment have had in changing the hydrology of our rivers and streams. Water withdrawals, stormwater discharges, and wastewater treatment all change the way our rivers function, impacting not only the natural environment, but also the very cities that depend on this water. The American Rivers Delegation is committed to bringing together different stakeholders with a vested interest in water—from the large utility to the small community group—to identify common goals, overlooked efficiencies, and practical solutions to water challenges. Our hope is that by actively working across a broad spectrum of interests that we can work together to make the needed policy changes and solve the funding challenges needed to create both healthy communities and healthy cities.

Climate Resilient and Equitable Water Systems (CREWS) Delegation

The Climate Resilient and Equitable Water Systems (CREWS) Delegation is convened by the US Water Alliance and The Kresge Foundation's Environment Program. The Delegation is composed of environmental non-profits, municipal leaders, academics, water utility leaders, and community and environmental justice advocates around the nation advancing equitable solutions to address climate-related water impacts on low-income and communities of color. Climate change is placing significant pressure on water management systems and decision-making processes, with a strong emphasis on urban flooding. Low income, communities of color, and other climate vulnerable populations feel the compounding impacts of climate change first and more frequently. Yet, they are often left out of the development and implementation of solutions. Local climate resilience planning that supports a One Water approach must include an eye towards water equity and involve communities throughout the decision-making process and resilience project implementation. The CREWS Delegation is seeking to scale efforts and support a national network of learning and practice that amplifies marginalized voices, integrates climate data and lived experience into planning, and strengthens climate vulnerable communities from a health, wealth,

and equity standpoint. We are looking for examples of success and strategies for equitable resilience planning, particularly in response to climate related flood and storm impacts.

The Conservation Fund Delegation

The Conservation Fund, a national charitable organization, works with public and private partners to conserve America's legacy of land and water resources through projects and programs that emphasize the integration of environmental, economic, and social goals. The Fund is pleased to renew and expand its commitment to work for smart, One Water solutions across the nation. Through the Fund's Freshwater Institute, we innovate commercially practicable technology that protects the nation's fresh and coastal waters while assuring healthy fish production to feed the nation. Working through pioneering partnerships at the watershed level to serve wildlife, communities, and the economy, the Fund restores and maintains forests and buffers that filter and store vital water resources. At the metropolitan and urban scale, the Fund works in partnership with public and private partners to restore and improve water quality, reduce flooding, and assure stewardship of water resources. In vulnerable neighborhoods, the Fund works with community partners to assure equitable water security, including access to adequate water supplies and healthy water ecosystems and reducing risks of flood and drought. Through its work, the Fund has become a national leader in innovative projects that utilize nature's green infrastructure.

Freese and Nichols Delegation

The Freese and Nichols Delegation is comprised of water resource planners, conservation professionals, consensus builders, civil engineers, and urban planners who recognize that traditional water resources are becoming limited, population is growing, and communities are increasingly in need of integrated water solutions. Freese and Nichols is an engineering/architecture/planning firm founded in 1894 in Fort Worth, has offices in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina, and Florida, and has been conducting comprehensive planning for decades. Freese and Nichols designed the first (and only) direct potable reuse facility in North America and is currently designing brackish groundwater desalination and aquifer storage and recovery projects. Rapid population growth, responsible management of water resources, and a history of extreme climate patterns have proven challenging to the hundreds of municipalities, federal

and state agencies, water utilities, districts, and authorities that Freese and Nichols serves throughout the American South. Now, these same clients are expanding their portfolios beyond the traditional surface water and groundwater resources that they have relied upon and are embracing a future of new technologies paired with resilient and drought-proof solutions to address these concerns. With change comes risk. Managing these risks can be challenging because it requires a diverse set of skills including knowledge of regulations, project financing, engineering of new treatment technologies, and stakeholder collaboration. Water managers are being tasked with navigating a fragmented landscape of water law and institutional barriers and are seeing the benefits of a more integrated approach to their water planning efforts. Freese and Nichols seeks to explore the entire range of water supply alternatives for its clients and help identify the most sustainable, resilient solutions for addressing tomorrow's water challenges. We aim to expand the conversation surrounding alternative water supplies to merge concept with comprehensive water planning, design, and implementation in a way that is economically attainable to ensure all water users have access to a supply that will last for generations. We seek to further open the planning process to stakeholders so that they may understand from where their water supplies originate and feel empowered to take ownership in their water and the benefits that flow from it. Freese and Nichols has been the trusted advisor to water managers in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, and continues to expand its trusted advisor role by focusing on alternative water supplies and providing sustainable solutions into the 22nd century!

