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2025 APWA Colorado Chapter Golf Tournament

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The 2025 APWA Colorado Chapter Golf tournament was held at Lone Tree Golf Club on June 24th. It was a beautiful blue sky day on the course with the snow-capped Colorado mountains in the background! The tournament was a great success with another sell out of 144 participants and all hole sponsorships! The success of this tournament would not be possible without all of our sponsors. The tournament committee would like to thank them for their tremendous support and generosity!

BackSwing Golf provided a fun opportunity for participants to "Beat the Pro" with a donation that benefits BackSwing Golf's mission to help lady professional golfers chase their dreams of getting onto the LPGA tour as well as benefitting the APWA Colorado scholarship program. It was a fun experience to try while raising money for both of our programs!



The day was rounded out with lunch and door prizes. The Chapter uses proceeds for the scholarship programs.

Co-chairs Matt Knight and Jeff Dankenbring organized the tournament this year and the Chapter is thankful to them for putting on such a successful tournament!

Thanks to everyone who participated and we look forward to another great event next year!

*Matt Knight & Jeff Dankenbring
Tournament Co-Chairs*



APWA COLORADO CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

LONE TREE GOLF CLUB

Tournament Winners:

1st Place: Scott Boyd, Jennifer Jackse, Conner Boyd, Justice Tiritas

2nd Place: Patrick Gunn, Carl Dionese, Aaron Richardson, Lewis Root

3rd Place: Josh Krueger, Erin Spicer, Bernie Duhmal, Brandon Wallace



Contest Holes

- #2 Longest Putt: Tim Harris
- #3 Closest to the Pin: Andrew Chambers
- #5 Longest Drive: Marc Marble
- #7 Closest to the Pin: Trandon Struck
- #8 Longest Drive: Mallory Bitzer
- #9 Longest Putt: Bill Winfield
- #10 Closest to the Pin: Brian Nevans
- #14 Longest Putt: Nik Armstrong
- #16 Longest Drive: Conner Boyd
- #18 Longest Putt: Cort Darby



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APWA COLORADO CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT



Message from the President

John Burke



Tariffs, Supply Chain issues, ever-increasing construction pricing, oh my! 2025 has been anything but stable, but this isn't a surprise. Whether Republican or Democrat, whenever there is a change of hands in the Executive Office, uncertainty ripples through the market for the first few months of the new President taking office. At some point, maybe six months or longer, things begin to stabilize as the major power shifts have taken place and the future becomes clearer. However, this year seems as though the pace and uncertainty have been compounded significantly in just six months.

As I write this article, the Russia-Ukraine war is still active, Israel bombed Iran, and the US provided strategic air strikes on underground nuclear missile sites in Iran by using a pair of B-2 Bombers that flew a 36-hour mission from Missouri to Iran and back in one night. These are the things that are taking place around the world. In the US, the construction industry has faced threats of tariffs that could increase by 30% or more, which prompted many suppliers to only hold pricing for a 24-hour period. This has made it extremely difficult from an owner's perspective to know if they have enough money to even build the project.

So, what do you do? Well, doing nothing is always the first option you consider, but in many cases, this isn't the best option. Candidly, as I look at the best leaders in any organization, it's their Emotional Resilience that makes all the difference. If you're not familiar with Emotional Resilience, it's the ability to stay calm and collected through stressful situations. The word 'resilience' comes from the Latin word 'resilio', which means 'to bounce back' or retaliate.

At this year's Spring Street Conference in Montrose, Colorado, I met someone who exemplifies Emotional Resilience. Our keynote speaker for this year's conference was Montrose County Manager Frank Rodriguez. Frank served in the United States Army for 24 years with eight deployments and earned five Bronze Star medals, two with Valor for his actions in combat. As I talked to Frank before the conference, I was inspired by his incredible leadership experience coupled with humility. His experience included working as a Police Chief and the Deputy Commissioner of Criminal Investigations Division for the North Carolina Department of Insurance, where he led Special Agents across the state investigating complex Fraud Crimes ranging from intricate schemes to homicides. What he is most proud of, however, is his 32 years of marriage, three children, and two grandsons.

