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2026 Spring Street Conference

APWA Street Conference and the Risk You Don't See

Most injuries in public works don't happen because employees lack knowledge—they happen during routine work when fatigue, distraction, and time pressure impact decision-making. The risk management session at the Street Conference prepared attendees for the risks you don't see, and recommended how to stay sharp and manage safety in a 5-minute world. It explored the hidden human factors that increase risk on the job and why experienced workers are often the most vulnerable to "autopilot" errors. Attendees learned a simple, field-ready five-minute Safety System designed to improve awareness, reduce incidents, and fit seamlessly into real-world operations. The focus was on practical, actionable strategies crews could use immediately to stay sharp and safe.



This was just one of the educational sessions held during this year's 39th Spring Street Conference in Montrose, Colorado in April. Over the course of two days, participants engaged in 12 technical sessions, and connected with peers from across Colorado; bringing together over 177 attendees from local municipal agencies, vendors, and sponsors.

From the moment the doors opened, conversations sparked, ideas flowed, and collaborations began. The event was held at a new location at the Montrose Event Center; and both the venue and staffing exceeded expectations.

Everyone gained abundant knowledge from the sessions throughout the conference. Before celebrating his retirement, Brian Pettet, Pitkin County, kicked off the conference with an interactive hands-on session celebrating Public Works' finest in **People, Service, and Pride**. Jason Stawski, General Manager of the Evergreen Metropolitan District, opened day two of the conference with varied experience and stories of the importance of Public Works as part of the First Responder community. We may use different tools, but the mindset is the same. We move toward the problem. We stabilize the situation. And we protect the people who count on us, whether they know our names or not.



Brian Pettet presented "People, Service and Pride".

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39th Annual Spring Street Conference

Beyond the sessions, the real magic happened in the hallways around vendor booths, over coffee, and during our evening networking event. There was great food and fun had by all at the riverside hospitality hour and cornhole tournament held at Shelter Distilling. Congratulations to Shawn Poe and Matt Knight for being victorious winning 1st Place in the Cornhole Tournament.



Ken Owens with Owens Equipment presented the tournament winners with their prizes.

*First Place:
Shawn Poe & Matt Knight*



*Second Place:
Brian Epps and Josh Cook*



*Third Place:
Jeff Williams & Carlos Rico Loya*



Cornhole Tournament

2026 APWA Colorado Backhoe Competition



Twenty-eight competitors participated in the State Backhoe Competition held on the final day. It was an exciting event for operators to showcase their skill and compete in various challenges that included playing Backhoe Tic-Tac-Toe and bushel basket softball with a mini-excavator. Competitors were judged on total time, successful completion of tasks, and following safety procedures. Colorado APWA will sponsor the first and second place winners of the Colorado Backhoe Competition to attend and participate in the equipment competition at national APWA PWX in Houston, Texas. Making their hometown proud - Rusty Catlin, Montrose County, and Kody Bise, City of Montrose, 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: Rusty Catlin, Montrose County
- 2nd Place: Kody Bise, City of Montrose
- 3rd Place: Zairich Waddington, Hinsdale County

Golf Tournament

Tucked away in the heart of Montrose are the beautiful greens and breathtaking views of the scenic Black Canyon Golf Course. Several street conference participants kicked off their week with a competitive Golf Tournament held at Black Canyon. The course is a mix of "park style" tree-lined fairways and "links-style" deeper bunkers and longer fairways; offering some unique challenges but a fun experience for all skill levels. Fifty-four (54) people competed in the tournament this year to help raise funds for the APWA West Slope Chapter Scholarship program. In addition to awarding the top three winning teams, prizes were also given to the winners of Longest Drive for Men and Women, Longest Putt, and Closest to Pin. Thank you to Sam Kearl with Enviroad for managing the event. Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

Tournament Winners:

- 1st Place: Shawn Poe, Brandon Wallace, Matt Knight, Dom Marquez
- 2nd Place: Brad Duran, Klayton Costanzo, Cody Wulffenstein, Jose Alvarez
- 3rd Place: Alex Merritt, Aiden Woods

Contest Hole Winners:

- Longest Drive: Alex Merritt (Men's), Chanda Krueger (Women's)
- Longest Putt: Alex Merritt
- Closest to the Pin: Randy Peters

A great big THANK YOU to all the committee members, sponsors and vendors that helped make the event a triumph. We appreciate the public works agencies and individuals being open to new ideas and leadership possibilities that can raise everyone to new heights.