International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Delegation

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) is committed to protecting the environment and taxpayer resources by applying protective coatings to the nation's water infrastructure. The Delegation is dedicated to ensuring infrastructure projects utilize a diverse workforce to produce high-quality construction and to contribute to the development of an inclusive middle class. One Water Summit affords our delegation the opportunity to bring our organizational values, expertise, and resources to stand up Pillar Two in the US Water Alliance's *An Equitable Water Future* report, with a focus on maximizing the community and economic benefits of water infrastructure investments. IUPAT is committed to making sure water infrastructure remains a public asset, that it protects the health of residents,

and that investments in infrastructure benefit communities. In particular, IUPAT works to assure economic opportunities generated from infrastructure investment create union jobs and support low-income communities of color.

Internet of Water Delegation

The Internet of Water (IoW) Delegation is composed of team members from the IoW. The Internet of Water project is housed at Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, managed by a small start-up team and supported by grants from several philanthropic organizations. The IoW envisions a world engaged in sustainable water resource management and stewardship enabled by open, shared, and integrated water data and information. All too often decision-makers are unable to answer fundamental questions about our water systems in a timely way: How much water is there? What is the quality? How is it being used? The data needed to answer these questions often exist, although collected by multiple agencies across different scales of government and non-governmental organizations for different purposes. Since data are scattered across multiple platforms with different standards, much of it cannot be re-used beyond the primary purpose for which it was collected. Moreover, it is difficult and time consuming to transform that data into information that supports decision-making. The mission of the Internet of Water is to build a dynamic and voluntary network of communities and institutions to facilitate the opening, sharing, and integration of water data and information. The network will connect data producers, hubs, and users to make data more findable, accessible, interoperable, and re-usable. To address the challenges of water resource management, a 21st century solution is required. Water data infrastructure, with new technologies that enable data to flow seamlessly between users and generate information for real-time management, is needed to govern growing water challenges. The IoW is a starting point for making these ideas a reality.

National Agriculture Leaders Delegation

The National Agriculture Leaders Delegation unites members of the agriculture community from watersheds across the country, with the majority from watersheds that feed the Mississippi River. Members come from a variety of farming, growing, and agronomy backgrounds and will engage with one another to share best practices, build knowledge, and foster strategic relationships with water sector partners. Productive agricultural-municipal collaborations are already underway to restore and maintain healthy watersheds and high water quality in our streams, rivers, lakes, and coastal waterways. Watershed scale planning and monitoring, joint projects, market-based solutions, statewide nutrient strategies, and other initiatives are making progress, but more direct engagement of the agricultural community is needed to meet the scope and scale of the challenge.

National Arts and Culture Delegation

Convened by the US Water Alliance and ArtPlace America, the National Arts and Culture Delegation includes arts and culture leaders from around the United States who are expanding the ways in which art and cultural strategies are helping to advance sustainable, integrated, and equitable water and environmental management. This Delegation was inspired by efforts in 2018, in which the US Water Alliance partnered with ArtPlace America to investigate and release a framework for action: *Advancing One Water Management Through Arts and Culture: A Blueprint for Action*. We believe there is a tremendous opportunity to utilize arts and culture strategies to advance One Water management, from supporting resilient water utilities and healthy waterways to promoting thriving cities and social and economic inclusion of all. The Delegation will unite water and wastewater utility leaders, artists, cultural leaders, members of community organizations, and more for high-quality learning and peer exchange. Spotlighting their work networking at the One Water Summit will help artists and utilities institutionalize the Blueprint's framework for action and expand the number of water managers incorporating arts and culture into their programming. Our goals are to increase cross-sector collaboration and partnerships by integrating and institutionalizing arts and culture strategies in water management. Through peer exchange at One Water Summit 2019, we seek to strengthen the network of arts and culture leaders working in the water sector and build this growing field of practice. The Delegation will further provide feedback and guidance for the US Water Alliance as it launches its next phase of work—an Arts, Culture, and Water Learning Network.