I was looking forward to hearing his keynote speech titled "Making a Difference" to kick off the conference on Tuesday morning. However, shortly after I left my office in Westminster, I got the type of phone call that every conference organizer dreads. As I answered my phone, I recognized Frank's voice, but this time he had a much more serious tone. He came right out to tell me, "John, I just got let go from the County." Silence filled my car as I took a deep breath, waiting for him to tell me he wasn't going to be able to give his keynote speech for our conference. What happened next, however, was not at all what I expected. He said, "John, if it's ok with you, I'd still like to give my talk to your conference attendees." I took another deep breath and replied, "Yes, of course, I would be honored to have you present in light of this recent news, as long as it's the right thing for you to do." He agreed, and his speech was one of the most moving speeches I've heard in a long time, as he shared unclassified information about real combat situations he led in Afghanistan and the leadership lessons he learned and shared with our attendees. You could hear a pin drop as Frank gave his talk in the auditorium that morning.

It would have been understandable for Frank to bow out of his speech, given the new circumstances that he was in. However, I can only imagine that through his military training, this wasn't the first, nor the most difficult situation he's been in, far from it! However, he is someone, probably like many of you reading this, who has worked on Emotional Resiliency their entire lives and knows how to keep moving through difficult situations, and not quit, give up, or sit and do nothing. Getting to know men like Frank encourages me to embrace my own Emotional Resilience when faced with a challenging situation and lead others with a calm and collected manner, knowing I'll do whatever it takes to support the team and get the job done.

*With warm regards,
John Burke, City of Westminster*

APWA Colorado 10th Annual

COLORADO ROCKIES

Night

The APWA Colorado Chapter Young Professionals
are excited to announce the 10th Annual Night at the Rockies!

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 6:40pm
vs. Miami Marlins

All Young Professionals, APWA members,
friends and family are invited to celebrate
Public Works and watch your
Colorado Rockies take on the Miami Marlins.

Tickets are in Section 206 (right field mezzanine)
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Reserve your seat by
Monday, September 1st

Tickets are limited!

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prior to the game



38th Annual Spring Street Conference Flourishes Someplace New

Professionals in the public works and transportation industries are always looking to improve the way we do business and serve the community. To achieve this, we need to share ideas, learn from the best, and change the way we think about our transportation systems.

Over the course of two-and-a-half days, colleagues from throughout Colorado came together to share best practices and lessons learned to improve public works operations and processes. This year, the annual Spring Street Conference tried something new and moved down to Montrose, CO, April 15-17. The conference was a success and participants enjoyed the new conference center and hospitality locations.



The conference featured informative sessions on new approaches to overcoming today's public works challenges and implementing successful new practices and ideas. Over 170 participants came together to learn how they can reinvent their operations to make their communities safer, greener, and more efficient.

The Conference was kicked off by former Montrose County Manager, Chief of Police, and Veteran, Frank Rodriguez, who inspired attendees to Make a Difference. Workforce

development sessions covered a wide variety of topics from local agency paving specifications, gravel road stabilization, and pavement recycling to right-of-way inspections, electric vehicle fleets, and CDL updates. Leadership topics covered Supervising, Managing, and Leading; how these skills differ and when to use them. Participants' favorite session was the Public Works Bridge Rescue at the Blue Mesa Project in Gunnison. It provided a good example of how cities and counties can show and tell their successes, share the challenges overcome, as well as impart lessons learned along the way. The ROW Inspections session reminded us that during the summer construction season, monitoring for stormwater violations and maintaining erosion control measures is essential to protecting infrastructure, ensuring compliance, and reducing environmental impact. Golden explained the management of their 32-hour Public Works condensed work week, Boulder provided best practices for generating positive community engagement, and Littleton illustrated the importance of Public Works departments being prepared to coordinate with emergency services and utility providers to assess critical disaster situations while prioritizing safety and minimizing disruptions.



A great big THANK YOU to all the Montrose County and City of Montrose staff that made the move of our event a triumph! Thank you to all our Sponsors, and the APWA's CARMA Committee Members that helped make this 38th annual training event a success again this year. We appreciate the public works agencies and individuals being open to new ideas and leadership possibilities that can raise everyone to new heights. We look forward to you joining us next year at the Montrose County Event Center!

Cornhole Tournament

Participants always comment that the networking events often provide some of the best opportunities for participants to gain valuable insight and guidance from colleagues sharing additional stories and experiences. There was great food and fun had by all at the riverside hospitality hour and corn hole tournament held at Shelter Distilling in Montrose. Is there a Steven in the house?! Congratulations to Zach Schooley and Lloyd Lopez from the City of Sheridan for being victorious in the Corn Hole Tournament.

