



2026 Industrial Water Solutions | McCormick Place Convention Center, Chicago | June 8-10

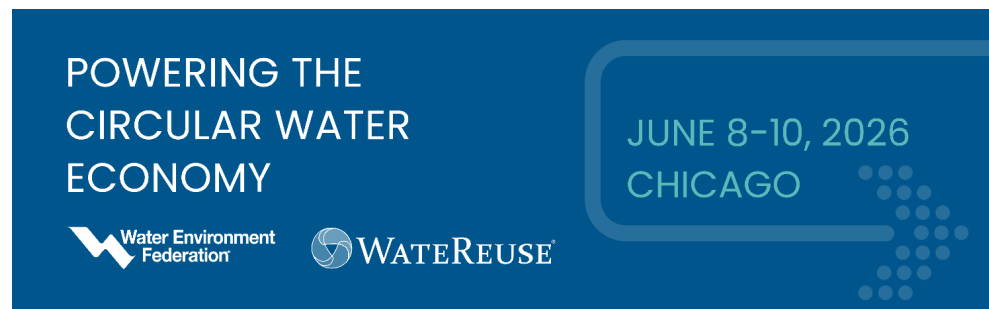
Draft Schedule of Events

The schedule and speakers below are subject to change

Monday, June 8: Workshops

1:00PM – 4:30PM	Scaling Water Reuse in Industry Workshop Lead: Zeynep Erdal, Black & Veatch <i>Room S 103 BC</i> This interactive workshop will explore how industrial water reuse can help advance the transition to a circular water economy. Drawing on insights from global case studies across sectors such as food and beverage, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, and energy, the session will examine four key reuse pathways—onsite reuse, offsite reuse, utility-industry partnerships, and supply chain reuse—and their technical, economic, and governance challenges. Explore barriers, partnership models, and corporate water targets through collaborative dialogue.	Circular Water Economy Framework Workshop Lead: Steve Skripnik, LimnoTech <i>Room S 102 BC</i> Help develop a Circular Water Economy Framework focused on practical applications for implementing circular water at the utility and industrial levels, with a particular focus on industrial water reuse. Building on ongoing discussions, the session will explore how industries can transition from linear water use toward circular approaches that prioritize reduction of waste, resource recovery, and regeneration of nature through system resilience. The workshop will provide an interactive forum to refine key framework elements, identify implementation pathways, and gather stakeholder input to help shape a vision for circular water practices across industries.
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Monday, June 8: Facility Tours

Meet at the Hyatt Regency Market Entrance on the Lobby Level. Please arrive 20 minutes before the start time.

Stickney Water Reclamation Plant <i>Time: June 8, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm</i> The Stickney Water Reclamation Plant is not only the largest in the world but also the most efficient, treating an average of 700 million gallons of water per day and capable of treating up to 1.44 billion gallons per day. The plant utilizes advanced technologies to recover up to 85% of phosphorus and up to 15% of nitrogen from wastewater streams, converting them into valuable fertilizers.	Shedd Aquarium: Behind the Scenes <i>Time: June 8, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</i> The Shedd Aquarium is one of the largest indoor aquariums in the world, housing over 32,000 animals and serving as a hub for marine education and conservation. On the Behind the Scenes Tour, participants will see the aquarium's water systems, including the water quality lab, the facilities operations room, the life support filtration systems, and the water reuse strategies that conserve water and reduce environmental impact.
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Monday, June 8: Welcome Reception

5:00PM – 6:30PM	<i>Location: S 100 Grand Ballroom Lobby</i> Connect with leaders from industry and government for a social hour with appetizers and drinks in the Grand Ballroom.
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Tuesday, June 9