National Institutes for Water Resources Delegation

The National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) plays a major role in addressing water-related concerns by providing a platform for research, training, and collaboration at the state level. Housed in the nation's land-grant universities and four US territories, the 54 NIWR member institutes leverage university expertise in research, education, and outreach to find solutions for the water management challenges we face. With our funding and educational services, water-related professionals and researchers receive support for the creation of local tools and policies to better manage our water. The Institutes were established by the 1964 Water Resources Research Act (WRRRA). Pursuant to the WRRRA of 1984 as amended, the United States Geological Survey administers the WRRRA funding provided to the Institutes. Coordination and interaction between the Institutes and USGS is facilitated by NIWR. A volunteer-led organization, the NIWR network represents the only authorized federal-state program that focuses on applied water resource research, education, training, and outreach. Each state faces water resources challenges unique to its region and culture. NIWR member institutes play a critical role in convening government agencies, legislators, water resource managers, engaged citizens, and the research community to determine pressing water resource research needs and communicate research results for application. As federal funding for research declines or remains stagnant, we must strategically identify research priorities that achieve multiple benefits across research disciplines. And, in order to identify those priorities that most effectively address local water issues, we need to engage with new and diverse partners in our states and regions. The NIWR Delegation seeks to explore the many facets of the One Water movement to assess the role that research plays in a One Water future and discover strategies for leveraging the One Water approach in our work. Individually, we are looking to make connections in our own states and regions, while also gathering information for the network of Institutes across the country. We are committed to the discovery of new ideas that foster interdisciplinary work and broaden access to science-driven information for every population.

National Recreation and Park Association Delegation

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is the leading non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of public parks and recreation. Our work and the work of our over 60,000 members enhances the quality of life for all people in neighborhoods across the country. As predominant landowners within communities, parks and recreation agencies play an integral role in protecting our country's water resources and providing water education and recreation opportunities to the public. NRPA's Delegation includes municipal park and recreation leaders who are working to integrate nature-based solutions and elevate the role that parks play in improving water quality and creating resilient communities. These solutions are increasingly being implemented in partnership with other municipal agencies including water utilities. Since these projects are often located in parks, they provide a variety of co-benefits to surrounding residents.

Natural Resources Defense Council Delegation

With the support of scientists, lawyers, and policy advocates across the country, the Natural Resources Defense Council Delegation works to safeguard the Earth and uphold the rights of all people to a healthy environment. NRDC believes that water is a critical element in this work—and that clean water sustains our communities, our economies, and our ecosystems. NRDC is dedicated to fighting for a clean, safe, and sufficient water supply through a variety of program areas that tackle issues like ensuring climate resiliency, promoting agricultural water efficiency, and building water-smart cities. NRDC is particularly invested in fostering systems-change to promote environmental justice. In coordination with businesses, elected leaders, and community groups—particularly those that represent individuals who have suffered from disinvestment and inequitable distribution of resources—we are working towards the development of equitable, healthy, and sustainable communities.

The Nature Conservancy Delegation

The Nature Conservancy is a global organization whose mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. The Nature Conservancy Delegation, and its partners, work on the ground and with local, state and federal entities to balance the water needs and impacts of urban communities, farmers and ranchers, and industries to ensure our waters remain clean and abundant for people and nature. We foster innovations in technology, collaborate with communities to use resources more efficiently and promote workable policies at local, state and federal levels that create the enable sustainable approaches. Our 2019 Delegation includes staff and partners engaged in 20+ urban communities to reduce the impacts of urban areas on waters upstream, downstream and under cities through One Water approaches, so as to provide equitable access to safe and secure drinking water, urban flood protection, and adequate downstream water quality, in a changing world.

Smaller Cities and Towns Delegation

The Smaller Cities and Towns Delegation is comprised of water management professionals and local municipal leaders from smaller cities. Often, leaders from smaller towns have the least time and resources to attend convenings like One Water Summit to network and learn from their peers. This Delegation is an intentional forum of such individuals who can bring an underrepresented perspective to conversations at the Summit and have the opportunity to learn from leading One Water champions. Small town municipal leaders are on the frontlines of managing some of the most entrenched water challenges in the nation. With smaller customer bases, they have to innovate and leverage resources to provide the level of service, environmental quality, and access that most Americans have come to expect. This first-ever Smaller Cities and Towns Delegation seeks to increase the connections between the One Water field of practice and bring lessons and ideas back home. The Delegation also seeks to infuse conversations at Summit with small-town perspectives on water management challenges and opportunities.