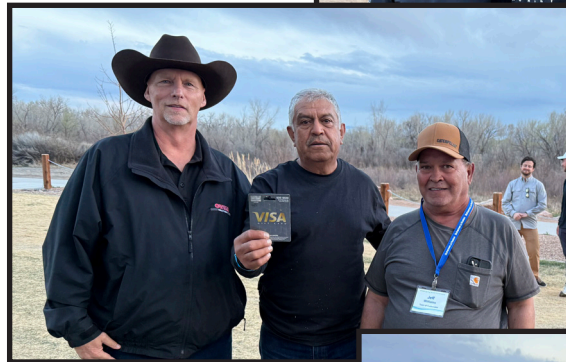


First Place:
Zach Schooley & Lloyd Lopez

Second Place:
DJ Huges & Logan Thurber



Third Place:
Carlos Loya Rico & Jeff Williams



Golf Tournament

Black Canyon Golf Course was the setting for this year's Spring Street Conference Golf Tournament. Several street conference participants kicked off their week with a competitive Golf Tournament. The course offers some unique challenges, but is a fun experience for all skill levels. Fifteen teams competed in the tournament to help raise funds for the APWA West Slope Chapter. In addition to awarding the top three winning teams, prizes were also given to the winners of Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Closest to Pin. Congratulations to all of this year's winners!



Tournament Winners:

1st Place: Tony Bradshaw, Brad Duran, Klayton Costanzo, Stephen Orehosky

2nd Place: Erin Spicer, Josh Krueger, Roy Kimble, Ron Youngman

3rd Place: Dan Stephens, Carl Martin, Pete Adler, DJ Smith

Contest Hole Winners:

Longest Drive: Josh Schohn

Longest Putt: Scott Schlecht

Closest to the Pin: JoeBob Lucero



2025 APWA Colorado Backhoe Competition

The State Backhoe Competition held on the final day was an exciting event for operators to showcase their skill and compete in various challenges that included intricate bucket maneuvering and duck chasing. This year competitors had to survive the Quack Attack and swiftly perform a backhoe precision drop with several sporting balls. Competitors are judged on total time, successful completion of tasks, and following safety procedures. Colorado APWA sponsors the first and second place winners of the Backhoe Competition to attend and participate in the equipment competition at national APWA PWX. Making their hometown proud - Shan Stratton and Bobbie Gleason, both with Montrose County, were the first and second place winners this year. A special thank you to DJ Hughes, Pitkin County and his crew for building the courses and implementing the event.



Backhoe Winners:

1st Place: Shan Stratton, Montrose County

2nd Place: Bobbie Gleason, Montrose County

3rd Place: Martin Schmidt, Gunnison County



Renée Railsback
D2C Architects

Conference Chair & Chapter Alternate Delegate

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2025 APWA COLORADO AWARDS PROGRAM

“It’s Time to Share Your Accomplishments!”

The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association requests nominations for the 2025 Awards Program. This will be the 40th 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, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

The APWA Colorado Chapter judges will be selecting one Project / Program of the Year from all the nominations submitted regardless of category and community size. Please note: The Project/Program of the Year/category winners will be expected to be submitted to the APWA National Awards program. The Chapter Board encourages all nominations submit to the National APWA Awards Program.

You may nominate more than one project/program per category, but each nomination must be submitted separately. More than one nomination in the same category from the same agency is not exclusionary!

Nominations are due by midnight, August 1, 2025!
(This deadline will not be extended)

Nominations will only be accepted using the Awards Nomination Submittal Form for Projects/Programs available on the Colorado Chapter website: [APWA Colorado Awards](#). 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.

