



2026 Annual Conference

Live! Casino Hotel, Bossier City, LA

Technical Session

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Monday, October 26, 2026

	River 1	River 2	Delta 1	Delta 2
	Track 1 Design & Hydraulics	Track 2 Workforce & Asset Management	Track 3 Regulatory & Compliance	Track 4 Treatment & Water Quality
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Beyond the Planning Stages: How Hydraulic Models Support Key Design Decisions Alexandra Anthony Garver	Improving Operator Training Through AI and Videography John Bannen STV	Boil Water Advisories Speaker TBD Louisiana Department of Health	Alternatives to Lime Softening: A Pellet Softening Pilot Study Patrick Smoak Louisiana Water Company
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Surge, Water Hammer and Pressure Management Frank KnoBwles Smith III Pipe Tech, Inc.	Supporting Strained Municipal Workforces Through Technical Assistance Abigail Bradshaw EPIC Funding Navigator Program	Current PFAS Regulations Vijai Elango (VJ) Louisiana Department of Health	Beat Common Water Quality Issues with One Simple Solution: Potable Water Tank Mixing Bethany Thompson Kasco Marine
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM	From Data to Better Decisions: How the Trinity River Authority Improved Compliance, Process Control, and Operational Performance Jake Mickelson Aquatic Informatics	Asset Management for Water Tanks & Towers: From Inspection to Strategy Theodore Krein Maguire	Granular Activated Carbon for PFAS Removal and Beyond Irene Katana Calgon Carbon Corporation	Oklahoma City Water: Past, Present, and Future Brock Bennett The City of Oklahoma City



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	River 1	River 2	Delta 1	Delta 2
	Track 1 Planning, Asset Management & Technology	Track 2 Infrastructure & Operations	Track 3 Regulatory & Compliance	Track 4 Treatment & Water Quality
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Dynamic Master Planning for Water Utilities Clint Smith, P.E., CFM <i>Halff</i>	Thrust Blocks or Restrained Joints for Utility Pipelines John Simpson, P.E. <i>McWane Ductile</i>	Top Ops	Top Ops
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Building Your Asset Management Program Gini Connolly, AICP, GISP, CFM <i>Halff</i>	Advanced Composite Solutions for Structural Strengthening in Pipeline Rehabilitation Joel Ogle <i>Henkel / Fyfe Fiber</i>	Top Ops	Top Ops
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	When the Map Becomes the System: Improving Decisions Through Reliable Utility Network Data Zach Lawlor <i>Langan Engineering</i>	Declassifying the Secrets of the City's Greatest Enterprise Larry Roach <i>Benham Designs</i>	Top Ops	Top Ops
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Effectively Managing a Utility by Leveraging Technology Timothy S. Robins, PE <i>City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma</i>	Real-Time Microbiological Insights Through Computer Vision Caleb Van Geffen <i>Nyad AI</i>	Top Ops Reset	Top Ops Reset
1:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Bossier City Water Treatment Plant Tour Limited to 30 Sign Up Upon Arrival at Conference Check-In. Tour departs from front of event center.			
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	How Environmental Conditions Impact Equipment Life Cycle Analysis John Bannen <i>STV</i>	Reimagining Water Utility Automation: Lessons Learned from City of Conroe's Software-Designed Automation Transformation Aayush Patel <i>Schneider Electric</i>	USEPA Actions in 2026 and Their Impacts to Water Utilities Ashley Pifer, PhD, PE <i>Halff</i>	Effective Chloramination David Maxwell <i>Hach</i>
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM	Real World Consequences of SCADA System Cybersecurity Andrew Green <i>VTScada by Trihedral</i>	Fluoridation and What You Should Know Stephen Daly <i>Pencco</i>	Broken Arrow PFAS Study: Planning & Actions for Managers and Operators Rachel Camp, Tim Robins <i>HDR / Broken Arrow Municipal Authority</i>	Innovative Sequential CO₂-Ca(OH)₂ Dosing for Bicarbonate Alkalinity Hugh Burnett, Kory Mueller <i>MLC + Burnett, Inc.</i>