7:30AM	Networking Breakfast – <i>Grand Ballroom Lobby</i> Early Bird Session: Liquid Cooling 101 with Ufuk Erdal, Black & Veatch – <i>Room S 101 AB</i>		
8:30AM 9:00AM	Welcome Remarks – <i>Grand Ballroom</i> John Kmiec; President, WaterReuse Association & Director, Tucson Water Keith Hobson; President, WEF & Project Manager, Strand Associates, Inc. Welcome to Chicago Kari Steele, President, Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Waterside Chat: Circular Water and the Future of Reuse – <i>Grand Ballroom</i> Ralph Exton, <i>Executive Director, WEF</i> & Bruno Pigott, <i>Executive Director, WaterReuse Association</i>		
9:00AM- 10:00AM	How Water Fuels the AI Revolution – <i>Grand Ballroom</i> - Lindsay Swain, Meta - Alton Echols, Loudoun Water - Rebecca Maco, Brown & Caldwell - Jacob Wood, Equinix		
10:00AM	Networking Break – <i>Registration Area</i>		
10:30AM- 12:00PM	Critical Materials – <i>Room S 102 BC</i> Moderator: Brian Arntsen, Veolia - Saurabh Singh, BlueTech Research - Rosemary Niechcial, IDE Technologies	Food Industry – <i>Room S 101 AB</i> Moderator: Mike Buettner, Alfa Laval - Gopi Sandhu, Nestle Purina - John Crisman, Moleaer - Margaret Wild, Kennedy Jenks - Alexander Hobby, Hilmar Cheese	Central Ohio's Tech Boom – <i>Room S 103 BC</i> - John Sheets, CDM Smith - John Newsome, City of Columbus - Brian Coghlan, Del-Co Water - Kelvin Guobadia, Google





Tuesday, June 9 *(continued)*

12:00PM	Networking Lunch – Grand Ballroom		
1:00PM-1:30PM	Waterside Chat: Scaling Water Reuse for Resilient Cities – Grand Ballroom Rabia Chaudhry, <i>Director of Water Supply Resilience, DC Water</i> & Danny Greenwald, <i>Sr. Water Specialist, World Bank</i>		
1:30PM-2:30PM	Automotive Manufacturing and Water Resilience – Grand Ballroom Moderator: Sharon Waller, Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago • Tim Buisch, Ford Motor Company • Kevin Butt, Suppliers Partnership for the Environment • Peggy Browne, U.S. EPA		
2:30PM	Networking Break – Registration Area		
3:00PM-4:30PM	Water in Beverage Production <i>Room S 102 BC</i> Moderator: Bill Gintert, Charlotte Water • Michael Skovgaard, Grundfos • Paul Bowen, BIER • Orianna Bretschger, Aquacycl • Michael Waitek, PepsiCo	Water-Energy Nexus <i>Room S 101 AB</i> Moderator: Abigail Antolovich, Suez • Peter Fiske, NAWI • Mark Philbrick, U.S. DOE	Community-Centric Approaches for Successful Data Center Partnerships <i>Room S 103 BC</i> • John Kmiec, Tucson Water • Carla de las Casas, Brown & Caldwell • Lindsay Swain, Meta
4:30PM-6:30PM	Conversations & Cocktails – Grand Ballroom See the full list here: https://watereuse.org/news-events/conferences/2026-industrial-water-solutions/program/table-topics/		



Wednesday, June 10

7:30AM-8:30AM	Networking Breakfast and Recycled Water Certificates Deep-Dive – Grand Ballroom with Greta Zornes, CDM Smith, Usman Khan, Amazon Web Services, and Steve Skripnik, LimnoTech		
8:30AM	Keynote: Peggy Browne, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA – Grand Ballroom		
9:00AM-10:00AM	Global Strategies for Circular Water – Grand Ballroom Moderator: Rasmus Hammer-Jakobsen, Embassy of Denmark • Rebecca West, ReWa • Usman Khan, Amazon Web Services • Lauren Barbir, HDR		
10:00AM	Networking Break – South Level One Lobby		
10:30AM-12:00PM	Onsite Water Systems <i>Room S 102 BC</i> Moderator: Bob Salvatelli, H2O Innovation • Joe Downey, Ardurra • Zach Gallagher, NSU • Lucy Pugh, AECOM	Financing Resilient Water Infrastructure <i>Room S 101 AB</i> Moderator: Rob Simm, Stantec • Christine Morris, Cambrian • Tacoma Zach, MentorAPM • Janet Goodfellow, Geosyntec	How to Scale Industrial Water Reuse: Overcoming Integrated Barriers <i>Room S 103 BC</i> • Rachel Havrelock, Freshwater Lab • James Jennings, Illinois EPA • Samuel Dorevitch, UIC • Zhenxing Zhang, IL State Water Survey • Nathan Zaugg, Carollo
12:00PM-1:30PM	Lunch Panel: The Role of Non-Profits in Industrial Water – Grand Ballroom Moderator: Shannon Spurlock, Pacific Institute • Alaina Harkness, Current • Chuck Chaitovitz, U.S. Chamber of Commerce • Paul Reig, Bluerisk		

