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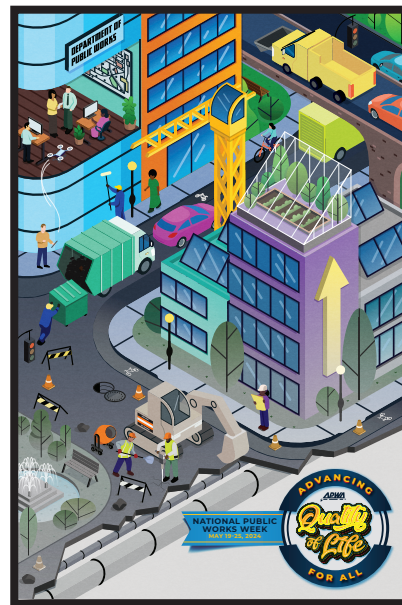
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National Public Works Week May 19-25, 2024

The APWA Colorado Chapter would like to salute and thank the thousands of public works professionals around the state who work tirelessly to provide, maintain and improve structures that assure a higher quality of life for our communities!

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Since 1960, APWA has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America our more than 30,000 members in the United States and Canada use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives; planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building the quality of life.

“Advancing Quality of Life for All” is the theme for the 2024 National Public Works Week. Public Works contributes to advancing and enhancing our quality of life, no matter where we live in the world. Public works professionals provide essential services that lead to healthier, happier, more vibrant communities.

The **“Advancing Quality of Life for All”** theme shines a spotlight on the way public works professionals advance our quality of life, whether as a

first responder to an electricity outage, regular waste pickup, or a myriad of other ways they silently serve their communities.

Public works professionals advance the quality of life by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities dynamic places to live and work. Join us in celebrating the quiet work these professionals do that makes life better for all of us.

How does your agency celebrate Public Works Week? If you have a Public Works Week story or agency proclamation that you would like to share with the Chapter, please send it to Pamela Weimer at bdweimer@msn.com so that we can recognize it in future newsletters. We hope you’ll join us in celebrating!

Message from the President

Jay Goldie



I hope wherever you are in Colorado, that Spring is starting to take hold and the snow is starting to disappear for the season. For a lot of us in Public Works it's time to shift gears and start delivering projects, for others it's simply time to keep getting it done but with warmer weather.

As Public Works professionals, we are defined every day by our work habits and our actions. We all need to seek to reinforce and enhance this identity as industry experts that lead with integrity, are inspirational to those around us, and meet problems with innovation and creativity. One recent incident involving loss of life is the tragic accident that led to the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore in late March has prompted us to reevaluate our priorities. Events like this remind us that safety is fundamentally important to everything we do in Public Works. While police, fire, and EMS are often the three most recognized first responders, Public Works is often silently there providing vital support to emergency response partners, helping protect essential services, and restoring those services following an emergency.

In fact, a lot of the work that all of you perform on a daily basis could be considered small scale emergency responses. Snow events, sewer line breaks, water line breaks, storm drain backups, road failures, almost everything you do outside of normal maintenance and planned repairs is in some way an emergency. In most cases we don't have extended time to fix or rebuild the issues we encounter; they need to be fixed immediately and in most cases they are. As public works professionals, I know all of you are ready to serve in any capacity needed and provide expertise to ensure your communities are safe and have the essential infrastructure they need for everyday life.

What each of you do as Public Works professionals no matter your role is amazing, and we need your help to get the word out and get the recognition you deserve. APWA encourages Public Works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to make their stories known in their communities. See the article in this newsletter related to Public Works Week and get involved.

Go to APWA's National website and add the "Public Works First Responder" logo to your uniforms and vehicles. The graphics are free, just make sure you follow the guidelines for using them. "Tell Your Story" is a program that APWA has created for all of you to get your story out. If you're an APWA member, you may post a story about your experiences, challenges, and successes in public works. These stories will be reviewed and used by APWA staff to share real-world, on-the-ground examples of public works projects with elected officials, the media, and the general public.

Our Public Works workforces often go unseen, responsible for so many of the things we use and encounter daily, paved streets, running water, landscaping and greenery throughout our communities, snow removal, and so much more. Working behind the scenes, often in inclement weather, to ensure that our infrastructure are well maintained, and services are uninterrupted. Make sure you take the time to tell your employees and coworkers how much you value them and publicly recognize them when you have the opportunity.

I hope you had time to attend the Annual Spring Conference in Grand Junction. The conference is always well attended and a great educational and networking opportunity. Don't forget to sign up for the 2024 APWA Colorado Chapter Golf Tournament to be held Thursday, June 20 at Todd Creek Golf Club in Thornton. This sells out fast!