A description of the required items on the submittal form are listed below. When submitting your nomination, please make sure you fill out the form completely addressing all the criteria listed below. You may include up to four (4) digital pictures (jpeg format in as high resolution as possible). It is also helpful if you label the photos. Please submit photos separately (not embedded in the document):

- **Name of nominated Project, Program or Individual (Individual Award information on next page)**
- **Nomination’s Agency and Department**
- **Category of the Nomination (choose ONE per nomination)**

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Administration	Software implementations, accreditation attainment, certification programs, education programs
Structures	Public Structures, preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings
Parks and Trails	Roads, bridges, mass transit
Environment	Parks, trails, pedestrian and bicycle facilities
Operations / Maintenance	Treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation, sewer projects, water projects, flood control, pipeline
Disaster or Emergency Construction, Repair or Response	Maintenance operations are defined as scheduled actions or programs that are regularly completed by public works departments. Includes preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance and recurring maintenance or rehabilitation of buildings, structures or infrastructure such as roadways, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, facilities, etc.
Sustainability	Efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best choice in the long term.
Public Outreach	Recognition of a public works agency that has developed public outreach programs or special events such as Public Works Week activities that demonstrates awareness and understanding of public works operations and issues, promotes the value of public works and educates the public

Community Category:

- Small Community (under 25,000 in population)
- Medium Community (25,000-100,000 in population)
- Large Community (over 100,000 in population)

Accomplishment for the nominated Project or Program

Criteria Participation

- Innovation: Has the program/project found new methods to provide better service to the public or to internal customers
- Achievement: Did the completed project or program achieve all set goals?
- Transferable: Is the resulting improvement and innovation transferable to other communities and situations?
- Cooperation: Was there special cooperation between individuals, agencies, citizens, businesses and the general public?

Three sentences to summarize the nomination



2025 APWA COLORADO AWARDS PROGRAM

“It’s Time to Share Your Accomplishments!”

Individual Award Nomination Information

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(This deadline will not be extended)

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CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Young Leader	To recognize and encourage young APWA members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service. Nominee must be with organization for a minimum of one year.
Outstanding Public Works Employee	This award is given to an individual at the operational level (first line supervisor or below) who performs his/her responsibilities at an exceptionally efficient and courteous manner. Nominees need not be a member of APWA, but must have been employed by a public works-related agency for a period of not less than five years.
Professional Manager of the Year - Administrative Mgmt.	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Administrative Management seeks to recognize outstanding achievement in the area of administration within the public works field and to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career achievements of administrative professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Transportation	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Transportation category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership, and management of public transportation professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Water Resources (Water and Sewer)	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Water Resources category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership and management of potable water and sanitary sewer professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Fleet Maintenance	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Public Fleet category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements and exceptional leadership of public fleet management professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Drainage & Flood Control	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Drainage and Flood Control category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements and exceptional leadership of stormwater management and flood control professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Engineer	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Engineering category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership and management of engineering professionals.

Accomplishment for the nominated Individual

Criteria Participation

- Profession: Significant contributions to the advancement of professional discipline.
- Leadership: Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing techniques in the field.
- Innovation: : Employment of new and innovative ideas resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of operations.
- Achievement: Achievement of desired outcomes and a consistent history of achievement.
- Customer Service: Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.

Three sentences to summarize the nomination

West Slope Update

Greetings from the West Slope!

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy this year's Spring Street Conference in beautiful Montrose. From the feedback I've heard, it looked like folks had a great time—between the solid lineup of sessions, the unbeatable hospitality, and of course, the cornhole tournament. Honestly, can you ask for a better spot?

A big shoutout to everyone who jumped in to help pull off the conference on short notice—Renée Railsback, Scott Jackman, and the rest of the crew—your hustle didn't go unnoticed. Thank you! Special thanks to DJ Hughes for putting on a great Backhoe Competition.

And of course, congrats to all who placed in the competition—you've got some serious skills!

As we dive into the heat of summer, I hope you're staying cool and hydrated. And if you're lucky enough to be working up in the mountains, enjoy that sweet high-altitude breeze for the rest of us sweating it out at lower elevations.

Speaking of cooler temps—don't forget about the APWA West Slope Snow & Ice Conference, happening September 2–4 at the Gunnison County Fairgrounds. We'll kick things off on the 2nd with a Road Scholar class and the always-popular Golf Tournament at Dos Rios.

And don't forget—West Slope APWA scholarships are available! For more info, reach out to:
JoeBob – JLucero@gunnisoncounty.org
Kirsten Armbruster – kirstena@gjcity.org

Wishing you all a great summer—stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you at the next conference!

*Best,
Brandon Wallace, Montrose County
West Slope Branch Chair*

2025 West Slope Snow & Ice Conference Gunnison

The 38th Annual APWA West Slope Snow & Ice Conference
is coming up soon!!

