

Calendar of Events

February 26, 2026

TAC Luncheon: Practical Data Management Strategies for Utilities for Trusted Data Solutions
Administration Building at the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District's (MWRD's) Robert W. Hite Treatment Facility
6450 York Street
Denver, CO 80229
12:00 PM - 01:15 PM MST
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Luncheon Description: Wastewater utilities generate vast amounts of operational data, yet many organizations struggle to trust or effectively use it. While enterprise data governance initiatives are often discussed, they can take years to formally launch. In the meantime, engineers and operators still need reliable data today to run treatment processes, troubleshoot issues, and make operational decisions with confidence.

At Metro Water Recovery, we did not wait for a formal, organization-wide governance program to begin improving our data practices. Instead, our Technology & Innovation and Data Analytics teams implemented practical, project-driven governance measures alongside day-to-day analytics work. What began as process calculations, dashboards, and light automation developed by process engineers evolved into standardized reporting pipelines, automated workflows, and shared datasets designed for quality, transparency, and clear ownership.

Using real operational examples, we'll show how governance principles can be built into technical solutions through: (1) automated calculation frameworks with documented logic, (2) data quality checks and exception handling, (3) controlled updates/write-backs with approvals and audit trails, and (4) improved traceability so users can answer "Is this value real?", "Who changed it?", and "Where did this number come from?" By resolving these everyday questions, we built trust incrementally—without waiting for formal policy, enterprise tooling, or a multi-year program.

These grassroots practices delivered immediate operational value (better reliability, less manual effort, faster troubleshooting) while also laying a practical foundation for a broader enterprise data governance initiative. Attendees will leave with pragmatic steps—standardization, automation, documentation, and ownership—that can be implemented now to turn operational data into a trusted asset and accelerate future digital transformation.

Presenter: Josh Goldman is a wastewater process engineer with Metro Water Recovery in Denver in the Technology and Innovation Department. As the disinfection process lead engineer, he focuses on maintenance and optimization of the peracetic acid disinfection system at the Robert W. Hite Wastewater Treatment Facility. He also leads the Data Utilization Focus Area, which aims to improve data usage and availability throughout Metro for quicker and more accurate design making. His position also gives him the opportunity to participate in several collaborative research projects with WRF, the Department of Energy, and the EPA.

Prior to working at Metro, he was an engineering consultant focused mainly on wastewater disinfection.

He received his PhD in Environmental Engineering from the University of New Mexico in 2012.

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
Bob Dabkowski, 970.690.9299
bob@process-opt.com
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
Andrea Long, 7208594346
along@auroragov.org
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!

May 14, 2026

Greeley PWO - 2026
Island Grove Events Center - EC Conference Room
421 N 15th Ave
Greeley, CO 80631
07:30 AM - 04:00 PM MST
Tyler Eldridge, (970)590-2215
tyler.eldridge@greeleygov.com
Please check back in the next few weeks for additional 2026 PWO details!

June 8, 2026

27th Annual RMWEA Ops Challenge Golf Tournament

Todd Creek Golf Club

8455 Heritage Drive

Thornton, CO 80602

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM MST

Orren West, 303-286-3147

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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.

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!

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

Tim Drescher, 9704713937

tdrescher@erwsd.org

More to come

November 4, 2026

2026 Englewood PWO

South Platte Renew

2900 S PLATTE RIVER DR

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

07:30 AM - 04:00 PM MST

Adele Rucker, 303-762-2611

arucker@englewoodco.gov

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.