



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: TBD**

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 Algal Blooms

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 – 8:30 am Morning Mojo – Breakfast for attendees

- ❑ **8:30 – 9:30 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

North Carolina representative TBD

9:30 – 10:00 am Networking Break

- ❑ **10:00 – 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