Dates: Tuesday, September 2 to Thursday, September 4, 2025
Location: Gunnison, Colorado – Gunnison County Fairgrounds

Tuesday, September 2:

Road Scholars Course - Roadway Safety & Traffic Control (registration and payment through Colorado LTAP)
Golf at the Dos Rios Country Club, 11:00 am
Golf Awards - The Dive, 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 3:

Conference: speakers and vendor booths, 8:45am-12:30pm
Lunch (included in registration fee), 12:30pm
Equipment Roadeo, 1:00-5:00pm
Hospitality & Happy Hour (vendor sponsored), 5B's BBQ, 5:30pm

Thursday, September 4:

Conference: speakers and vendor booths, 8am-12noon
Awards Luncheon (included in registration fee), 12noon

Colorado APWA West Slope Branch is proud to offer the 38th annual Snow and Ice Conference in Gunnison, Colorado. This conference has been a mainstay of the training, networking, and competition for Public Works agencies and employees for decades. Once again in 2025 we are offering a program that will deliver operator-oriented courses and an equipment roadeo over three days. Our first day offers LTAP training (additional fee and registration required) or a golf tournament at the Dos Rios Golf Course. The second day is a slate of courses, lunch, and a roadeo. The third day is additional training courses and an awards luncheon with the conference wrapping up by 1pm. We hope that you can join us in Gunnison at the end of the summer!

**September 2-4, 2025
Gunnison County Fairgrounds**

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to make sure you or your
company are on our distribution list
to obtain invitation packets to our
conference.

2025 APWA Colorado Annual Chapter Conference

NAVIGATING A CHANGING LANDSCAPE is the theme this year of the APWA Colorado 11th Annual Chapter Conference, which will be held at the Denver Marriott West in Golden on October 20 and 21, 2025. We are counting down as we are a few months away from the conference and we are excited to welcome our APWA membership to help us celebrate! Our 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 methods of handling our projects against everchanging rules and resources.

Change is inevitable. Roadways deteriorate, concrete cracks, slopes erode, pipes break, budgets are tweaked, and the standards that guide design, construction, and maintenance are constantly being revised. Public Works face this change while also managing and adapting to evolving technologies, climate impacts, political change, and shifting public expectations. As the industry faces new challenges and opportunities, it is essential for the Public Works community to explore innovative strategies, solutions, and best practices for navigating this changing landscape. How we meet our future challenges is often determined by our vision and thoughtful planning, from emerging technologies to constraints on funding sources. Our goal is to provide a fulfilling experience and have you walk away with a new perspective on your projects, staffing, and your goals.

Our two-day conference format will again include both general sessions and breakout sessions with topics focusing on technical and maintenance; financial and funding; and leadership and management aspects of public works. Gerrit Slatter will present our keynote speech on Monday, *Vision Zero From Down Under: What Australia Is Doing to Keep Their Roads Safer Than the US*. As a 2025 Jennings Randolph award recipient, Gerrit was awarded a fellowship to travel to Australia to conduct a study tour of how the country is using a safe systems approach that results in much fewer fatalities than in the US. He'll provide an overview of his learnings and findings, and describe the policies, practices and infrastructure that is being used to make Australian transportation safe. You'll also have access to the best product vendors and suppliers showcasing the latest innovative tools throughout the conference. As we face these new challenges, there are new ideas and resources available which will help us find a successful path forward. The networking opportunities of the APWA conference are always a tremendous 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 with mentalist and magician Shawn Preston on Monday night.

The APWA Colorado Chapter Awards banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 21st during the Conference and is included in your conference registration. We hope you take the opportunity to nominate the most outstanding, deserving and noteworthy public works projects and professionals! Registration for the conference opens in August. The planning committee looks forward to seeing you at the 11th Annual Chapter Conference.

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

Chuck Weiss
E-470 Public Highway Authority
Annual Chapter Conference Chair
APWA Colorado President-Elect

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We will be holding a fundraiser to benefit the Food Bank of the Rockies. You can donate online using the link to our [fundraising webpage](#). Tickets for one of our main prize drawings will be given to attendees who donate! Just show us the receipt at the conference. Cash donations will also be accepted. We are encouraging everyone to donate \$5 to meet our goal! You don't have to attend the conference to donate - we encourage all of our APWA friends to help this incredible organization!

