



2026 Southwest Section Annual Conference and Exposition

Live Casino & Hotel
Bossier City, LA
October 25-27, 2026

WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

THIS IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE AFFECTING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

DEFINITIONS:

“Contest” means one or more of the following 2026 Southwest Section AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (“AC26”) Competitions as selected by the undersigned in the signature page:
Hydrant Hysteria Contest, Meter Challenge Contest, Top Ops Contest, and Water Taste Contest.

“Participant” means the undersigned is competing, coaching, judging, or volunteering.

I, the undersigned Participant in the Contest, hereby represent that my overall health, physical condition, and expertise is sufficient to allow me to participate safely in the Contest. I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the rigors and risks of the event(s) and tasks involved in the Contest, including, but not limited to, the potential for damage to or loss of property and injury or death to myself or others while participating, or as a result of my or another person’s participation in the Contest.

I certify that I have read and am familiar with the Southwest Section AWWA’s Rules and Regulations for the Contest in which I wish to be a Participant.

I hereby waive, release, and forever discharge and agree to hold harmless American Water Works Association (the “Association”), the Southwest Section AWWA, sponsors, owners and operators of equipment, machinery, motor vehicles and press vehicles, the officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, hosts, and lessors of any of the foregoing persons and entities, and all other volunteers and competitors in the Contest or any other event related to the AC26 event (collectively hereinafter the “Released Parties”), from any and all claims, causes of action, liabilities, costs, expenses, demands, or obligations of any kind whatsoever that I now have or may hereafter have with respect to any damage or loss to property, and any bodily or personal injury, illness, death, pain, suffering, loss of income or other harm suffered by me or my heirs, representatives, successors and assigns, arising out of or related to my activities as a Participant in a Contest, or in any way related to the conduct of the Contest, whether or not caused by the breach of contract or negligence of a Released Party. I reserve only and do not waive or release claims for damages caused by the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of a

Released Party. I intend this release to be binding on myself, my heirs, personal representatives, guardians, successors and assigns to the fullest extent of the law.

Although I acknowledge that the Association, the Southwest Section AWWA, and all of their respective agents have no obligation to provide medical care, if I become unable to make or communicate decisions in a medical emergency that occurs in connection with the Contest, I hereby authorize and give my full permission to one or more authorized representatives of the Association or the Southwest Section AWWA to seek medical treatment for me on my behalf. Except where such an exception is prohibited or limited by applicable law, I hereby release, waive, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Association, the Southwest Section AWWA, and all of their respective agents from any and all claims for bodily injury, wrongful death, loss of services, or otherwise, which may arise from seeking medical treatment for me on my behalf.

I authorize and consent to the use and publication by the Association, the Southwest Section AWWA, and any other sponsor of any materials, including but not limited to television, newsprint, written advertisement, website materials, or otherwise, containing my name, picture, and video and audio recording. Except where such an exception is prohibited or limited by applicable law, I hereby release, waive, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the Association, the Southwest Section AWWA, and any Contest sponsors from any and all claims related to the use or publication of my name, picture or recording.

I understand and acknowledge that the Association and the Southwest Section AWWA reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to remove me and any other participant in any Contest, and to disqualify me and them from further participation in any AC26 competition or event, in the event of my or their unsportsmanlike or disruptive behavior, violation of participation rules and policies, or any other behavior that is disturbing, annoying or harassing of other participants, AC26 Staff, or any other person or entity.

I understand and acknowledge that as a Participant I may not use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal substances while performing duties or activities related to the Contest, and that violation of the foregoing and/or being in possession or using alcohol and/or illegal substances during the Contest will be cause for my removal from all AC26 events and premises for its entire duration.

I understand and acknowledge that the Association reserves the right to remove and/or disqualify any competitor or volunteer in a Contest for acts of misconduct that may be a violation of civil or criminal law and the Association may seek compensation from me for damages that I may cause to the fullest extent permitted by law. I understand and acknowledge that consequences of my misconduct include but are not limited to being barred from all Contests and AC26 events and premises not only for the remainder of AC26, but for all future ACE and Southwest Section AWWA events and competitions.

I understand and acknowledge that agreeing to and at all maintaining compliance with the terms of this Waiver, Release and Assumption of Risk is a condition to my being a Participant in the Contest, provided however, that nothing herein or elsewhere obligates the Association to accept any individual or entity as a participant in or sponsor of a Contest.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CONTENTS OF THIS WAIVER, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK.

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Date: _____

Participant Printed Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Participant Email: _____ Participant Phone: _____

Team Name: _____

Utility/Company: _____

City/State: _____

Participant in Contest(s) (please check all that apply):

- Hydrant Hysteria Participant
- Meter Challenge Participant
- Top Ops Participant
- Water Taste Contest Participant