We're already planning for next year's 40th Anniversary Event — and we'd love your feedback to make it a workforce development event to remember!

*Renée Railsback
D2C Architects
Conference Chair & Chapter Alternate Delegate*



Message from the President

Chuck Weiss

We are halfway through 2026 and it's been another eventful year. The summer wildfire season is off to another bad season, not only for the western United States, but across Europe and Asia. In Colorado, the particularly dry winter has contributed to the dry conditions across the region. I took note on my drive to the Spring Streets Conference in Montrose last April of a few items. First, there was virtually no snow on top of Monarch Pass. I've driven this pass many times during my life; there is normally an abundance of snow during the spring ski season. It was a weak year for snow accumulation for the state's ski areas, and the little snow we received melted much earlier than normal. Second, the water level at Blue Mesa Reservoir was much lower than the normal pool elevation. It has become such a crisis that some reservoirs, such as Antero Reservoir, have been drained so the water can be moved downstream where evaporation is less impactful.

The wildfires across the western US destroyed hundreds of thousands of acres of land, hundreds of homes, and multiple deaths of both citizens and firefighters. Colorado has had nearly 20 official fires this season and we aren't halfway through the summer. Three federal firefighters lost their lives battling the Snyder fire along the Colorado Utah border; please remember the sacrifices these individuals made to protect our communities. One community I would like to recognize is the Town of Beulah. The town was besieged by the aggressive Aspen Acres fire in Custer and Pueblo counties. A volunteer fire department of 22 people kept the town of Beulah from completely burning to the ground as the Aspen Acres Fire burned more than 90,000 acres. Several firefighters continued to battle the fire even after learning their own homes had been destroyed, according to the Beulah Fire Department. If you look at the map of the extent of the Aspen Acres Fire, you can see a small area in the center where the town is located. The determination of the volunteer fire department should be admired for doing everything possible that saved their community and loved ones. I think we all assume we would make a similar decision if we were in their situation, but it's heroic to react and fight to save their community!

So much for the heavy news filling our summer, let's shift gears and discuss the World Cup. I wouldn't call myself a soccer expert, but I do have to admit the level of excitement around co-hosting the tournament and the early success of the US team was riveting! While the final 4 teams from France, Spain, England, and Argentina are not a surprise, the prior games with upsets, comebacks, and games determined by penalty kicks made for must watch TV. One compelling story is the team from Cape Verde, a small island off the coast of Africa. They made history in this year's tournament as the smallest country to ever reach the FIFA World Cup knockout stage. They advanced from group play to the knockout round much to the surprise of soccer experts and fans from across the world. They ended up losing to the defending champion Argentina, but it was a highly contested game and was highlighted by goalie Josimar Dias making 8 saves, including a stop on Messi's free kick. It was a classic David versus Goliath battle that Argentina eventually won, but it proved that the smaller countries can compete on the international stage with the favorites who have multiple World Cup championships.

We have several events to look forward to the remainder of the summer. We will host a summer BBQ at the E-470 Central Maintenance Facility on July 29th. Come and enjoy some great food and tour the APWA Colorado Chapter Project of the Year. We look forward to seeing everyone there! PWX is right around the corner. Have you made your reservations for Houston yet? PWX hosts the largest exhibit floor in North America for public works equipment and services. As technology improves by leaps and bounds every year, you don't want to miss the new trends, new products, or the Texas BBQ at this year's event. The Colorado Chapter wants to encourage all of our members to attend, and we will have dedicated Chapter events planned while we are in Houston. This will be my first PWX and I will be excited to see all that is offered. Our Chapter is well recognized at the national level and a strong showing of Colorado Chapter members will certainly reinforce that we have much to offer. Hopefully, we can host an upcoming PWX and show APWA members worldwide what Denver and the Colorado Chapter have to offer!

Chuck Weiss
E-470 Public Highway Authority



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Registration is now open!

Visit www.WesternSnowandIce.com for updates and to learn more!





2026 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 41st 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, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

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 3, 2026!
(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.



2026 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)

Nominations will only be accepted using the Awards Nomination Submittal Form for Individuals available on the Colorado Chapter website: [APWA Colorado Awards](https://www.apwa.org/colorado-awards). Please complete the submittal form and return the nomination via email to bdweimer@msn.com. You will receive a confirmation email. Please include a digital photo of the nominee in a separate file (jpeg format). For questions, please contact Pamela Weimer, Colorado Chapter Administrator, at 303.979.2190.

