



# WATEREUSE TEXAS CONFERENCE



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THE FUTURE**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## EXHIBITION HOURS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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*(Exhibitor set up: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm)*

12:00 pm – 8:00 pm (optional exhibitor hours)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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7:30 am – 5:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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7:30 am – 11:15 am

*(Exhibitor breakdown: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm – Desal exhibitors can remain)*

## WELCOME RECEPTION

Monday, September 9 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | PDC Event Center



Join our sponsors, exhibitors, and your fellow attendees to kick off this year's conference.

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## TOUR: CITY OF AUSTIN INNOVATIVE ONSITE REUSE

Wednesday, September 11 | 9:15 am – 10:45 am



Get an inside look at the City of Austin's onsite reuse. Stops on the tour include the Austin Permitting and Development Center rainwater collection (OSCAR) and blackwater treatment (CLARA) infrastructure and the Austin Community College rainwater and condensate collection system.

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### **General Information**

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# SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

## WELCOME REMARKS

### **DAVID SLOAN** | Freese and Nichols; WateReuse Texas, President

David Sloan is a senior treatment technologist and Associate with Freese and Nichols, Inc. in Austin. He has 40 years' experience in the field of water and wastewater treatment and over 25 years' experience in water reuse. His experience includes evaluation, planning, and design of potable and non-potable reuse facilities, including CRWMD's Raw Water Production Facility in Big Spring. Sloan is a board-certified environmental engineer and serves as the current President for WateReuse Texas.

### **CHRISTINA MONTOYA-HALTE** | El Paso Water; WateReuse Texas, Incoming President

Christina Montoya-Halter has been at EPWater for 15 years and is currently the Communications and Marketing Manager, overseeing internal and external communications. With 24 years of media, communications, and marketing experience, she was previously an anchor/reporter at El Paso's ABC and NBC news affiliates. Montoya-Halter has a BA in broadcast journalism and theater from the University of Southern California. She serves as Vice President for WateReuse Texas and is in her fourth term on the AWWA Public Affairs Council.

### **NOELLE GEORGE** | WateReuse Texas, Managing Director

Noelle George is Managing Director of WateReuse Texas, representing over 70 organizations working to ensure all future Texans have access to clean, safe water. Previously, she was President of an international nonprofit advocating for global change in women's rights and disaster recovery and a pipeline engineer and capital project manager at Chevron, winning the Memorial Award from the International School of Hydrocarbon Measurement for her paper "Hydrocarbon Dew Point Effects on Gas Flow Measurement." She has a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington with an Environmental Focus.

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# SPEAKERS

## **SHAY RALLS ROALSON** | Austin Water, Director; WaterReuse Association, Board Member

Shay Ralls Roalson is the Director at Austin Water, where she leads a team of over 1,200 employees dedicated to providing high-quality drinking water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services to more than 1 million people in the Austin metropolitan area. Roalson has 30 years of experience working with water utilities on planning, design, and construction of complex water and wastewater infrastructure projects. Previously, she served as the Central Texas Water Business Group Manager at HDR Engineering, Inc., where she consulted with utilities across Texas, including Austin Water, San Antonio Water System, and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. Roalson received her master's degree from the University of Texas.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

### **JILL WILLIAMSON** | NASA

Jill Williamson is the ISS Water Subsystems Manager and Water Management Co-Task Lead for the Mars Campaign Office's Systems Capabilities Leadership Team (SCLT). She has 10 years of unique expertise in water recycling and management for microgravity application as found on the International Space Station (ISS). Williamson has a BS in Chemistry from the University of Central Missouri, and MS and PhD in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Memphis where she specialized in developing water quality analyzers for an ISS Water Recovery System (WRS) architecture. She now manages the ISS WRS to ensure pristine quality water is available to astronauts for food rehydration and drinks as well as for ISS payloads and oxygen generation. This water recovery system uses both novel and classic water recycling technology that can be operated efficiently within a microgravity environment.





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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

12:30 pm –  
5:30 pm

REGISTRATION OPEN

1:00 pm –  
5:30 pm

**WORKSHOP:  
REUSE 101**

ROOM 1407

**MODERATOR**

*Niki Foster,  
Parsons*

**Part One:  
Basics**

Overview:  
*Greta Zornes,  
CDM Smith*

Treatment:  
*Mike Watts,  
Garver*

Texas Regulations:  
*Don Vandertulip,  
TCEQ*

Funding:  
*Guy Carpenter,  
Conсор*

Outreach &  
Communications:  
*Sara Katz,  
Katz & Associates*

**Part Two:  
Panel Discussion**

*Panel of Utility  
Representatives*

**WORKSHOP:  
PAYING FOR  
THE FUTURE**

ROOM 1406

**MODERATOR**  
*Water Finance  
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National and state experts share their expertise in planning for, identifying, and securing funding for water projects with a focus on reuse projects.

