

Calendar of Events

April 5, 2026
- April 10, 2026

Water and Wastewater Intermediate & Advanced School

Delta Marriott Northglenn

10 East 120th Ave

Northglenn, CO 80233

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM MST

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Elevate your expertise in water and wastewater treatment with the in-person, hands-on courses led by industry experts. Designed for water professionals eager to deepen their knowledge, this school allows attendees to ask personalized questions, exchange insights with peers, and immediately apply practical skills to their work. Come find out why people from all across North America attend this renowned school!

April 15, 2026

Collections Conference (1-Day Event)

City Park Recreation Center Community Room (Westminster)

10455 Sheridan Boulevard

Westminster, Co 80020

08:30 AM - 03:30 PM MST

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RMWEA Collections Conference: Condition Assessment, Maintenance, Design, Construction, and Asset Management of sewer pipelines, lift stations and force mains. Join us and receive training units (TU's!) for the 1-Day Sewer Collections Conference, a comprehensive event bringing together sewer industry professionals to explore the latest advancements in the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of sewer collection systems. This dynamic conference will feature engaging keynote speakers, interactive panel discussions, and vendor exhibits showcasing innovative technologies and solutions. Whether you're an operator, engineer, contractor, or facility owner, this event provides an excellent opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and gain valuable insights into best practices and emerging trends in sewer collections. Don't miss this chance to elevate your expertise and stay at the forefront of industry innovation!

2026 Collections System Expo Agenda

May 14, 2026

Greeley PWO - 2026
Island Grove Events Center - EC Conference Room
421 N 15th Ave
Greeley, CO 80631

07:30 AM - 03:30 PM MST

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This year, Greeley's PWO focuses on the additional "effluents" we deal with in our industry: solids and air! TAC reporting requirements, hydrogen sulfide as a PTAC, and TENORM updates had Greeley busy over the past year, so it felt important to provide several presentations on things we have learned, what we've been able to address, and how we anticipate preparing for future beneficial use. Also included this year is a trivia session, and a visit from our area's 208 planning agency manager to discuss benefits and challenges with 208 planning, and how effective it can be for this agency to participate in the greater regulatory conversation. General treatment and design talks are sprinkled in throughout, hopefully providing highly valuable discussions around various topics we all deal with on a regular basis!

Greeley kicks off the event with the help of Alicia Gilley (B&V) and Zeke Havard (City of Greeley), discussing the status of their solids master plan, and Greeley's plans for future beneficial reuse and solids management upgrades. Mark Thomas (North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association) follows up with the Regional 208 Planning and Regulatory Participation Update. After a short break, we shift gears slightly to address the use of 3D surveys throughout design and construction and into operation and maintenance, with Andrew Stewart (Merrick) providing examples of LiDAR completed for Greeley pump stations.

Madeleine Harris (Eagle River Water & Sanitation) highlights the first emissions conversation of the day, discussing How a Greenhouse Gas Inventory Can Help Identify Efficiency Trends and Opportunities Across Your Utility. Our PWO's first attempt at a trivia session follows, focusing on Northern Colorado water and sewer sheds, regulations within, and some publicly available factoids about treatment plants in the area.

What's lunch without dessert? We follow up the day's lunch with a discussion on CAKE! Bob Dabkowski (Process Optimization) brings his insight on dewatering optimization, a process which inherently generates some odors throughout. To address those odors, Greeley presents alongside Sarah Vander Meulen (Dewberry), investigating odor sources at Greeley's WTRF. Kayla Reed and Tyler Eldridge (City of Greeley) continue the conversation, diving into the fun world of air permitting, emissions calculations, and modeling. With hydrogen sulfide fresh on the brain, the conversation segways into treatment of H₂S in biogas as Tyler Dougherty (Carollo) presents on various technologies to help in this area. The day's closing remarks hit closer to standard operational discussion, as Pat Radabaugh (Dewberry) takes us home with a discussion on how an effective power play is necessary for a deep Avalanche run in the playoffs; I mean, carbon management, yes, a closing discussion on carbon management options at the JD Phillips plant in Colorado Springs!

Come join us for the day's events, plenty of coffee and food, and claim those TU's. Or simply come to socialize and be overloaded with information, in case that isn't already happening enough in your day-to-day.

Cheers!

May 29, 2026

Grand Junction Professional Water Operators Seminar
Confluence Center
2596 Dos Rios Dr
Grand Junction, CO 81501
07:45 AM - 05:00 PM MST
Ashley Firl, 970-256-4133
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2026 Grand Junction Professional Water Operators Seminar

Hosted at the NEW Confluence Center!

2026 Agenda includes:

MORE presentations!
MORE networking!
Happy Hour!
US Fish & Wildlife
Pumps and Hydraulics
CIPP 101!

More to be announced!!

***Special offer: RMWEA membership included in PWO Registration cost for all non-members! One time only for this event.*

Coffee and lunch will be provided, along with a happy hour!