Stay Safe!

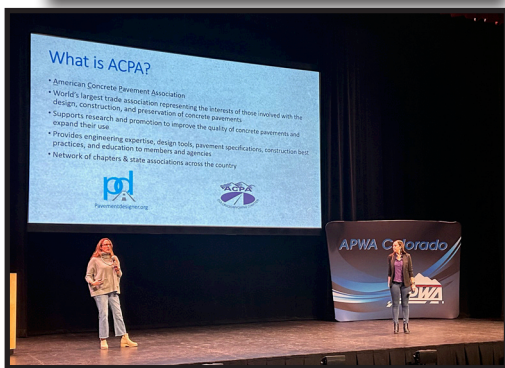
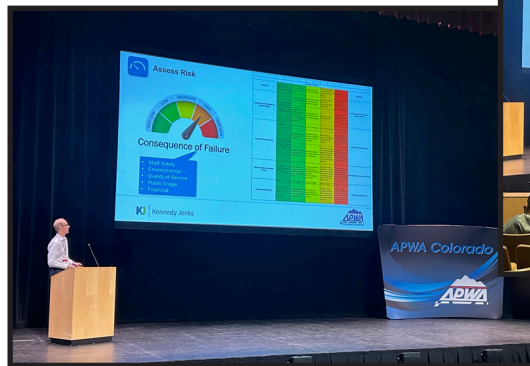
*Jay Goldie, City of Cherry Hills Village
Deputy City Manager / Public Works Director*

Construction Inspection Conference

January 31 & February 1, 2024

It was another successful year at the annual APWA Colorado Chapter Construction Inspection Conference. The APWA Colorado Chapter hosted over 200 public works professionals, speakers and vendors at the Lone Tree Arts Center on January 31 & February 1, 2024.

Scott Boyd, Conference Committee Chair, welcomed attendees with opening remarks and special thanks to our exhibitors and sponsors for their generous support of the conference by exhibiting, sponsoring breakfast and lunches and donating gift cards for the drawings held throughout the event.



We had a wide variety of sessions this year including:

- The Importance of Proper Placement of Tack Coats - Tom Clayton (CAPA)
- Traffic Control Permitting and Inspections - Bryce Hammerton (City & County of Broomfield)
- Best Practices for Inspecting and Maintaining Concrete Pavements - Angela Folkestad and Sarah Dalton (CO/WY - ACPA)
- PROWAG Final Rule Overview - Greg Martinez (HDR), Brian German (City of Boulder) & Gabe Christie (RTD)
- Paving County Line Road: An Adventure in Littleton - Todd Gonser (Cutler Repaving), Patrick Gunn (Jacobs), Matthew Matuszewski, Kimberly Dall (City of Littleton), John Cheever (Holcim)
- QA/QC Construction Materials Testing Services - James Martinez, Jere Strickland, Gregg Tateyama, Kevin Runner (Martinez & Associates)
- How to Develop a Risk Based Water Line Inspection Program - Anthony Kaiser (Kennedy Jenks)
- Signal vs. Noise: Project Communications - Joseph Blackman (Vitendo Training Solutions)
- Culture is King - Laura Kroeger (Mile High Flood District & APWA Leadership & Management Director)
- 2024 Trends & New Developments in the Asphalt Industry - Mike Skinner (CAPA)



2024 Inspector of the Year

The Inspector of the Year plaque was awarded to Gilbert Mendez, City of Golden by Scott Boyd, Conference Chair and Jay Goldie, APWA Colorado Chapter President.

Congratulations Gilbert!

Once again, the conference featured a comprehensive construction inspection test. First, Second and Third place winners were awarded gift cards.



Second Place

Adrian Yebra, City of Loveland



Third Place

Rick Davis, Town of Superior

We want to extend our thanks to attendees, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, committee members, and everyone in between that helped make the 2024 conference a success!

We hope this Conference celebrated you as a public works professional whose efforts create a great place to live and improve the quality of life of the communities you serve. Please join us next year for another great event!



THANK YOU-EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS



**Special thanks to the
2024 Committee Members:**
Scott Boyd, Chair,
Iron Woman Construction
Brian German, Boulder County
Hans Jorgensen,
City & County of Broomfield
David Templeton,
City of Commerce City

THURSDAY
JUNE 20, 2024



APWA COLORADO CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

- ▶ **THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024**
- ▶ **8:00AM SHOTGUN START**
- ▶ **4 PERSON SCRAMBLE**
- ▶ **TODD CREEK GOLF CLUB
8455 HERITAGE DRIVE
THORNTON**

Registration

\$125 PER PERSON

Registration fee includes cart, range balls and lunch.