**WORKSHOP:  
PLANNING FOR  
A FUTURE  
WITH REUSE**

ROOM 1405

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**MODERATOR**  
*Brigit Buff & Ellen  
McDonald, Plummer*

**Part One:  
What Is One Water?**

*Yuliana Porras-Mendoza,  
Garver*

*Katie Snyder,  
Black & Veatch*

**Part Two:  
State Water Planning**

*Temple McKinnon,  
TWDB*

*Craig Stowell, TCEQ*

**Part Three:  
Planning for  
the Future**

*Eva Steinle-Darling,  
Carollo*

*Sharlene Leurig &  
Chandler Crouch,  
Texas Water Trade*

**Part Four:  
Deeper Dive**

*Panel of Utility  
Representatives*

6:00 pm –  
8:00 pm

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 am –  
11:30 am **REGISTRATION OPEN**

7:30 am –  
8:00 am **BREAKFAST SERVED**

8:00 am –  
9:00 am **OPENING SESSION/BREAKFAST PLENARY – ROOM 1405**

**OPENING REMARKS:**

- David Sloan, Freese & Nichols; WaterReuse Texas, President
- Christina Montoya-Halter, El Paso Water; WaterReuse Texas, Vice President
- Noelle George, WaterReuse Texas, Managing Director
- Shay Ralls Roalson, Austin Water, Director

**KEYNOTE: WATER RECYCLING FOR HUMAN PRESENCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION AND BEYOND**

- Jill Williamson, NASA

9:05 am –  
9:50 am **STATE OF WATER REUSE IN TX – ROOM 1405**

- L'Oreal Stepney, Texas Water Development Board
- Erika Crespo, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

9:55 am –  
10:50 am **EL PASO WATER: JOURNEY TO DIRECT TO DISTRIBUTION DPR – ROOM 1405**

**MODERATOR:** Guy Carpenter, Consor

**PANELISTS:**

- Gilbert Trejo, El Paso Water
- Caroline Russell, Carollo
- Angel Bustamante, El Paso Water
- Christina Montoya, El Paso Water

10:50 am –  
11:00 am **BREAK**

11:00 am –  
12:45 pm **LUNCH PLENARY & WRTX AWARDS CEREMONY – ROOM 1405**

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**PANEL DISCUSSION: AUSTIN WATER'S GOPURPLE PROGRAM**

**PANELISTS:**

- Anna Bryan-Borja, Austin Water
- Kevin Critendon, Austin Water
- Randi Jenkins, Austin Water

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (CONTINUED)

12:45 pm –  
1:15 pm

### NETWORKING BREAK

**TRACK 1:  
RESEARCH/  
TREATMENT**  
ROOM 1406

**TRACK 2:  
CASE STUDIES**  
ROOM 1405

**TRACK 3:  
COMMUNICATIONS  
& PLANNING**  
ROOM 1407

1:15 pm –  
1:45 pm

Establishing Pathogen LRVs Using Marker-Based RO Integrity Testing  
*David Sloan, Freese & Nichols*  
*Keisuke Ikehata, Texas State University*  
*Hunter Adams, City of Wichita Falls*

Agua Reciclada en San Antonio  
*James Gegenheimer and Timothy Ybarra, SAWS*

Reuse Communication Lessons Learned Over 30 Years  
*Sara Katz, Katz & Associates*

1:50 pm –  
2:20 pm

Why Potable Reuse Is Ahead of the PFAS Game: Lessons from WRF 5082  
*Eva Steinle-Darling, Carollo*

East Fork Wetland: Lessons From 14 Years Operation of 1840 AC Treatment Marsh  
*Sonja Cook, Plummer*  
*Lauren Plunk, North Texas MWD*

Proactively Purple: Round Rock's Reuse Water Master Plan Update  
*Adam Levy, City of Round Rock*

2:25 pm –  
2:55 pm

Aesthetic Quality of Purified Water for Direct Potable Reuse  
*Keisuke Ikehata and Carlos Espindola, Texas State University*

Adapting Water Reclamation Facility Upgrades in Response to Changing Needs  
*Andrea Tom, CDM Smith*  
*Chelsea Solomon, City of Georgetown*

Recycled Water Program Perspective on Contract Management  
*Pablo Martinez, SAWS*

2:55 pm –  
3:20 pm

### NETWORKING BREAK

3:20 pm –  
3:50 pm

Machine Learning Soft Sensors for Water Reuse  
*Kyle Thompson, Carollo*

Wichita Falls' DPR Experience: A Water Quality Perspective  
*Joshua Benjamin, CDM Smith*  
*Hunter Adams, City of Wichita Falls*