May 29, 2026

RMSAWWA/RMWEA Annual Student Conference
University of New Mexico, Centennial Engineering Center
210 University Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM

08:00 AM - 07:00 PM MST

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The RMSAWWA/RMWEA Annual Student Conference will be hosted at the University of New Mexico. This premier event brings together students and professionals in the Rocky Mountain region for a full day dedicated to innovation, networking and career development in the water sector.

Students are encouraged to submit an abstract and participate!

The first-place winner of the Fresh Ideas Poster will receive a paid trip to ACE26 in Washington, D.C., to compete nationally. All other poster and oral presentation winners will receive cash prize awards.

Whether you are presenting or attending, this event is a great opportunity to connect with peers and professionals and gain exposure to the latest student work in water and environmental engineering!

Date: Friday, May 29, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Happy Hour: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Immediately following the event ?)

Location: Centennial Engineering Center, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

Abstract deadline: Wednesday, April 15 2026

Sponsorship Info: Become a Sponsor

RSVP/Registration: Reserve Your Spot Here

Cost: \$25 Student / \$50 All Others

Sponsor the Event:

All Sponsorships Include:

- Company name and website on the conference site.*

Bronze – \$250

- 2 Individual registrations.*

- Small logo on handout flyer.*

- UNM selects booth location.*

Silver – \$500 (Limit 12)

- 3 Individual registrations.*

- Medium logo on handout flyer.*

- Second priority booth choice.*

Gold – \$1,000 (Limit 6)

- 4 Individual registrations.*

- Large logo on handout flyer.*

- First priority booth choice.*

Platinum – \$2,000 (Limit 1)

- 6 Individual registrations.*

- Full page logo on handout flyer.*

- Top pick for booth location.*

June 8, 2026

27th Annual RMWEA Ops Challenge Golf Tournament

Todd Creek Golf Club

8455 Heritage Drive

Thornton, CO 80602

08:00 AM - 04:30 PM MST

27th Annual Operations Challenge Golf Tournament

Sponsorship Levels

Check in Opens at 8:00 AM

Shotgun start at 9:00 AM

Banquet 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Come join us for another great golf season with one of the best tournaments of the year, the "Operations Challenge" Golf Tournament. This year marks the 27th Annual event.

The tournament will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Todd Creek Golf Course located in Thornton, Colorado. This Arthur Hills designed golf course provides a truly unique experience. The majestic Rocky Mountain backdrop coupled with undulating fairways and strategic placement of bunkers will provide a true test to every level of golfer.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association (RMWEA), a non-profit organization comprised of water quality professionals throughout Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico, and the RMWEA Operations Challenge. RMWEA's goal will be to provide support to participate in the National Operations Challenge competition held during the Water Environment Federation's Annual Technical Conference & Exposition (WEFTEC).

Registration will open April 6, 2026, for Friends of Operations Challenge Golf only (limit only 1 team per registration). It will open for general registration on April 13, 2026. Please check out our Golf Sponsor Levels as we have added some new and exciting sponsorship levels.

RMWEA participation at the national level would not be possible without the tremendous and continued financial support from local and regional sponsors that include treatment plant vendors, equipment manufacturers, contractors, engineering firms, and other organizations that directly or indirectly support the RMWEA. Sponsors who participate are recognized with a company logo or name displayed at the golf tournament. Additionally, recognition will be made at the awards banquet, on the RMWEA website, and at future Operations Challenge events. Sponsorship may be tax deductible. Please see attached for more tournament and sponsorship information. You can also find additional information and register online at www.rmwea.org. We typically sell out, so register early!

The challenge is on! Please join us on Monday, June 8, 2026, and help support the RMWEA Operations Challenge. If you have participated in the past, you know this is a fun atmosphere with plenty of food and prizes and a great way to network with consultants, contractors, and other organizations.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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*Please reach out to Orren West with any questions
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July 8, 2026

IWT/WEF I&C Aeration Workshop

Metro Water Recovery - Northern Treatment Plant (NTP) Visitor's Center

51 Baseline Road

Brighton, CO 80603

08:30 AM - 03:30 PM MST

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RMWEA's Innovative Water Technology Committee is organizing a "Workshop in a Box" as part of WEF's initiative to bring national conference content to regional audiences in a more accessible format. This workshop is based on WEF's Practical Applications of Instrumentation and Controls for Aeration and Nutrient Removal and will focus on approaches to aeration control, nutrient removal, instrumentation, and process optimization. It will bring together utility staff, regional partners, and subject matter experts for a hands-on learning opportunity and regional knowledge sharing.