REGISTER ONLINE

<https://colorado.apwa.org/>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

JUNE 9, 2024

No refunds after June 9, 2024 /

Substitutions are allowed

Preference given to foursomes, after that threesomes, twosomes and individuals will be placed together to complete foursomes.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Chapter scholarship programs

BACK THIS YEAR!!

Want to avoid the line at check in and get extra tickets for the big drawing?

You can now buy your mulligans when you register!

\$10 = 1 mulligan, no drawing ticket / \$20 = 3 mulligans + 1 drawing ticket /

\$30 = 3 mulligans + 2 drawing tickets

(Maximum purchase 3 mulligans per person)

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▶ **4 PERSON SCRAMBLE**

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GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR

\$150 - CONTEST HOLE SPONSOR

Sponsor would receive:

- Sign at a contest hole (closest to the pin, longest putt, longest drive (Men and Women's) First come / first served!
- Logo on sign at awards lunch (smaller than Platinum but larger than Silver)
- Recognition at Awards Lunch

Sponsorship can be paid online

SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR

\$100 - HOLE SPONSOR

Sponsor would receive:

- Name/Logo on remaining non-contest golf holes while they last
- Name/Logo on sign at Awards Lunch (smaller than Gold)
- Recognition at Awards Lunch

Sponsorship can be paid online

***Please note: Sponsorships do not include golf registration.*

You can register to play at <https://colorado.apwa.org>

PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR

GIFT BAG SPONSOR

GREAT WAY TO ADVERTISE YOUR COMPANY!

Sponsorship provides gift bag items such as golf balls with company logo, tees, ball markers, etc. for gift bags. Please contact Matt Knight for information on ordering.

NOTE: Will need to purchase a minimum of 144 items (extras will be returned to sponsor). All items must be delivered to committee no later than June 9th.

Sponsor would receive:

- Sign at registration table
- Top Billing and Recognition (Platinum Sponsors, Largest Logo) on Sponsor Sign at Awards Lunch and Recognition at Awards Lunch

PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR

DRINK CART OR LUNCH SPONSOR

\$5 per player (\$700) based on 140 players.

Multiple sponsors accepted

Sponsors would receive:

- Sign at two drink cart/lunch locations
- Top Billing and Recognition (Platinum Sponsors, Largest Logo) on Sponsor Sign at Awards Lunch and announcements (Thank You) at Awards Lunch

***Sponsorship must be paid by check, not online*

PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR

CLUB SPONSOR

Committee will purchase top line golf merchandise (minimum \$500) for prizes or mulligan drawing.

Sponsor would receive:

- Sign at gift bag/registration table
- Top Billing and Recognition (Platinum Sponsors, Largest Logo) on Sponsor Sign at Awards Lunch and Recognition at Awards Lunch

***Sponsorship must be paid by check, not online.*

For more information contact tournament co-chairs, Matt Knight at mknight@littletongov.org / 303.489.3508 or Jeff Dankenbring at jdankenbring@centennialco.gov / 303.754.3458

Are you Ready for National Public Works Week?

National Public Works Week (NPWW), held May 19-25, 2024, is almost here!

APWA is proud to announce “Advancing Quality of Life for All” as the theme for the 2024 National Public Works Week. Public Works professionals advance our quality of life in a myriad of ways.

APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to make their stories known in their communities. The National Public Works Week How-To Guide, Resources, and Downloads area are available to agencies to assist in the development and implementation of their own individual celebrations on the webpage: <https://www.apwa.org/events/national-public-works-week-npww/>.

We encourage you to seek NPWW proclamations from your elected officials that you can then share on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram with the #NPWWProclamation hashtag to be added to the APWA NPWW website. We are so proud of the work you do every day, and during National Public Works Week to keep our communities safe.

Please share your celebrations with the Colorado Chapter so that we can recognize all the wonderful public works people and agencies across the state! You can send photos and stories to Pamela at bdweimer@msn.com to share in future newsletters and Facebook and Twitter (@APWAColorado).



2024 APWA YP Events Coming!

With 2024 in full effect, the Colorado Chapter Young Professionals (YP) Group is looking forward to a strong year with several events! We will work with the High Line Canal Conservancy again to set up a volunteer event along their canal. This was a big hit last year and booked up very fast, so we encourage you to sign up as soon as it is advertised. We are also hopeful to host an asphalt mix plant tour soon and a Rockies game outing as well. The Facebook group is up and running with upcoming events and spontaneous get togethers. The YP Instagram is currently under construction but will be up and running soon. Whether you are early in your career, new to the area, or are a former YP that wants to pass along some wisdom, the Colorado YP Group wants to hear from you!