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

GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

TODD CREEK GOLF COURSE

Tournament Winners:

1st Place: Brian Thomas, Jerry Longsine, Jerry Marudas, Jaime Supernor

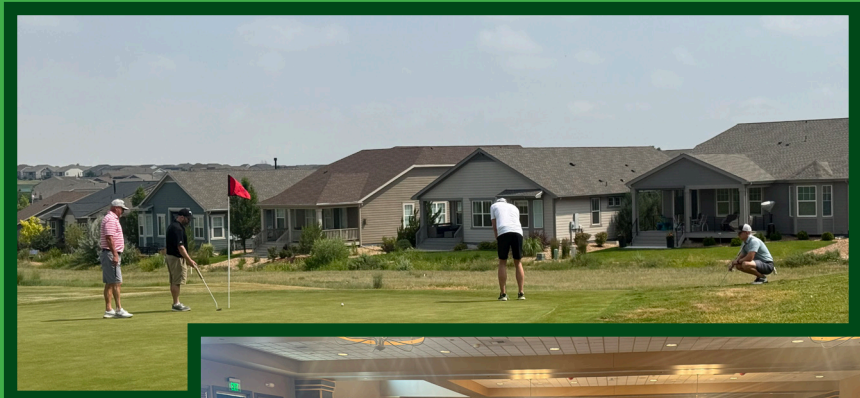
2nd Place: Travis Greiman, Adam Koester, John Forni, Dole Grebenik

3rd Place: Eric Combs, Andrew Martinez, Brian Duggan, Kris Diaz



Contest Holes

- #1 Longest Putt: Brian Schrameyer
- #3 Closest to the Pin: Paul Hitzges
- #4 Longest Drive (Women's): Jeanne Boyle
- #7 Closest to the Pin: Josh Miller
- #14 Longest Drive (Men's): Cody Holland
- #17 Closest to the Pin: Deric Romero
- #18 Longest Putt: Chris Montour



APWA COLORADO CHAPTER

GOLF TOURNAMENT





APWA Colorado 11th Annual

COLORADO ROCKIES *Night*

The APWA Colorado Chapter Young Professionals
are excited to announce the 11th Annual Night at the Rockies!

**Friday, September 18, 2026, 6:10pm
vs. Seattle Mariners
Fan Appreciation Fireworks Night!!**

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

Tickets are in Section 202 (right field mezzanine)
\$30 each and include \$10 concessions
sponsored by Benesch



**Reserve your seat by
Tuesday, September 1st**

Tickets are limited!

[Buy Your Rockies Tickets Here!](#)

WEST SLOPE SNOW & ICE CONFERENCE

GUNNISON

The 39th Annual APWA West Slope Snow & Ice Conference
is coming up soon!!

Dates: Tuesday, September 8 to Thursday, September 10, 2026

Location: Gunnison, Colorado – Gunnison County Fairgrounds, 275 Spruce Street

Tuesday, September 8:

Exhibitor set up: 10am-6pm

Colorado LTAP Road Scholar Core Class - Welding - to be held at the Gunnison County Public Works Department, 195 Basin Park Drive (registration and payment through Colorado LTAP)

Golf tournament at the Dos Rios Country Club, 11:00 am shotgun start (\$80 fee per player and includes green fees and cart)

Wednesday, September 9:

Speakers and panels to discuss important topics in our industry

Exhibitor displays

Lunch (included in registration fee)

Equipment Rodeo (registration will be Wednesday morning at conference)

Hospitality & Cornhole Tournament, 5B's BBQ, (included in registration)

Thursday, September 10:

Speakers and panels to discuss important topics in our industry

Exhibitor displays

Awards Luncheon (included in registration fee)

September 8-10-2026
Gunnison County Fairgrounds

Conference Fees:
Participants - \$50 per person
Exhibitors - \$200 per company

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HOW INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS SHAPED THE LOCATION OF THE WORLD CUP FINAL

The 2026 FIFA World Cup took place from June 11 to July 19, 2026, across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The World Cup is widely considered the most prestigious sporting event in the world and attracts a larger global television audience than any other competition. With billions of viewers and millions of fans traveling to attend matches, it is one of the most watched and attended events on the planet.