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The 11th Annual APWA Colorado Chapter Conference



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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!**



2025 National Public Works Week

Since 1960, APWA has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America our more than 32,000 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.

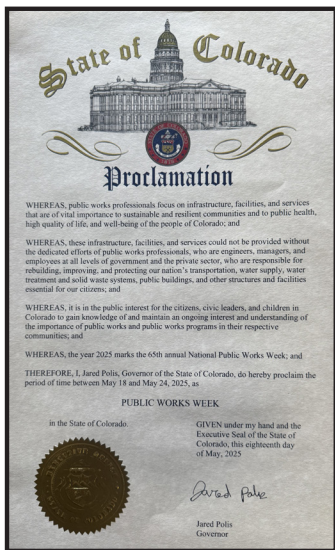
Public Works agencies around Colorado and the nation celebrated public works professionals for their dedication to our communities in May.

Mark Your Calendars!
2026 National Public Works Week
May 17-23, 2026

Town of Breckenridge



**The Town of Breckenridge celebrated
with a staff barbecue!**



Governor Jared Polis
proclaimed
May 18-24, 2025
Public Works Week in the
State of Colorado.

National APWA has resources and ideas to help
agencies celebrate Public Works Week so you can
start planning your 2026 celebration now!

Check it out online:

[National Public Works Week](https://www.nationalpublicworksweek.org/)



Photos courtesy of the Town of Breckenridge

Save the Date!!

2026 APWA COLORADO CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION CONFERENCE

Lone Tree Arts Center
10075 Commons Street
Lone Tree, Colorado 80124

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026
Check-in/breakfast 7:30am
Sessions begin at 8:00am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026
8:00am-1:00pm

Registration opens in November!



APWA COLORADO CHAPTER
2026 CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION CONFERENCE

*Watch the
Colorado Chapter
website and your
inbox for updates!*

Fall Newsletter

Check out what's coming in the Fall Newsletter:

- *Recap of the Western Snow & Ice Conference & National Snow Rodeo*
- *2026 Construction Inspection Conference information*
- *PWX Recap*
- *Photos from Night at the Rockies!*
- *West Slope Branch, YP, Sustainability updates and more!*



2026 APWA Colorado Chapter Elections

The APWA Colorado Chapter and West Slope Branch will be extending a call for nominations for Director positions this fall on their respective Boards. The term runs for two years. Duties include attending Board meetings, events, being a liaison between the Board and committees as well as the membership and provide direction to the Chapter and West Slope Branch.

For over 60 years, APWA Colorado has been the education and networking choice of public works professionals who seek professional excellence and quality education experiences. If you are interested in helping to lead the Chapter, watch for information in October that will detail how to submit a nomination.

Join the team!

APWA Colorado Chapter Hosts 2nd Annual Roundtable

The Colorado Chapter hosted the 2nd Annual Civic Management Roundtable Series: Communicating with Elected Officials on June 3.

Panelists included:

- Jason Gallardo, Partner, MG Public Affairs
- Matt Knight, Director of Community Development, City of Littleton
- Adam Paul, Director of Regional and State Affairs, City & County of Denver, Former Mayor of Lakewood
- Laura Kroeger, Executive Director, Mile High Flood District

The session provided insight into improving communication skills and shaping ability to successfully connect with elected officials by recognizing and responding to what is important to them.

Thank you to Mile High Flood District for hosting the event and ICON Engineering for sponsoring the lunch!



National APWA Appointments

National APWA has assembled their leadership team for 2025-2026. National APWA works to identify quality individuals willing to take on a leadership role for volunteer committees. Thanks to all of you for your continued dedication and support of APWA!

Jason Stawski, Evergreen Metro District

Margaret Medellin, City & County of Denver

John Davis

David Zelenok, ZK Engineers, LLC

Tyler Bandemer, City of Loveland

Susan Baillargeon, Front Range Community College

Kati Horner Gonzalez, Katigon Consult

Dan Hartman

Emergency Management Committee

*Engineering & Construction Committee and
Projects of the Year Awards Committee*

Government Affairs Committee

International Constituent

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Colorado Municipal League Annual Conference

APWA Colorado Participates in 2025 Conference and Showcases new Engineering Resource



The Colorado Municipal League (CML) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1923, representing the interests of 271 cities and towns across the state. One of CML's core priorities is advocating for local control, while also providing legal support, education, and training for its member communities. For over a century—102 years—CML has served as a critical voice and resource for municipalities throughout Colorado.