Tentative 2024 events include:

- Kick-off mixer (Top Golf possibly) – Apr/May
- High Line Canal Volunteer Events
 - o Canal cleanup
 - o Tree planting
- Martin Marietta Asphalt mix plant tour
- BBQ Event - Summer
- Rockies Game - Sept
- Annual APWA Conference Speaker Introductions



Contact Ryan Garringer, at rgarringer@benesch.com if you have any questions or would like to get involved. Please share with others in your office or organization that may be interested in becoming part of this professional organization. There are opportunities to join the YP Committee. Public Works is best shared with others, so come be a part of the group!

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Calling All Snow Managers, Fleet Technicians & Operators. Don't Miss The Snow & Ice Conference!

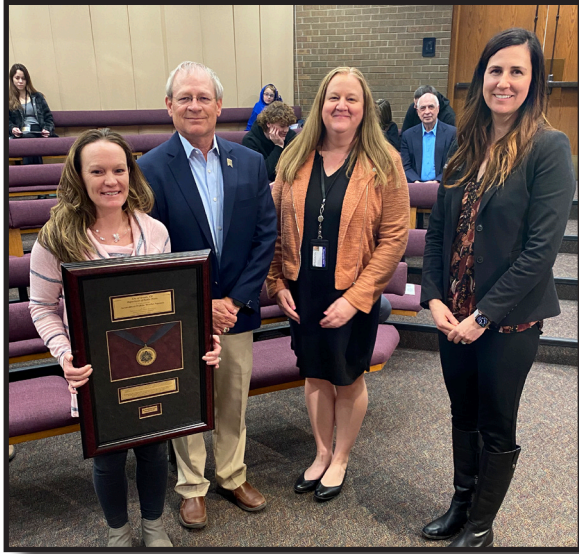
- Targeted Sessions and Speakers to Help You and Your Teams Solve Challenges.
- Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certification Workshop.
- Operator Training Program.
- National Snow Roadeo Competition.
- Exhibitors With the Latest Technology and Equipment.
- The Annual Blades Up Social.

September 25 - 27, 2024 * Embassy Suites * Loveland, CO

Visit www.westernsnowandice.com for updates and to learn more!
Registration Opens in July.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Each year, the Colorado Chapter Board offers to present recent Colorado Chapter awards and accreditations/ re-accreditations to agencies at a council, commissioners or board meeting of the organization.



Pete Adler, Colorado Chapter Delegate, celebrated the City of Arvada in February for their significant achievement of APWA re-accreditation as well as the 2024 APWA Colorado award for their Lake Arbor Restoration project in the Environment - Large Community category.



Jay Goldie, APWA Colorado Chapter President, recognized Arapahoe County award winners at a January County Commissioners meeting. Lisa Knerr received the award for Professional Manager of the Year - Drainage & Flood Control, Large Community and Arapahoe County's Building Permit Electronic Document Processing / File Naming Conventions program was awarded the Administration, Large Community award.



How to Raise Environmental Awareness Within Your Organization

Building a culture of sustainability involves everyone in the organization. What can you do as an employee? To start, follow adopted environmental policies and good practices. Just implement the same recycling, water and energy conservation practices that you would take while running your own home. For example: if there is a leak report it, if the lights are on just turn them off, don't waste paper, water, energy and resources.

What else? Become a green leader. Create or join a Green Team to help raise environmental awareness of employees. Getting involved is where the fun begins! You can make a difference during on-boarding of new employees, create recycling guidelines, implement sustainable purchasing processes, propose zero waste events alternatives, etc.

Another step in the right direction is to send Green Tips with the company's newsletter to regularly remind employees about saving opportunities and efforts. Celebration of important "green" days is also a way to help raise awareness to keep fostering an eco-friendly culture. Consider promoting these days within your organization in 2024!

| Green Celebrations in 2024 | |
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| <u>World Water Day</u> | March 22 |
| <u>Earth Day</u> | April 22 |
| <u>Air Quality Awareness Week</u> | May 6-10 |
| <u>Bike-to-Work Day</u> | June 28 |
| <u>World Cleanup Day</u> | September 20 |
| <u>World Animal Day</u> | October 4 |
| <u>America Recycles Day</u> | November 15 |
| <u>World Soil Day</u> | December 5 |

- Share a video, fact, animation, logo or banner with your organization, community or family.
- Join the conversation on social media using a #hashtag. Pass a key message or take a representative photo and share it on social media.
- Organize or join events celebrating this day: tree plantings, symposiums, art exhibitions, photo competitions, etc.
- Don't forget to brag about it!