Originally, FIFA had considered hosting the 2026 World Cup Final in Dallas at AT&T Stadium. However, concerns were raised about the stadium's accessibility for the large number of international visitors expected to attend the event. Unlike some major metropolitan areas, the Dallas venue relies heavily on private vehicles, which could create transportation and logistical challenges for tourists.

As planning progressed, FIFA ultimately selected MetLife Stadium in New Jersey as the host venue for the final. The stadium benefits from direct access to extensive public transportation networks serving the New York City metropolitan area. In addition, New York City offers the hotel capacity, airports, and infrastructure needed to accommodate hundreds of thousands of visitors, making it a more practical choice for the tournament's biggest match. This decision illustrates how important public infrastructure systems are in shaping large-scale events, and is just one of the many ways that Public Works keeps people safe and moving, no matter which team you are traveling to see.



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Lola Sanchez
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Save the Date!!

2027 APWA COLORADO CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION CONFERENCE

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2027

Check-in/breakfast 7:30am
Sessions begin at 8:00am

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2027

8:00am-1:00pm

Registration opens in November!



APWA COLORADO CHAPTER
2027 CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION CONFERENCE

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



APWA Colorado Chapter Directors Scott Schlecht and Shawn Poe attended. Past President Michelle Stevens helped out at the table as well.



WTS Northern Colorado held a multi-organization networking event on May 20th to bring together professionals across related fields. From planning to stormwater management, public works to right-of-way, this event was designed to “forge connections” across organizations and specialties that don’t always overlap. The event was held at The Forge Event Center in Loveland.

Participating organizations included APWA Colorado, American Planning Association (APA) Colorado Chapter and Transportation Planning Division, Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers (CASFM), International Right of Way Association (IRWA), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Mountain District, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Colorado Section.

The organizations plan to make this an annual event so we will keep you posted with updates!

2026 APWA Colorado Annual Chapter Conference

EXPLORING CREATIVITY IN PROJECT SOLUTIONS is the theme this year of the APWA Colorado 12th Annual Chapter Conference, which will be held at the Denver Marriott West in Golden on Monday October 26 and Tuesday October 27, 2026. The conference committee encourages everyone to take a break from work and take advantage of the opportunity to learn from industry and regional experts as well as your peers on some of the new and exciting trends to handle our tasks and projects against new and ever-changing conditions. People of 2026 are exploring SO many new boundaries mostly due to the rapid technology boom. We are implementing AI; remote work; new software capabilities like GIS, digital project documentation and communications, drawing linking, 360 cameras, 3D BIMs, drone studies, and autonomous blueprint printing/spraying in the field. Tools that public works and construction only dreamt of before the 2000s. Our industry faces new challenges and opportunities and it is essential for the Public Works community to explore innovative strategies, solutions, and best practices for navigating these new boundaries. The 2026 Annual Conference will focus on the strategies, methods, tools, and technology Public Works professionals are using to adhere to the changes we are facing. Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities are also open and we already have several confirmed!

Our two-day conference format will again include both general sessions and breakout sessions with a variety of topics focusing on technical and maintenance; financial and funding; and leadership and management aspects of public works. You'll also have access to our outstanding product vendors and suppliers showcasing the latest state of the art tools and ideas throughout the conference. The networking opportunities of the APWA conference are always an excellent 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. Last year's conference had record attendance and our exhibitor hall was sold out - you don't want to miss the 2026 gathering!

The APWA Colorado Chapter Awards luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 27 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! Attendee registration for the conference will start in August! The planning committee looks forward to seeing you at the 12th Annual Chapter Conference.

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

2026

**Annual Chapter
Conference**

October 26 & 27

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We will be holding a fundraiser to benefit the Food Bank of the Rockies. You can donate online by 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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- 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!**

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 17-23, 2026

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2026 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. We heard from several agencies that hosted events: City of Westminster has a car show, breakfast, lunch and an art show, Town of Parker hosts a touch-a-truck, City of Fort Collins has a training day, City of Lakewood hosts a BBQ, and City of Brighton receives recognition from City Council.

Mark Your Calendars!
2027 National Public Works Week
May 16-22, 2027



*Governor Jared Polis proclaimed
May 17-23, 2026
Public Works Week in the
State of Colorado.*

This year's PWI class was asked about why they have a passion for public works and received some really thoughtful responses:

- ***Solving problems***
- ***Pride in their work***
- ***Safety for the community***
- ***Keeping things running smoothly***
- ***Service***
- ***Teamwork***
- ***Helping the community***
- ***Pride in seeing the work they do in the community***

National APWA has resources and ideas to help agencies celebrate Public Works Week so you can start planning your 2027 celebration now!