Urban Water Funders Delegation

The Urban Water Funders Delegation includes leading national and regional funders working on urban water issues. Urban Water Funders explores the role of water in urban settings to the benefit of the environment, equity, and economies of communities, with specific interest in climate resilience, natural infrastructure and green stormwater infrastructure, and One Water or integrated water strategies. Urban Water Funders is designed to create a forum for funders to learn together, build relationships, align efforts to scale up sustainable water practices, and collaborate on joint projects and special initiatives. The Urban Water Funders is a working group of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, a membership organization that helps grant-makers across North America advance strategies to create fair, prosperous, and sustainable regions and communities that offer everyone the chance for a good life. The Funders' Network also manages the Partners for Places grant program, which includes targeted funding for green infrastructure projects in partnership with the Green Infrastructure Leadership Exchange and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network.

Urban Waters Delegation

The Urban Waters Program is dedicated to reconnecting urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened and underserved, with their waterways to encourage stewardship for clean urban waters. The Urban Waters Delegation is represented by partners from the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, which is supported by 15 federal agencies and more than 28 nongovernmental organization partners working in 19 designated locations, and the Urban Waters Learning Network, a peer-to-peer network for sharing practical on the ground experiences to improve urban waterways and revitalize the neighborhoods around them. The Urban Waters Program builds community capacity to actualize urban waters protection and restoration goals by offering federal grant opportunities and direct support for local and municipal partnerships. The Urban Waters Learning Network provides technical resources and links innovative water programs around the country. The Urban Waters Delegation brings together governmental and organizational delegates to combine resources and examine how to apply a One Water approach to the urban areas where we work. We are excited to contribute to the One Water discussion and examine how our focus on urban communities fits within a holistic approach to water and watershed health.

Water Access Gap Delegation

The US Water Alliance, in partnership with DigDeep and Michigan State University, is undertaking a national study to create a better understanding of communities that lack access to water and sanitation in the US and highlight promising strategies to close the water access gap. The study is guided by an Advisory Council made up of thought leaders from a broad range of sectors including government, international development, technology, public health, equity, and philanthropy. The group also includes community leaders from regions experiencing water access challenges. The Water Access Gap Delegation brings these leaders together at the One Water Summit. Millions of people around the US lack access to safe running water, indoor plumbing, or adequate wastewater treatment. Water access challenges predominantly affect vulnerable groups like low-income people in rural areas, communities of color, tribal communities, and immigrants. The lack of comprehensive data on water access hinders our ability to forge policy solutions, accelerate the implementation of projects that can deliver access, and to build public and political will for investment. The Water Access Gap Delegation will meet at the One Water Summit to develop a collective strategy to build momentum around the research findings and the water access challenge. Participating organizations will commit to highlighting the water access issue through their work and mobilizing resources, data, and capacity to support frontline communities.

Water Equity and Climate Resilience Caucus Delegation

Launched in April 2018, The Water Equity and Climate Resilience (WECR) Caucus convenes the foremost leaders working at the intersection of water equity and climate resilience to build strategy, peer power, and policy change—all centered around frontline communities. There is a need build a shared analysis and understanding of the problems, codify policy strategies, and enable members to deliver on water equity results for their communities. The Caucus does this through peer learning, tool and knowledge development, and shared local, state, federal, and sovereign advocacy around three main objectives: obtaining and maintaining safe and affordable drinking water for economically vulnerable residents, ensuring water infrastructure investments build climate resilience and expand economic opportunities for communities of color, and lifting up vulnerable communities to have agency in water infrastructure policymaking processes that shape their lives. The WECR Caucus Delegation is seeking to scale frontline efforts for water equity and climate resilience. This platform will be rooted in agreed-upon key policy considerations that address the challenges of our water equity work.

Water Funder Initiative Delegation

The Water Funder Initiative (WFI) is a collaborative effort to identify and activate promising water solutions through strategic philanthropic investments in the United States, starting in the West. WFI recently launched a four-year, \$150 million Water Campaign to bring basins into balance and strengthen the resilience of watersheds and water systems. This Campaign is aimed at attracting new and increased philanthropic investments in water that can leverage multiples from the public and private sector and deliver solutions at scale.



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