We are always looking for innovative projects, programs or services that displays sustainable practices. If you have an interesting project in mind to share; or if you would like to join our team, just send an email to Juliana at mjarchuleta@adcogov.org

*Juliana Archuleta
Adams County Stormwater Administrator
Sustainability Committee Chair*

Urban Stream Implementation Strategy and Assessment Tool

Laura Kroeger

Executive Director, Mile High Flood District

Technical Director, Leadership & Management, National APWA

Water resource projects don't take place in a vacuum. Rather, they are interconnected with the people and environment around them. The Mile High Flood District (MHFD) recognizes this and is working towards increasing the overall value of its stream projects to the community by incorporating multiple benefits beyond flood risk mitigation. This approach is necessary due to limited shared public space and available funding sources. Even smaller-scale projects can achieve multiple benefits by rethinking the design process.

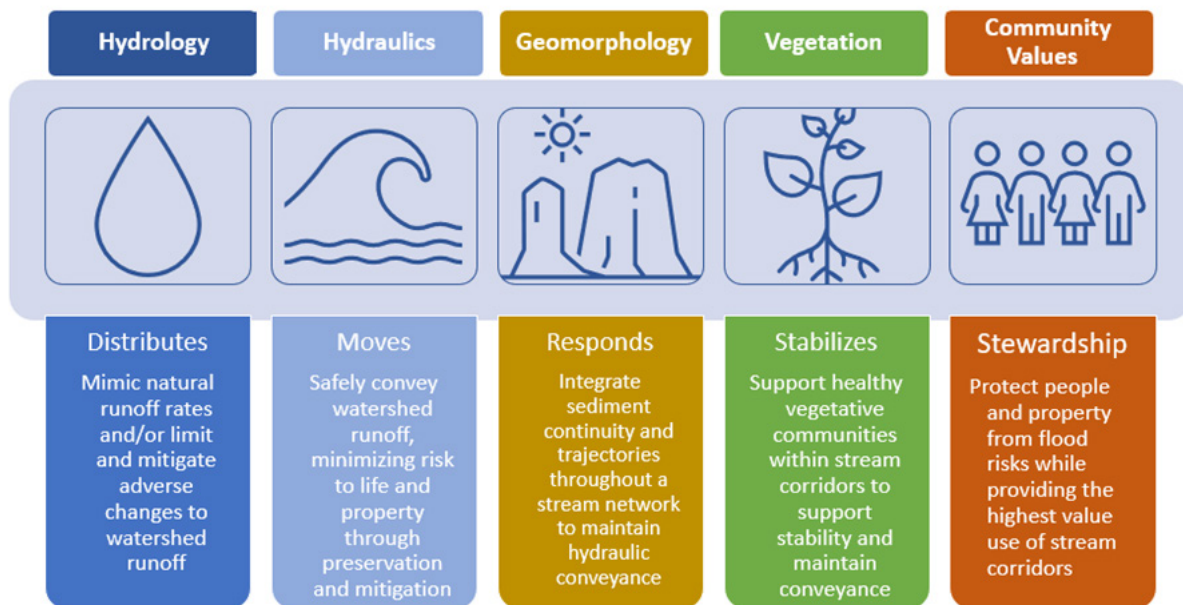
MHFD has developed an Urban Stream Implementation Strategy and Assessment Tool to facilitate this new approach. Unlike traditional design approaches, this strategy is collaborative and inclusive, beginning with understanding the existing conditions and context of the project before setting goals and objectives. This approach allows diverse teams to view the stream project as part of a larger system by identifying additional opportunities and challenges. Through integrating existing community plans and neighborhood data, engaging with the community, and involving business, development, and other utilities, a comprehensive understanding of all the needs and desires for the space can be achieved. Then, ways can be explored to leverage the initial stream improvement project to incorporate these other elements and provide greater value back to the community.



At the heart of MHFD's strategy is the Urban Stream Assessment Procedure, a tool that plays a pivotal role in identifying and measuring the urban stream functions that a project can influence. These functions include hydrology, hydraulics, geomorphology, vegetation, and community values. By considering all five functional elements, projects can be planned and executed to ensure they align with the needs and values of the community.

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Five Elements of Urban Stream Function



The assessment tool brings in the community values piece at the project’s onset, so it is not a secondary consideration. The tool works in tandem with the strategy. The assessment procedure is a systematic way to understand the context of the project, gauge opportunities for enhancements, and define overall success to establish priorities. Aligning priorities with goals and objectives is essential since competing interests often occur within the stream functions. During the evaluation phase, the urban stream assessment tool can help inform the tradeoffs of each alternative.

