



Confluence 2017 – “Protecting our water resources, are you up to the challenges?”

Thursday, September 14th 2017

8:30 am **Registration Desk Open at the Francis Marion Hotel**

9:45 – 11:15 am **Pre-conference Workshop**

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Opening Remarks:** Jason Lemieux, HDR, Confluence Conference Chair

Opening Lunch – Keynote Speaker: Mayor Karen Weaver, Flint Michigan

1:15 – 3:00 pm **Session I: Responding to Water Quality Challenges**

Astrid Schnetzer, Associate Professor in the Department of Marine Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at NCSU – Toxic Algae: The Not-so-Simple State of the Science and Considerations for Water Management and Utilities

Ken Tuck, Director of Water Resources at Spartanburg Water and Scott Willett, Executive Director of Anderson Regional Joint Water System - Taste and Odor Control

Harold Harbert, Watershed Outreach Manager at GAEPD - Rivers Alive, Project WET and Adopt-A-Stream – Overview of Community Outreach Programs

3:00 – 3:15 pm **Networking Break**

3:15 – 4:30 pm **Session II: Responding to Water Availability Challenges**

Barry Gullet, Director of Charlotte Water and Chairman of Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group – History and next steps for the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group

Katherine Zitsch, Natural Resources Division Manager with Atlanta Regional Commission – A 16-Year Story: How Metro Atlanta water planning has dramatically driven down water use and affected future needs

Clay Duffie, General Manager at Mount Pleasant Waterworks - Groundwater Resources Availability and Planning

5:30 – 7:30 pm **Networking Social – Scarecrow Hearth & Liquor Bar (23 Ann Street, Charleston, SC 29403)**



Friday, September 15th 2017

7:30 – 8:15 am Morning Mojo – Breakfast for attendees

- 8:15 – 9:15 am Session III: Regulatory Response: State Regulators Interactive Panel Discussion – Facilitated by Dr. Carol Couch, Executive Director of the Phinizy Center for Water Sciences**

David Baize, Water Resource Policy Advisor, Environmental Affairs, SCDHEC

Bennett Weinstein, Policy and Planning Advisor at Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Dan McLawhorn, Associate City Attorney, Raleigh, NC

9:15 – 9:45 am Networking Break

- 9:45 – 11:45 am Session IV: Responding to Extreme Events**

John Shelton, USGS Assistant Director for Data-South Carolina – Hurricane Matthew: U.S. Geological Survey Response

Mark Wilbert, Director of Emergency Management and Resilience and Tracy Mckee, GIS Director, City of Charleston – Planning and Preparing Sea Level Rise

Rebecca West, Chief Operating Officer, Greenville Water – Responding to Wildfires

Scott Willett, Executive Director of Anderson Regional Joint Water System – South Carolina Drought Committee Update

11:45 am Closing Remarks