

WaterProtectionNetwork

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Washington, DC 2015

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

From Theory to Practice: Water Projects and Policies that Prevent Unnatural Disasters

Wednesday, September 23

Registration and Continental Breakfast (7:45 AM – 8:45 AM)

The Water Protection Network: A Catalyst for Change (9:00 AM – 9:15 AM)

- Marisa Escudero, Water Resources Manager, National Wildlife Federation

Floods and Storms: Improving Planning Before Disaster Strikes (9:15 AM – 10:30 AM)

WPN Moderator: Olivia Dorothy, Associate Director, American Rivers

- Jennifer Fogel-Bublick, Partner, Capitol Counsel
- Manley Fuller, President, Florida Wildlife Federation
- Joel Scata, Water Policy Advocate, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Eileen Shader, Director, River Restoration, American Rivers

Better Science for Better Decisions:

Beyond Slide Rules, Sandboxes, and the 1970s (10:30 AM – 11:15 AM)

WPN Moderator: Melissa Samet, Senior Water Resources Counsel, National Wildlife Federation

- Nicholas Pinter, The Roy J. Shlemon Chair in Applied Geology, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and Center for Watershed Sciences, University of California Davis
- Martin Doyle, Professor and Director for Water Policy, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions

Lunch/Keynote Speaker (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM)

- Introduction by Wm. Robert Irvin, President and CEO, American Rivers
- Ken Kopocis, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

Ecosystem Services: A Key Tool for Improving Planning (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

WPN Moderator: Brad Walker, Big Rivers Director, Missouri Coalition for the Environment

- Lydia Olander, Director Ecosystem Services Program, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions
- Carolyn Kousky, Fellow, Resources for the Future
- Christine Feurt, Director, Center for Sustainable Communities, Co-Director of the Saco River Estuary Project, University of New England

Building Partnerships to Advance Nature-Based Solutions (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

WPN Moderator: Eileen Shader, Director, River Restoration, American Rivers

- Steven Stockton, Director of Civil Works, USACE
- Charley Chestnutt, Coastal Engineer, USACE

Afternoon Break (Soda and Snacks Provided) (3:00 PM – 3:15 PM)

Modern Management: Making Old-World Water Projects Work for Today (3:15 PM – 4:00 PM)

WPN Moderator: Maya Van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, Delaware Riverkeeper Network

- Dale Beasley, President, Columbia River Crab Fisherman’s Association
- Dan Tonsmeire, Riverkeeper, Apalachicola Riverkeeper
- David Muth, Director, Gulf Restoration Program, National Wildlife Federation

Is Congress (Anyone) Listening? (4:00PM – 5:00 PM)

WPN Moderator: Steve Ellis, Vice President, Taxpayers for Commonsense

- To be Announced

Evening Reception (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

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The Americas Room, 901 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20004

Thursday, September 24

Registration and Continental Breakfast (7:45 AM – 8:45 AM)

Permits and Projects: Using the Law to Improve Planning and Mitigation (9:00 AM – 10:00 AM)

WPN Moderator: Marisa Escudero, Water Resources Manager, National Wildlife Federation

- Melissa Samet, Senior Water Resources Counsel, National Wildlife Federation
- Jan Goldman-Carter, Senior Manager, Wetlands and Water Resources, National Wildlife Federation
- Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, Delaware Riverkeeper Network

GROUP PHOTO (10:00 AM – 10:15 AM)

Keynote Speaker (10:15 AM – 11:15 AM)

- Introduction by Marisa Escudero, Water Resources Manager, National Wildlife Federation
- Bob Marshall, Pulitzer Prize Winning Environmental Journalist, The Lens

Lunch/Changing the Future: Network Planning for the Next Round of Reforms (11:30 PM – 1:30 PM)

- WPN Moderator: Marisa Escudero & Steering Committee Members

Meet with Legislative Representatives

- *Afternoon by Appointment*