For example, an identified priority may be connectivity between neighborhoods with the objective of building a pedestrian bridge across the creek. This community value element may negatively impact the ideal hydraulics and geomorphology, resulting in sediment deposition. By identifying the conflict in the early stages of the process, the team has more options to address the potential problems. In this case, it may be adding in better maintenance access and planning for higher long-term management costs. The intent is to make conscious decisions and understand the consequences. We rarely achieve the highest function for all five elements simultaneously without compromise due to space limitations and funding.

Let’s consider a real-life application of the strategy. Stream Landscape Architecture and Planning, a firm in Denver, led a project that incorporated the five elements of an urban stream using this implementation strategy. They worked with their team to incorporate a bike challenge course in and around a water quality and extended detention basin at Panorama Park in Colorado Springs. This project also focused on enhancing the user experience through vegetation diversity. An ecologist was brought in to develop site-specific seed mixes. This combined use of space and attention to all five elements provided the community with a higher level of value, demonstrating the practical benefits of the strategy.



In conclusion, we can achieve greater success when we recognize our water projects as part of a larger system. By rethinking our standard design approach to first understand the context of the people and the surrounding environment through the five elements, we can find connections and opportunities to enhance our projects. Implementing this approach will result in projects with multiple benefits enriching our communities.

APWA Colorado Awards Nominations Open May 1!

The Colorado Chapter will open nominations for the 2024 Awards Program on May 1, 2024! This will be the 39th year of this celebration of Public Works. Awards will be presented in each category for extraordinary Colorado projects and programs as well as individual achievement. Nominations are limited to new projects that have not been previously submitted for an award to this program. Projects eligible for this year's awards would have been completed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

Nominations will only be accepted using the Awards Nomination Submittal Form available on the Colorado Chapter website starting May 1 (submissions will not be accepted prior to May 1). There is a form to submit a nomination for projects and programs and a separate form for an individual nomination. Please complete the submittal form and return the nomination and photos via email to bdweimer@msn.com. You will receive a confirmation email. If you don't receive confirmation or if you have questions, please contact Pamela Weimer, Colorado Chapter Administrator, at 303.979.2190.

Please note: The nomination deadline is midnight MDT, August 2, 2024 and will NOT be extended!

Award nomination information and the submittal forms will be available on the Colorado Chapter website starting May 1.

SHAPING THE FUTURE is the theme this year for the APWA Colorado's 10th Annual Chapter Conference which will be held at the Denver Marriott West in Golden on October 21-22, 2024. The conference committee encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from industry professionals as well as your peers on some of the new and exciting trends in our industry on innovation and technology.

Public Works professionals play a vital role in shaping the future of Colorado's infrastructure. Whether managing and operating roadways, drainage systems, or facilities, the best approaches look forward anticipating future needs and proactively planning for the challenges that inevitably come with each project. This year's conference will focus on the strategies, methods, tools, and technology Public Works professionals are using to plan ahead. How we meet our future challenges is often determined by our vision and thoughtful planning. Our goal is to provide a fulfilling experience and have you walk away with a new perspective on projects and your agencies.

Our two-day conference format will again include both general sessions and breakout sessions. You'll also have access to dynamic product vendors and suppliers showcasing the latest innovative tools throughout the conference. Keith Reester will present our keynote speech on Monday, when he will share his experiences on his adventures on the Colorado Trail! We will also have a general session on the Floyd Hill improvement project from CDOT. The networking opportunities of the APWA conference are always a huge benefit for conference attendees to engage with your fellow public works professionals outside of work, and we will have an energetic and entertaining social hour on Monday night.

The APWA Colorado Chapter Awards luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 22 during the Conference and is included in your conference registration. We hope you will take the opportunity to nominate the most outstanding, deserving and noteworthy public works projects and professionals when nominations open in May! Early bird registration for the conference will start this summer! The planning committee looks forward to seeing you at the 10th Annual Chapter Conference.

Exhibitor registration is now open and is available on the Colorado Chapter website: <https://colorado.apwa.org>. ***Attendee*** registration will open in August.

If you have any questions related to the conference, please contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator at bdweimer@msn.com.

**2024
Annual Chapter
Conference
October 21 & 22
Denver Marriott
West**

*Chuck Weiss
E-470 Public Highway Authority
Chair, Annual Chapter Conference Committee
Colorado Chapter Treasurer*



The 10th Annual APWA Colorado
Chapter Conference

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YEARS

Don't miss this year's annual APWA Colorado Chapter Conference featuring:

- Targeted Discussions to Help Solve Challenges Facing Your Agency.
- The Annual Chapter Awards Luncheon.
- Exhibitors Sharing Their Latest Technology and Expertise.

