



COLLABORATIVE WATER GOVERNANCE IN THE ERA OF BIG DATA ANALYTICS

Workshop & Conference | Dec. 6-8, 2022
900 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA

*Ensuring water security, affordability, and equity by
utilizing quality data, advanced analytical platforms,
and trained workforce to enable collaborative risk-
based management decisions.*

The SWIM Annual Workshop & Conference will
address one of the most pressing societal needs:
How will we transform the way we manage water to
build a more sustainable and resilient society?

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At the SWIM Center, our mission is more important than ever to help the water sector transform and adapt the broad spectrum of our social, physical and digital infrastructure systems to become more intelligent, sustainable and resilient to the impacts of extreme events. Attendees will walk away feeling engaged, informed, and better connected to others.

CONFERENCE THEMES:

- Governance of Watershed/River-Basin
- Climate Change Resilience
- Innovation Ecosystem
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Governance and Policy
- Sustainability and Resilience
- Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence

Anyone interested in learning
the practices and strategies for
Collaborative Governance, Big
Data Analytics and Artificial
Intelligence Applications
should plan to attend.

Substantial Benefits for Participants:

- *Contribute to the transformation of intelligent water through artificial intelligence applications*
- *Understand the "Best Use" of leading practices for resilient and sustainable water sector systems*
- *Learn from "Case Studies" related to integrated and smart one water management practices*
- *Participate in "Panel Discussion" for Governance, Innovation, Workforce, & Stakeholder Engagement*
- *Network opportunities with "Your Colleagues and Friends" at other leading water utilities and industry*

Please Register for the Workshop & Conference at: <https://tinyurl.com/swimvt>

The early registration fee for the conference is \$350 per person (through Nov. 15th and \$400 after), which includes all event materials, lunch, coffee, reception and a 1.6 CEUs certificate upon completion of the conference. SWIM Center Member Rate \$250 per person (through Nov. 15th and \$300 after).

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SWIM ANNUAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

Water and Wastewater Pipeline Asset Management with Big Data Management, Analytics, and Artificial Intelligence Applications

WORKSHOP, Tuesday, December 6th 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

The goal of the workshop is to improve the practice of water and wastewater pipeline infrastructure management using utility data and web-based, standardized, centralized data analytics platform called “PIPEiD”. PIPEiD assists water and wastewater utility to understand pipeline infrastructure systems for performance, resiliency, and sustainability within the context of their own data and benchmark performance versus other utilities. PIPEiD provides a secured, robust, and centralized artificial intelligence-enabled platform to address all three major infrastructure asset management levels: strategic, tactical, and operational, and for water utilities of all sizes (small, medium and large). The workshop will include discussions on historical data verification, standardization for data collection of pipe infrastructure performance, analysis of utility pipe systems, and planning for pipe system management. A live, interactive demonstration of PIPEiD will be conducted to help utility engineers in understanding what PIPEiD can and cannot do as well as how they can put PIPEiD to work for themselves.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

7:30 am: Continental Breakfast

8:00 am: Welcome Address and Opening Remark – Sunil Sinha

8:15 am: Water & Wastewater Pipeline Asset Management – Graham Bell

8:30 am: Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Fred Pfeifer

8:45 am: Portland Water Pipeline Asset Management – Eric Brainich

9:00 am: Louisville Water Pipeline Asset Management - Jordan Basham

9:15 am: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California – Mark Bushyeager

9:30 am: HRSD Wastewater Pipeline Asset Management – Anas Malkawi

9:45 am: Houston Wastewater Pipeline Asset Management – Pratistha Pradhan

10:00 am: Baltimore City Department of Public Works – Brian Ball

10:15 am: District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) - Alireza Parhami

10:30 am-11:00 am: Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm: Panel Session 1 – Drinking Water Pipeline Infrastructure Asset Management

Panelist: Alireza Parhami, Mark Bushyeager, Brian Ball, Craig Daily, Celine Hyer, Gregg Horn

Moderator: Hugh Sinclair, Vice President, National Practice Lead - Asset Management, Arcadis

Discussion on Data, Likelihood & Consequence of Failure, Risk and Asset Management Practices, AI/ML

12:30 pm-1:30 pm: Lunch Break

1:30 – 3:00 pm: Panel Session 2 – Wastewater Pipeline Infrastructure Asset Management

Panelist: Pratistha Pradhan, Fred Pfeifer, Anas Malkawi, Walter Graf, Chris Dermody, Jay Pravez

Moderator: Gage Muckleroy, Principal, Integrated Water & Asset Management, GHD

Discussion on Data, Likelihood & Consequence of Failure, Risk and Asset Management Practices, AI/ML

