

One Water Delegations



One Water Summit 2019
September 18–20
JW Marriott, Austin, Texas
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What is One Water Summit?

One Water Summit is the nation's premier gathering of leaders from water utilities, businesses, and communities, along with policymakers, environmental groups, foundations, researchers, and more. These diverse stakeholders come together to learn and strategize about pressing challenges and emerging opportunities in sustainable water management.

One Water Summit includes three days of solutions-focused conversations on how the nation can better value and manage water to foster economic prosperity, community well-being, and environmental sustainability. Thought-provoking presentations, panels, site visits, and extensive networking opportunities help spark dialogue and peer-exchange. One Water Summit connects, inspires, and aligns all stakeholders who are essential to securing our nation's water future. Attendees return to their communities inspired by what's possible and armed with the best tools and strategies to make positive change.

What is a One Water Delegation?

Delegations are peer groups of seven or more people that jointly attend One Water Summit and share a common geography, subject matter interest, field of practice, and/or policy goals. They are formed prior to One Water Summit to enhance and leverage the Summit experience. Delegations maximize peer-exchange facilitation, knowledge building, and networking. Delegations can help stakeholders build on existing collaborations or can be a means to foster new relationships. Whether or not you have a previously established working group, delegations help groups to identify and develop new strategies to tackle challenges back home.

What are the benefits of being part of a One Water Delegation?

Being part of a delegation is a powerful way to work with strategic partners on the implementation of One Water management in your region or communities of practice before and after the Summit. Some of the special features that the US Water Alliance offers One Water Delegations include:

- **Discounted Registration.** One Water Delegations will receive a discounted registration of \$475 per person—more than a forty percent discount off the full registration cost.
- **Pre- and post-Summit briefing sessions.** US Water Alliance staff will hold national coordination calls with One Water Delegations to connect delegations around shared One Water issues, identify and discuss common challenges, and share progress on commitments to action.
- **Enhance the conference experience.** Delegations connect people through shared experiences and equip participants with new knowledge, tools and inspiration. These networks last beyond the conference experience and support local action.
- **Peer-to-peer exchanges at the Summit.** September 18th will feature a half-day of delegation only peer-to-peer exchange sessions developed by One Water Delegations. This day is shaped by delegations to focus on their most pressing needs. This is a unique opportunity to collaborate and dive deeper with other One Water delegates on the thorny challenges and promising opportunities in the water arena.
- **Access to Meeting Rooms.** Rooms at the venue will be available for delegations to reserve so they can host their own Delegation meeting during the Summit or meet with other Delegations.

- **Showcase your One Water efforts at the Summit.**
 - **Publication in the Summit program.** Delegations will be listed in the Summit program with a description of their work to advance a sustainable water future.
 - **Opportunity for guest column.** Delegations are invited to draft a column that shares their perspective and innovations on One Water management. This column will be featured on the US Water Alliance's One Water Blog, newsletter, and social media channels—each of which reach large national audiences.
 - **Commitment to action.** Delegations have the opportunity to make public commitments to action during the closing plenary as well as celebrate success stories from the past year.

Creating Your One Water Delegation

Ready to create your own delegation? Delegations are often comprised of stakeholders who are collaborating on a joint initiative or project over the coming year. The following are suggested guidelines. And be sure to let the Alliance know that you are interested by contacting us at summit@uswateralliance.org. We are here to help!

Learn about the One Water framework. We recommend you start with our *One Water Roadmap: The Sustainable Management of Life's Most Essential Resource*. It is likely that you are already engaged in the principals of One Water, but this will help us share a common language as we all work toward sustainable water management.

Identify and recruit other One Water Leaders. We encourage delegations to be inclusive and recruit participants from diverse sectors and backgrounds. Try to include stakeholders from all of the One Water arenas for action. Depending on what your community looks like, this will include people from utilities, local government (elected officials and staff, as well as departments of planning, health, transportation, etc.), the business community, community leaders, universities, agriculture, environmental groups, and artists.

Host a group meeting in-person or via conference call. The first meeting should focus on getting to know each other, the sectors and communities represented, and the water challenges you all are facing. Additionally, ask if there is anyone not in the room that should be. Have a designated notetaker and don't end the meeting without deciding on how and when to meet in the future.

Plan Your Summit Experience. After your first meeting as a group, identify the most pressing water needs and strategize on how to address these needs. Create a list of prioritized projects and initiatives. Design a process for collaboration and a plan for action. Mark your calendar for **September 18–20th** and plan on attending One Water Summit 2019 in Austin, Texas! Our team will help you plan your travel and accommodations. Review the Summit program and agenda. Prioritize the workshops and institutes most relevant to your group's needs and plan who from your group will attend which sessions. Ensure that attendees take notes to share what they learned with their fellow delegates.

Bring Everything Home. Meet as a group and identify a goal to accomplish over the next year of working together. Share this goal with Alliance staff ahead of Summit—this will be your commitment to action! Plan on sharing your commitment to action at the Summit closing plenary.

Identify Funding. Be creative about ways to fund your delegation so that everyone can attend the Summit. The earlier you start to plan for this the better. We can help brainstorm with you!

2018 One Water Delegations

Delegations embody the One Water spirit of collaboration and they bring heart to the Summit. One Water Summit 2018 sold out in Minneapolis, Minnesota with over 900 people representing 228 cities from 39 states, seven native nations, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

Fifty delegations attended Summit 2018, almost twice as many as the previous year. These included:

- American Planning Association
- American Rivers
- Atlanta
- Austin
- Buffalo
- Camden
- Cleveland
- Evidence for Action: Culture of Health
- Grand Rapids
- Great Lakes Commission
- Great Lakes Community Partners
- Green Lands Blue Waters
- Hampton Roads
- Hawaii
- Iowa
- Kansas City Regional
- Labor and Emerald Cities
- Los Angeles Regional
- Louisville
- Madison
- Milwaukee
- Minnesota Artists
- Minnesota Private-Public Partnership
- Minnesota Production Agriculture
- Mississippi River Equity
- Multiple Benefits of Water Investments
- National Agriculture Leaders
- National Arts and Culture
- National Network on Water Quality Trading
- National Recreation and Parks Association
- Native Leaders
- Nature-based Solutions
- New Jersey
- North Carolina

- North Minneapolis Environmental Justice
- Northern Virginia
- Pittsburgh
- Puget Sound Utilities Workforce
- San Francisco Bay Area
- Southeast Wisconsin
- Texas Hill Country
- The Conservation Fund
- Twin Cities Metro Water Supply
- Tucson Region
- University of Minnesota

For more information

US Water Alliance staff are available to help you design a delegation, connect with other delegations, and maximize your delegation's One Water Summit 2019 experience.

Please contact us for more information:

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