Visit colorado.apwa.org for updates and to learn more.

Registration opens in August!

YOU'RE INVITED

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APWA CIVIC MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Session Topic:

ASSET MANAGEMENT AT ANY SCALE

Wednesday, June 5, 11:30am-1:30pm

Mile High Flood District Offices
12575 W. Bayaud Avenue
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

Join us for an interactive discussion with individuals from both large and small agencies to learn how they are managing their assets. Panelists will discuss the tools they use to understand and identify their infrastructure, plan maintenance needs, and manage risk.

There is no one size fits all solution, and the choices can be intimidating, so come sit down with others in your field and learn from their experience.

NO COST TO ATTEND AND LUNCH IS PROVIDED

Lunch sponsored by ICON Engineering and the APWA Colorado Chapter

Participation is limited to 30 attendees!

Registration is required by emailing Pamela, Chapter Administrator, at bdweimer@msn.com.

RMAEC Webinars - 2024 Schedule

APWA Colorado is a RMAEC webinar sponsor. The support of this group of sponsors allows the webinars to be presented at no charge.

To log in for a webinar, visit the CAPA website, www.co-asphalt.com. Reference the RMAEC tab, drop down to webinars and sponsors. Webinars are recorded and archived on the CAPA website. Reference the RMAEC tab, archived webinars.

- **June 20: Best Practices for the Use of Recycled Materials in Asphalt Mixes** (*Mike Skinner & Tom Clayton, CAPA*)
- **July 11: The Value of Roadway Asset Management** (*Scot Gordon, Roadway Asset Services*)
- **August 15: Best Practices & New Developments in Asphalt Specifications** (*Tom Clayton & Mike Skinner, CAPA*)
- **August 22: Recently Completed and Current Research at NCAT** (*Presenter: NCAT*)
- **September 19: Environmental Product Declarations (EDP) - A Look Ahead to Full Implementation** (*Mike Skinner & Dylan Hullinger*)
- **October 3: Low Volume Asphalt Pavements - Design & Construction** (*Mike Skinner, CAPA*)
- **October 24: The Potential Benefits of an Insurance Cooperative** (*Brett Stefani, Holmes Murphy*)

APWA Colorado appreciates the opportunity to partner with CAPA and RMAEC throughout the year to provide these benefits to public works professionals around the state.

APWA Region IX Meeting

Historically the APWA Council of Chapters has met in Kansas City in either December or February for their semi-annual meeting. To try something new in 2024, regional meetings were arranged instead of a central meeting in Missouri. Region 9, which includes Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, is by far the largest region by land mass, and so has unique challenges in finding a location for a regional meeting in the winter.

Our Region 9 Director, Tina Nelson, worked with the Region 8 Director, Jouban Pakpour, to find a shared location that would fit the needs of both regions. Region 9 combined locations with Region 8 (California, Nevada, Hawaii) in Las Vegas. At least one representative attended from all Region 9 chapters,. Additionally, chapters would also cover the costs of having some chapter officers attend. Along with Chapter Delegate Pete Adler, Colorado Chapter President Jay Goldie was able to attend.

The two regions held a joint dinner on Thursday evening. This was a great mixer to talk with people from outside our region. I was fortunate to sit next to the Clark County Nevada staff member who coordinated all preparations for the running of the Formula 1 race in Las Vegas in November 2023. (Did you know Formula 1 sunk nearly \$1 billion into Las Vegas in preparation for the race?)

At our meeting on Friday, more than half of the day was spent on issues shared by the chapters. Besides talking about the highlights of chapter activities (our very successful Snow and Ice Conference and Annual Conference), there are shared issues. There are three issues that permeate all chapters – the skyrocketing costs of holding conferences, succession planning for the next generation of chapter leaders, and multiple challenges regarding the launch of the new APWA website last July.

Along with discussions of topics shared by the chapters in Region 9, there were presentations for APWA programs. Those sessions were:

- An overview of the APWA website with Jill Wilbeck and Jared Shilhanek from their Kansas City offices
- An overview of APWA advocacy with Andrea Eales from her Washington DC office
- A Transportation informational update in person from Technical Director Helena Allison
- An overview of the 2023-26 Strategic Plan from Technical Director Laura Kroeger
- An overview and discussion of the APWA DEI Roadmap with Eric Kway, National DEI Committee Chair

There was also a lively discussion of the PACE award with feedback given to Tina and Laura on suggestions on the future of the program. As I have attended Council of Chapter meetings since 2016, there is always great comradery and information to be shared with our regional chapters.