Check it out online:

[National Public Works Week](#)

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City of Centennial



Centennial hosts a Touch-a-Truck event in partnership with Arapahoe Libraries and their stormwater agency, SEMSWA. Families can come out, explore the trucks, and learn more about what Public Works does. Additionally, for staff, they host a public works week barbecue, showing appreciation for all the hard work Public Works does every day. All staff are welcome to come celebrate.



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Service
POWERED BY
Community



City of Littleton

The City of Littleton celebrated the week with passing out T-shirts on Monday with this year's logo, "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community." The streets crew held a Rodeo with timed competitions in the backhoe and skid steer. Staff also got the opportunity to drive a tandem truck with a plow around cones followed by a BBQ and an ice cream truck for all City employees that wanted to take part.



E-470 Public Highway Authority



FAMILY PICNIC!

CONNECT. RELAX. BRING THE WHOLE CREW.

Join us for a relaxed afternoon in the park with fellow public works professionals, friends, and family!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23



11:30 AM – 2:30 PM



**BLUFF PAVILION
CENTENNIAL CENTER PARK**



LUNCH



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CORNHOLE &
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Whether you're new to APWA or have been involved for years,
this is a great opportunity to connect in a casual,
family-friendly setting.

REGISTER – LINK IN BIO

SPOUSES.
KIDS. DOGS.
ALL WELCOME!



Join the APWA Colorado Young Professionals Committee for a relaxed afternoon at the park with fellow public works professionals, friends, and family!

We'll have:

- Lunch
- Drinks
- Cornhole & lawn games
- Frozen treats
- Great conversations with Colorado's public works community!

Spouses, partners, kids and families are all welcome! Whether you're new to APWA or have been involved for years, this is a great opportunity to meet other members in a casual, family-friendly setting.

Register today!

APWA National

News You Can Use!



Check out the APWA [Resources](#) Page!

APWA is your comprehensive public works resource. From job postings and technical resources to valuable members-only publications and tools, you'll find the information you need to succeed in public works!



Focus on Public Works

Experience APWA's best in education and credentialing each month with Focus on Public Works. Programs will celebrate a new technical area each month, featuring expert-led online education, trending technologies, resources, networking and more.

2027 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 Receives PACE Award!

The Colorado Chapter has been selected as a recipient of the Presidential Acknowledgment for Chapter Excellence (PACE)! The PACE award recognizes APWA chapters for their impact on APWA's membership, professional development and the advancement of public works.

Thank you to all of you who help the Chapter positively impact the membership, profession and our communities!

The Colorado Chapter will be recognized during the PWX Awards & Recognition Ceremony, Monday, August 31, 5:00pm.

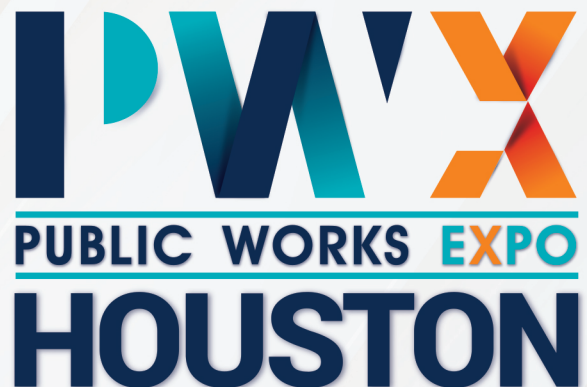


APWA Colorado Chapter General Call for Presenters & Sponsors

Are you looking for ways to give back to the industry? The Colorado Chapter is looking for industry professionals that have a story to tell in multiple formats. A roundtable is in development for November focusing on public engagement. We are still looking for a few panelists that have interesting and/or challenging experiences with public engagement. In addition, we are looking for anyone that has an interest in presenting engaging and relevant topics to the association either through short presentations such as lunch and learns, happy hour talks, and, of course, any of the multiple conferences such as the Construction Inspection Conference. If presenting isn't your preference but a sponsorship is, also reach out and let us know!

Contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator, at bdweimer@msn.com and let us know your thoughts and we'll look for the best ways to plug you in.

Share your expertise!