CML partners with professional organizations as part of its Sections Program, which includes subject matter liaisons for specific municipal functions. The

Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association (CO-APWA) serves as the liaison for the Public Works Section, and the 2025 Section Chair is CO-APWA Chapter President John Burke, City Engineer for Westminster.

As part of the CML Annual Conference, held June 24–27 in Breckenridge, CO-APWA supported a concurrent session focused on educating municipal leaders about the role of public works professionals and introducing a valuable new tool: the Colorado Municipal Engineering Resource Guide (MERG).

The session was presented by:

John Burke, CO-APWA President and City Engineer, City of Westminster

Jay Goldie, CO-APWA Past President and Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director, Cherry Hills Village

Shawn Poe, CO-APWA Board Director and Municipal Services Director at WSB

The MERG is designed to help policy makers and non-engineering municipal staff better understand common engineering concepts and terminology. Think of it as "Engineering 101"—a simplified, high-level overview of public works topics tailored for elected officials, municipal managers, and other non-engineers involved in public infrastructure decision-making.

Approximately 25 attendees participated in the session, including City Council members, city attorneys, consultants, and city engineering staff. Over 70 hard copies of the MERG were distributed, alongside a one-page summary describing the CO-APWA Board and the organization's mission.

The CO-APWA Board extends its sincere thanks to CML and their staff for organizing a successful event and for the opportunity to participate in this important annual gathering.

To view a digital copy of the MERG, visit: [Colorado Municipal Resource Guide to Local Government - WSB](#)

To request hard copies, please contact Shawn Poe at shawn.poe@wsbeng.com or 214-773-6767.

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Announcements

Otak Welcomes New Leadership

Otak is happy to announce the addition of Craig Recob as its chief financial officer. Otak looks forward to the impact Craig will bring to the organization and the communities it serves. *(Courtesy of Otak press release issued May 21, 2025.)*

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 October 10, 2025.

NCAT Technology Course in Colorado

This 3.5 day training program is led by NCAT instructors and is geared for those who are involved with asphalt materials and construction. The event will be held November 13-15, 2025 in Lakewood. All the details and registration information can be found on CAPA's [website](#).

News

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. Pete Adler, APWA Colorado Chapter Delegate and Western Snow & Ice Conference Chair, wrote this month's APWA Insights article. The Summer issue also showcases the Western Snow & Ice Conference and National Snow Rodeo featuring the schedule, sessions, and our incredible list of exhibitors! You can view the Summer 2025 issue as well as archived issues on their [website](#).

APWA Reporter

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

May 2025

*Winners of the Jennings Randolph Fellowship Named - **Gerrit Slatter**, City of Boulder*

June 2025

Certifications

CPII - **David Beard**, Arapahoe County

CPII - **Brian Schultz**, Douglas County

It Happened Slowly, Then All at Once, **Drew Roberts**, Mile High Flood District

Navigating Sever Weather: The Critical Role of Advance Weather Technology in Public Works, **Ben Brown**, Vaisala XWeather

Strengthening Wildfire Preparedness in the Wildland - Urban Interface: Leveraging Hydraulic Modeling for Fire Flow Analysis,

Jason Stawksi, Evergreen Metropolitan District

July 2025

Awards: Project of the Year - Environment - More than \$75 million: Denver Water Northwater Treatment Plant, **Denver Water**

Program Management: How Much Should Public Works Be Automated, **Jon Villines**, Mile High Flood District

AI-Enhanced Sewer Inspections: Denver's Innovative Approach to Infrastructure Management, **Ahmed Soufiani & Zeke Zarco**, City & County of Denver and **Brian Zavareh**, PhD student CU Denver College of Engineering, Design, and Computing Program, Contingent Employee City & County of Denver

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Membership

New Members

As you may be aware, APWA switched to a new platform. 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. We also apologize if we are showing you as a new member but you have been a member previously. Hopefully this will be sorted out soon! 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 from the last quarter.

Rob Allen, Moore Engineering, Inc.
Kyle Branham, City of Englewood
Ben Brock, City of Aurora
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