Pete Adler
APWA Colorado Chapter Delegate



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News & Announcements



News

2025 Public Works Institute (PWI) Class has been filled!

All of the spots for the 2025 PWI class have been filled. We will be opening registration for the 2026 class in the spring of 2025.

Check out the APWA Colorado Articles in the Colorado Public Works Journal!

APWA Colorado contributes to each issue of the Colorado Public Works Journal with timely topics. *APWA Insights* articles are written by public works professionals from across the state. **“Asset Management: An Excellent Return on Investment”** was written by **Travis Greiman**, Project Manager and Associate with Benesch and current Colorado Chapter Board Director. You can view the [Spring 2024](#) issue as well as archived issues on their [website](#).

APWA Reporter

It's always exciting to see Colorado contributors in National APWA's publication, [APWA Reporter](#).

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The City of Arvada Partners with Xcel Energy and the US Department of Energy to Invest in a More Resilient Community

Katie Patterson and Patty Carrico, City of Arvada



Announcements

ASCE Names New Chief Operating Officer - Edward Stafford

ASCE has announced that Edward W. Stafford, P.E., PTOE, F.ASCE will be joining ASCE as Chief Operating Officer on May 13, 2024. Edward replaces Marty Fertal, current COO, who is officially retiring this month.

During a long history of active membership in ASCE, Edward has distinguished himself in a wide variety of volunteer leadership roles, beginning with his service as the first webmaster of his student chapter and continuing through current roles on multiple committees and as the Society's Assistant Treasurer. He is known for his passion for the engineering profession and for ASCE, and he is well-positioned to assume the COO position, where he will serve as the internal leader of the organization, coordinating the annual operations plan and budget and providing a strong day-to-day leadership presence.

With a Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering with a civil specialty from the Colorado School of Mines, Edward has spent over 25 years working in local government in the Denver Colorado area, providing communities with expertise in land development, traffic engineering, regional stormwater management, capital improvement program management, emergency management and general public works and community development leadership and management. Most recently, he held the position of Senior Manager of Engineering for the City of Boulder, Planning and Development Services Department, where he has been responsible for operations and leadership of the city's Engineering Review and Inspection team and active membership in the department leadership team. Edward's professional experience includes managing local government strategic planning, performance-based measurements and budgeting, vendor and contract services, multi-disciplinary teams, public communications, public infrastructure design, capital project management, land use permitting and law, and long-range planning.

In his new ASCE role as COO, Edward will serve as a member of the Senior Leadership Team. In addition to serving as the Society's internal staff leader, Edward will have direct oversight of Engineering Programs, Member Communities, Finance and Administration, IT, and HR.

Dave Zelenok remarked “We should all be so proud of Edward! From humble beginnings here doing engineering and public works managing in Centennial, Boulder and the metro area to overseeing the nation's civil engineering policies and advocacy. I think he's a real inspiration to all of us - his colleagues here in Colorado!”

Congratulations Edward!

Announcement issued by ASCE Board of Directors, provided by permission from Mr. Stafford.

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The Practitioner

Do you have information on an emerging topic of interest, project, or news that would be of interest to our members? All members are welcome to contribute to future newsletters. *The Practitioner* is published quarterly. The submission deadline for the next newsletter is July 12, 2024.

Job Postings

Does your agency have a job opening? The Colorado Chapter website can help you with getting the word out! We list public works employment opportunities on our Chapter website under Resources. You can now submit online using the form available on the Colorado Chapter website:: <https://colorado.apwa.org/> For more information, contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator at bdweimer@msn.com.

Email Scams

Unfortunately, APWA and the Colorado Chapter can be targets of email scams. These emails are sent by scammers impersonating as APWA or Chapter Board members claiming to have an association with APWA, PWX, or the Colorado Chapter and asking for gift cards or claiming to have access to APWA National or Colorado membership or attendee lists. Please delete these emails and do not respond.



Membership

New Members

As you may be aware, APWA switched to a new platform last year. As we have gone through the process, we haven't been able to access the information to recognize new members but are looking to start doing that again. We apologize to all those we may have missed over the last several months but we hope you know that you are valuable to us and we hope you are finding ways to connect with Colorado APWA. If you have questions at any time, please contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator, at bdweimer@msn.com. We would like to welcome the following new members.

Abdel Ayoub, Pueblo County

Eric Brownson

Marco Cabanillas, City & County of Denver

John Cerise, Pitkin County

Wes Clain

Jill Crockett, Jacobs

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Did you know that much of the information contained in this newsletter is also available on the Web? Go to the APWA Colorado Chapter website at <https://colorado.apwa.org/>



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