July 12, 2026
- July 16, 2026

39th Annual Leadville Water and Wastewater Operators Conference
Colorado Mountain College Leadville
Climax Building, 901 US-24 Room 219
Leadville, CO 80461

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM MST

Stephanie Segler,
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A full curriculum for Water/Distribution and Wastewater/Collection Operators, as well as Collection and Distribution System Operators, is being offered at this year's conference. This conference has been designed to upgrade operational skills, obtain the required Training Units for certification renewal or obtain additional education and aid in helping those studying for certification exams. Early-bird registration for the week is \$475 by June 22nd, after June 22nd registration will be \$525 for the week.

The Water course is limited to the first 35 participants.

The Wastewater Operator, Advanced (A/B certifications) and Intermediate (C/D certifications) will be one track. limited to 35 participants.

In an effort to be more sustainable, the school will be going green with electronic materials. Binders will be offered at an additional cost of \$125 and must be requested by June 12th. After the 12th of June, no binders will be available.

The Colorado Mountain College offers dormitory-style housing and meals served cafeteria style. Single occupancy room and board for 4 nights is \$625 and is limited to a first-come, first-served basis. This will provide lodging from Sunday night through Wednesday night; it also includes meals from Monday breakfast through Thursday dinner. Check-in for the dorm rooms is handled by the college and starts Sunday after 4:00 pm until 9 pm. Registration for the dorms and meals will close June 1st. Room and board does not include registration for the school.

LODGING & MEALS –

The dorm rooms have limited furnishings. There is no TV, radio or alarm clock. There is free internet via High-Speed Wireless. The bed is a single and linens, towels, and toiletries are not provided—please bring your own. There is a common area with a TV lounge and pool table.

Cafeteria meal tickets are available for those staying off campus for \$300 for the week until June 1st.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE LIMITED, so please send your application in early!

Registration confirmation will be acknowledged by e-mail.

All attendees are encouraged to Check-In for the conference at the residence hall Sunday afternoon during our "Meet & Greet" session, which will include snacks and beverages; this is an opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow operators and conference coordinators. These beverages and snacks will be provided from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, no dinner will be served at the cafeteria on Sunday.

If student interest is shown, a "Special Math Help Session" may be held during the week; more information on this will be available during the conference.

Training Unit Certificates will be emailed through CCWP; you MUST provide a working email address and your operator ID when you register.

All 4-Day courses will provide a minimum of 3.0 TU's.

This is the largest Water & Wastewater training specifically for operators in the western Rocky Mountain region. Don't miss this opportunity to meet, interface and network with others in your industry

For further information, please contact Stephanie Segler at SeglerSR@bv.com.

July 13, 2026
- July 14, 2026

RMWEA's 2026 Rocky Mountain Rivalry

Adams County Fair Grounds

9755 Henderson Rd

Brighton, CO 80601

08:00 AM - 04:00 PM MST

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Join us for wastewater's premier skills competition at RMWEA's 2026 Rocky Mountain Rivalry!

When: July 13th and 14th

Where: Adams County Fair Grounds 9755 Henderson Rd Bldg. 1, Brighton, CO 80601

Registration fee: \$100 per team

Register your team now to secure your spot!

August 30, 2026
- September 2, 2026

2026 Rocky Mountain Water Conference

Keystone Conference Center

633 Tennis Club Rd,

Dillon, CO 80435

All Day

Jeff Berlin,

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The Rocky Mountain Water Conference (RMWC) is an annual joint conference of RMWEA and the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association (RMSAWWA). The 2026 conference will be held from August 30 to September 2, 2026. More details coming soon.

October 7, 2026

31st Annual Vail PWO Seminar

The Grand View

395 S Frontage Rd W

Vail, CO 81657

08:15 AM - 04:30 PM MST

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More to come

October 14, 2026

Estes Park PWO Seminar

American Legion Post 119

850 N St Vrain Ave

Estes Park, CO 80517

08:15 AM - 04:30 PM MST

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Come join us in Estes Park for beautiful fall weather and the Estes Park PWO Seminar on Wednesday, October 14th.

The Estes Park PWO Seminar has been focused on providing curated and in-depth discussions of a variety of operator-centric topics. Our long format (each presentation is 1 hour in length) allows plenty of time for participants and presenters to become familiar and comfortable with the information being shared. We always strive to have sessions that you do not see often elsewhere! This year is no different and we will have a great group of talented professionals sharing their expertise with us.

October 29, 2026

2026 Communications Seminar

Westminster City Park Recreation Center

10455 Sheridan Blvd

Westminster, CO 80020

08:00 AM - 04:00 PM MST

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Join us for this year's Communications Seminar - additional details coming soon!

November 4, 2026

2026 Englewood PWO

South Platte Renew

2900 S PLATTE RIVER DR

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

07:30 AM - 04:00 PM MST

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2026 Englewood PWO Seminar

PWO seminars provide training units necessary for operators to renew their professional operator licenses and are a fun way to engage with other water professionals in an educational setting.

Save the date: This year the 2026 Englewood PWO will be held on November 4, 2026 at South Platte Renew in Englewood, Colorado.