Advancing Reuse: Lessons Learned from a City-Wide Water Reuse Ordinance Roll Out  
*Megan Thomas and Jonathan Farr, Epic Cleantec*

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (CONTINUED)

3:55 pm –  
4:25 pm

Bacteria and Bromate  
Online Monitoring in a  
Pilot DPR System

*Daniel Leontiff and  
Keisuke Ikehata,  
Texas State University*

WRTX Policy  
Roundtable

*Moderated by  
Noelle George &  
Nathan Vassar, WRTX  
Policy Committee  
Chair*

Sewer Mining Through  
a Public-Private  
Partnership

*Katherine Jashinski,  
Austin Water*

4:30 pm –  
5:00 pm

**PLENARY SESSION: WRTX ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
– ROOM 1405



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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11


7:30 am – 8:00 am	<b>BREAKFAST SERVED</b>		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>BREAKFAST PLENARY – ROOM 1405</b> <b>SPONSORED BY CAROLLO</b> <b>TEXAS WATER TRADE PANEL DISCUSSION:</b> <b>HOW DEVELOPERS AND UTILITIES CAN COLLABORATE TO MAKE GROWTH A SOURCE OF WATER</b> <b>MODERATOR:</b> Sharlene Leurig, Texas Water Trade <b>PANELISTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dalton Rice, City of Kerrville</li> <li>• Earl Foster, Lakeway MUD</li> <li>• Ben Arnold, Aquacell</li> <li>• Steven Spears, Momark Homes</li> </ul>		
9:00 am – 9:15 am	<b>BREAK</b>		
9:15 am – 10:45 am	<b>INNOVATIVE REUSE TOUR – DEPARTS FROM PDC MAIN LOBBY</b> Stops include the Permitting and Development Center’s OSCAR and CLARA systems and the Austin Community College rainwater and condensate collection system. <i>SOLD OUT! Must Be Pre-registered</i> <b>SPONSORED BY AUSTIN WATER</b>		
	<b>TRACK 1:</b> <b>RESEARCH/ TREATMENT</b> ROOM 1406	<b>TRACK 2:</b> <b>CASE STUDIES</b> ROOM 1405	<b>TRACK 3:</b> <b>COMMUNICATIONS &amp; PLANNING</b> ROOM 1407
9:15 am – 9:45 am	Data Insights for Potable Reuse: Cybersecurity, Data Access, and Event Detection <i>Erik Vosburgh, Hazen &amp; Sawyer</i>	Reviving the City of Denton’s 20-Year-Old Reuse Vision <i>Michael Hunter, City of Denton</i>	Water Quality Crediting Approach for On-Demand Rainwater Harvesting Systems <i>Rebecca Batchelder, Austin Water Marty Christman, GeoSyntec</i>
9:50 am – 10:20 am	Advantages of MBRs for Producing Distributed Type I Reclaimed Water in Texas <i>Jeff Danner, Innovatreat</i>	Aqua Pura: Adapting to Climate Change Using Potable Reuse in a Small Community <i>Patricia Bolliger, Stantec</i>	Financing Water Reuse Projects and Technologies through the WIFIA Program <i>Douglas Scott, EPA</i>

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (CONTINUED)

10:25 am – 10:55 am	Colloidal Deposition Inside UF Membranes During Wastewater Reclamation  <i>Qinlin Li, Plummer</i>	Research Committee: Project Discussions  <i>Ya Zhang, Plummer; WRTX Research Committee Chair</i>	Trends in Reuse Strategies in Regional and State Water Plans  <i>Jaime Burke and Lauren Gonzalez, Black &amp; Veatch</i>
10:55 am – 11:10 am	<b>BREAK</b>		
11:10 am – 11:45 am	<b>CLOSING PLENARY – ROOM 1405</b> <b>NON-POTABLE WATER REUSE IN TEXAS &amp; TCEQ REGULATORY UPDATES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erika Crespo &amp; Louis Herrin, TCEQ</li></ul> <b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WRTX Leadership</li></ul>		

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### **REUSE IMPACT AWARD**

The Reuse Impact Award recognizes individuals, projects, facilities, or organizations that have made significant contributions to increase water reuse in Texas over the last two years (2022-2024).

### **VANDERTULIP BEST PRESENTATION AWARD**

Established in 2019, the Vandertulip Best Presentation Award is in honor of Don Vandertulip. Vandertulip was a founding member of WaterReuse Texas, President from 2008-2010, and has been the technical program chair of our annual conference and seminar programs over many years. The best presentation award will be selected by the community in the post-conference survey.

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