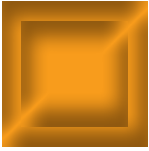
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www.apwa.org/pwx

News & Announcements



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. Chuck Weiss, APWA Colorado Chapter President, wrote this month's APWA Insights article. You can view the [Spring/Summer](#) issue as well as archived issues on their [website](#). And be sure to watch for the Summer issue which showcases the Western Snow & Ice Conference and National Snow Rodeo featuring the schedule, sessions, and our incredible list of exhibitors!

APWA Reporter

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

[May 2026](#)

Candidates for APWA Board of Directors Named: **Laura Kroeger**, Mile High Flood District, President-Elect

[June 2026](#)

Preparedness, Resilience and Workforce Readiness - written by **Jason Stawski**, Evergreen Metropolitan District

Shane Palmer, City of Longmont, Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII)

Gregory Fischer, Adams County, Certified Public Works Professional-Management (CPWP-M)

From Gray to Green - written by **Drew Roberts**, Mile High Flood District

[July 2026](#)

Engineering and Construction Committee Looks to the Future - written by **Margaret Medellin**, Hazen and Sawyer, Denver

Michael Alexander, City of Thornton, Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII - recertified)

Ryan Adrian, Douglas County, Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM - recertified)

Dylan Engelsman, Adams County, Certified Public Works Professional-Management (CPWP-M)

Why APWA Accreditation ad picturing **Jay Goldie**, City of Cherry Hills Village

NPWW Face-to-Face article/photo mentioning **Kati Horner Gonzalez**, Katigon Consult

Keeping a State-Funded PCCP Corridor Enhancement Project on Schedule During a Major Drainage Redesign - written by

Roch Labossiere, City of Greeley

Planning Beyond the Forecast: Climate Adaptation for Public Works - written by

William Farmer, Hazen & Sawyer, Denver



Announcements

Professional Development Opportunity for APWA Colorado Members

Public Works professionals are invited to attend the 2026 Colorado SWANA Conference, taking place September 21–23, 2026, at the Denver Marriott West in Golden.

The conference offers practical education for professionals working in public works, fleet management, engineering, solid waste, recycling, environmental compliance, and municipal operations. Attendees will hear the latest Colorado regulatory updates, explore emerging technologies, learn operational best practices, and connect with colleagues from across the state.

Conference registration includes more than 25 educational sessions, keynote and general sessions, networking events, exhibit hall access, and meals throughout the conference.

Learn more and register at www.coswana.org/fall-conference.

Dibble Welcomes Eric Edge as Flood Control Project Manager in Denver

Dibble announced that Eric Edge, PE, CFM, has joined the firm as a flood control project manager in its Denver office, the firm's first flood control project management role based in Colorado. (Courtesy of Dibble press release issued May 14, 2026.)

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Membership

New Members

Colorado APWA would like to welcome the following new members who have joined in the last quarter. If you have questions at any time, please contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator, at bdweimer@msn.com.

Robert Bauming, Town of Estes Park

Jason Berg, Town of Frederick

Alexander Bush, Huitt-Zollars, Inc.

Kylie Couch, Town of Frederick

Garry Gerondale, DIA

Christine Guzman, City of Thornton

Marina Hansen, Goodbee & Associates

Lance Jensen, Town of Vail

Will Jones, City of Loveland

Tim Kline, Town of Winter Park

Angelica Makuch, City & County of Denver

Valerie Martinez, Town of Johnstown

Carly McGowan, City of Gunnison

Brendan McGrath, Town of Winter Park

Aaron McKelvey, LaPlata County

Heath Moody, Town of Johnstown

Michael Morgan, DIA

Carlos Prieto, DIA

James Price

Zachery Roberson, Town of Frederick

Jason Ruby, DIA

Fernando Ruiz Zuniga, Pitkin County

Benjamin Schmitt, City of Manitou Springs

Jeremiah Shafer, City of Littleton

Philip Strom, City of Commerce City

Duane Truitt, LaPlata County

Interested in Membership?

When you join APWA, you join a network of professionals dedicated to excellence in all aspects of public works. Discover the many benefits of APWA membership and options for joining by visiting the [Membership](#) page of National APWA's [website](#).

Fall Newsletter

Check out what's coming in the Fall Newsletter:

- *Recap of the APWA Western Snow & Conference*
- *National Snow Rodeo Results*
- *PWX in Houston*
- *Upcoming Lunch & Learns*
- *West Slope Branch, YP updates and more!*



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Did you know that much of the
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is also available on the Web? Go to the
APWA Colorado Chapter website at
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