3:00 pm-3:30 pm: Coffee Break

3:30 pm: Summary of Activities and Discussion on Path Forward for PIPEiD Project

Moderators: Sunil Sinha, and Graham Bell

4:30 pm: Workshop Wrap-Up

SWIM ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, December 7th, 2022

7:30 am: Continental Breakfast

8:00 am: Climate Change, Water Crisis, and Equity

Ben Grumbles, Exec. Dir., Environmental Council of States

8:15 am: Smart One Water Management & Governance

Sunil Sinha, Professor and Director, SWIM Center, VT

8:30 am: Federal/State/Regional Initiatives

CISA – Stephen Cauffman, Chief, Resilience Branch

USGS – Richard Niswonger, Water Resource Mission Area

USACE - Gene Stakhiv, Institute for Water Resources

NOAA – Josh Murphy, Manager, Coastal Management

NIST – Michael Dunaway, IoT Devices and Infra. Group

ORNL – Yarom Polsky, Division Director, Energy Sci & Tech

10:00 am: **Moderator: Celine Hyer, ARCADIS**

10:30 – 11:00 am – Coffee Break

11:00 am: Water Industry Initiatives

ARCADIS – John McCarthy, Business Area Director

XYLEM – Chris Angell, Dir., Strategy and Business Dev.

JACOBS – Susan Moisio, Global Vice President - Water

AECOM – Beverly Stinson, Ex. Vice President - Water

Black & Veatch – Kent Lackey, Sr. Vice President

GHD – Freddie Guerra, Digital Water Market Leader

12:30 pm: **Moderator: Lindsay Birt, XYLEM**

1:00 – 2:00 pm – Lunch Break

SMART ONE WATER

2:00 pm: Expert Panel Discussion

2:10: *Clean Water Services – Ting Lu, Digital Tech Leader*

2:20: *Miami-Dade – Hardeep Anand, One Water Director*

2:30: *Carollo - Beate M. Wright, Vice President*

2:40: *AECOM - Srini Vallabhaneni, Vice President, Water*

2:50: Structured Panel Discussion

Panelist: Utility, Consultant, & Technology Provider

Moderator: David Dzombak, Prof., Carnegie Mellon Univ

3:20: Panel Wrap-up

3:30 – 4:00 pm – Coffee Break

WATERSHED/RIVER-BASIN SCALE GOVERNANCE

4:00 pm: Expert Panel Discussion

4:10: *NV Governor Office - Kristen Averyt, Climate Advisor*

4:20: *DRBC - Kristen Kavanagh, Deputy Exec. Director*

4:30: *EPA – Kandis Boyd, Dir. Chesapeake Bay Program*

4:40: *NYDEP - Paul Rush, Deputy Commissioner*

4:50: Structured Panel Discussion

Panelist: Utility and State Commissions

Moderator: Ken Thompson, JACOBS

5:20: Panel Wrap-up

5:30 pm: SWIM Center Award Ceremony

6:00 – 7:30 pm Networking Reception

Thursday, December 8th, 2022

7:30 am: Continental Breakfast

8:00 am: New Blue Ridge PBS Documentary

William Anderson, President & CEO, Blue Ridge PBS

8:15 am: Big Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence

Sunil Sinha, Professor and Director, SWIM Center, VT

8:30 am: Utility Initiatives

DC Water – William Elledge, Env. Engineering Executive

WSSC – Mike Harmer, Chief Engineer

South Bend Water Works – Kieran Fahey, Dir., Control Plan

Buffalo Sewer Authority – Oluwole McFoy, General Manager

Halifax County Service Authority - Mark Estes, Exec. Dir.

SUEZ – Jennifer Steffens, Director, Smart & Env. Solutions

10:00 am: **Moderator: Walter Graf, GHD**

10:30 – 11:00 am – Coffee Break

11:00 am: Organization & Association Initiatives

NACWA – Adam Krantz, Chief Executive Officer

Internet of Water - Peter Colohan, Executive Director

NRWA - Jennifer Palmiotto, Senior Federal Policy Advisor

SWAN - Shirley Ben-Dak, VP Strategy & Innovation

AWWA – Adam Carpenter, Energy and Env. Policy

WEF – Lisa McFadden, Water Science & Engineering

12:30 pm: **Moderator: Chris Dermody, JACOBS**

1:00 – 2:00 pm – Lunch Break

CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE

2:00 pm: Expert Panel Discussion

2:10: *HRSD – Bruce Husselbee, Director of Engineering*

2:20: *City of Richmond – Eric Whitehurst, Deputy Director*

2:30: *Arcadis – Edgar Westerhof, National Director*

2:40: *Xylem – Patrick Decker, President & CEO*

2:50: Structured Panel Discussion

Panelist: Utility, Consultant, & Technology Provider

Moderator: Ting Lu, CLEAN WATER SERVICES

3:20: Panel Wrap-up

3:30 – 4:00 pm – Coffee Break

BIG DATA ANALYTICS & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

4:00 pm: Expert Panel Discussion

4:10: *Houston Water - . Fazle Rabbi, Managing Engineer*

4:20: *NYCDEP - Brian O'Malley, Chief, Data Operations*

4:30: *Jacobs – Raja Kadiyala, Global Director Digital*

4:40: *IBM – Rebekah Eggers, Innovation Director*

4:50: Structured Panel Discussion

Panelist: Utility, Consultant, & Technology Provider

Moderator: Jim Cooper, ARCADIS

5:20: Panel Wrap-up

5:30 pm: SWIM Conference Wrap-Up

6:00 – 7:30 pm Networking Opportunity

Conference Location:



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Conference Host:

