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## WOMEN IN WATER



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## WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

### April 1-2, 2026

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# Program

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

7:15 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>
<b>TRACK 1</b>	<b>NWEA STORMWATER</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Case Study - Peterson Drive Storm Sewer Collapse</b> Cameron Troia, Embris Group
8:30 a.m.	<b>Seasonal Variation and Co-Occurrence of Microplastics, Antibiotics, and Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria in Shell Creek</b> Moriah Brown, UNL
9:00 a.m.	<b>Modern Water Quality Tools for Historic River Towns</b> Amy Dietz, Black and Veatch
9:30 a.m.	<b>Topic</b> <i>Name, Firm</i>
10:00 a.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
<b>TRACK 2</b>	<b>YOUNG PROFESSIONALS/NEW SPEAKERS</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
10:15 a.m.	<b>When Intent equals Impact, Aligning our Communications to Achieve Positive Impacts</b> Lucas Billesbach, Embris Group
10:45 a.m.	<b>Keeping the Flow Going: The Critical Role of Bypass Pumping in Interceptor Rehab</b> Shaival Nehal Shah, Carollo Engineers
11:00 a.m.	<b>Turning Risk into Resilience: Design of an Aerial Sewer Crossing in Mockingbird Heights</b> Fahima Akther, Carollo Engineers Inc.
11:15 a.m.	<b>Track Out Trepidation</b> Aiden Trumble, UNL
11:30 a.m.	<b>DE&amp;I Presentation</b> Aimee Gibson, ???
11:45 a.m.	<b>WOMEN IN WATER LUNCH</b> ( <i>Capped at 40</i> )
11:45 a.m.	<b>LUNCH</b> ( <i>Not Provided</i> )
<b>TRACK 3</b>	<b>INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
1:30 p.m.	<b>Gate &amp; Valve Maintenance</b> Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates
2:00 p.m.	<b>Integrated Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure</b> Emily Holtzclaw, Edgar Campos, Jacobs
2:30 p.m.	<b>Partnering with communities to provide students with real-world design experience at UNL/UNO</b> Kaycie Lane, UNL
3:15 p.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
<b>TRACK 4</b>	<b>WATER QUALITY</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
3:30 p.m.	<b>A One Health Surveillance System on Antimicrobial Resistance Using ESBL-Production E Coli</b> Noe Salatiel Hernandez Duran, UNL
4:00 p.m.	<b>Micro- and Nanoplastics Release and Toxicity from Disposable Coffee Cups under Consumer-Relevant Condition</b> Olivier Irumva, UNL
4:30 p.m.	<b>A Systematic Literature Review of Solutions for Shrinking Water Systems</b> Onjoy Mahmood, UNL
5:00 p.m.	<b>ICEBREAKER SOCIAL</b>

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7:15 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>
<b>TRACK 5</b>	<b>NWEA COLLECTION SYSTEMS</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
8:00 a.m.	<b>AI Presentation</b> Mitch Klein, ???
8:30 a.m.	<b>Wastewater Collection Beyond Gravity: Understanding LPSS</b> Ryan Scott Turnbull, Iowa Pump Works
9:00 a.m.	<b>"Deliver the Right Flow to the Plant When We Need It" - Successfully Delivering the Monroe Street Lift Station Project</b> Melody Glasscock & Katie Latimer, CDM Smith
9:30 a.m.	<b>AI-Powered Dry and Wet Weather Calibration in Sanitary Sewer Modeling</b> Elango Thevar, NEER
10:00 a.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
<b>TRACK 6</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
10:30 a.m.	<b>DWEE Update</b> Steve Goans, Nebraska DWEE
11:00 a.m.	<b>Electrical Maintenance Safety</b> Kevin Thernes, HDR
11:30 a.m.	<b>MOPOs, Startup, and Cost Management: How Effective Coordination Can Improve Project Outcomes</b> Jon Selby, McCarthy Building Companies
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCHEON (PROVIDED) - Location: ???</b> <i>Keynote - Airport Airport Development</i> Dan Owens, ???
<b>TRACK 7</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
1:30 p.m.	<b>Nebraska Water Projects Panel - From Conception to Commissioned PANEL</b> Sarah Espinosa, McCarthy Building Companies
2:30 p.m.	<b>The Critical Path - The Importance of Construction Schedules</b> Garrett Johnson, Brickyard Consulting Inc.
3:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
<b>TRACK 8</b>	<b>WRRF</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Assessing the Occurrence of PFAS in Rural Wastewater through Composite Sampling</b> Stephanie Muwaika, UNL
4:00 p.m.	<b>Screenings Capture Rates and the Importance Of</b> Brandon Leeth, Hydro-Dyne Engineering
4:30 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>

<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS (PENDING APPROVAL):</b>	
PDHs - 14.5 Hours	NE SWANA Tour - 4 Hours
Water Operators - 3 CEUs	NE SWANA Conference - 6.25 Hours
Wastewater Operators - 14.5 CEUs	

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

<b>TRACK 9</b>	<b>APWA NE CHAPTER SPRING CONFERENCE</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
1:15 p.m.	<b>City of Des Moines Speed Reduction Program</b> Steve Naber, City of Des Moines.
2:00 p.m.	<b>City of La Vista Parks Playing Field Modernization</b> Jason Allen and Aaron Johansen, City of La Vista
2:30 p.m.	<b>Structuring Stormwater Data Systems for Compliance, Transparency, and Collaboration</b> Joe Lewis, Houston Engineering, Inc.
3:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
3:15 p.m.	<b>Roundtable Discussion: Winter Maintenance Lessons Learned</b>
4:30 p.m.	<b>OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING &amp; COCKTAILS</b>

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<b>TRACK 10</b>	<b>APWA NE CHAPTER SPRING CONFERENCE</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
7:15 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>
<b>SESSION A</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Capehart Road</b> Paula Dennison, City of Gretna Greg Perry, Eagle Engineering Group.
8:45 a.m.	<b>Boat Drones</b> Doug Burchett, Schemmer
9:15 a.m.	<b>168th Street Improvements</b> Jeff Babcock, City of Omaha Chris Malmberg, HDR
10:00 a.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
<b>SESSION B</b>	
10:30 a.m.	<b>Multivista Pipe Scanning</b> Russ Bollig, Multivista
11:30 a.m.	<b>MUD Lead Service Pipe Replacements</b> Adam Gartner, MUD
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCHEON (PROVIDED) - Location: ???</b>
<b>SESSION C</b>	
1:30 p.m.	<b>Topic</b> Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates, Inc.
2:30 p.m.	<b>East LaVista Street &amp; Sewer</b> Pat Dowse, City of La Vista Steve Moffitt, HGM
3:15 p.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
<b>SESSION D</b>	
3:30 p.m.	<b>Flowing and Growing in Sarpy County, Nebraska</b> Jeff Thompson, Sarpy County & Cities Wastewater Agency (SCCWAA) Sean Bell, HDR
4:15 p.m.	<b>Papillion Clearwell and Accessory Building</b> Alex Evans, City of Papillion Joe Roberts and Randy Milbrath, HDR
5:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

	<b>NEBRASKA CORNHUSKER CHAPTER SWANA TOURS* / TRAINING</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>SIGN IN AND LOAD TOUR BUS</b> 12520 Westport Pkwy, La Vista, NE 68128
9:00 a.m.	<b>City of Lincoln - Bluff Road MSW Facility Tour</b>
9:45 a.m.	<b>City of Lincoln - Transfer Station and C&amp;D Facility Tours</b>
11:15 a.m.	<b>Plastilite Facility Tour</b>
12:15 p.m.	<b>LUNCH - Location: ???</b>
1:00 p.m.	<b>Ethics Training or NWEA Sessions</b>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Social Hour</b>

\* For those traveling from Western Nebraska contact NeSWANA for tour stop coordination.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

<b>TRACK 11</b>	<b>NEBRASKA CORNHUSKER CHAPTER SWANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE</b> <i>Location: ???</i>
7:15 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>
<b>SESSION A</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Business Meeting - Cornhusker Chapter</b> SWANA Board
8:30 a.m.	<b>Topic</b> Samantha Nieman, Hillside Solutions
9:00 a.m.	<b>Regional Approach to Food Waste Diversion: Collaboration among Governments and Local Stakeholders</b> Allison Majerus, HDR
9:30 a.m.	<b>Nebraska Statewide Characterization Study Update</b> <i>Name, SCS</i>
10:00 a.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
<b>SESSION B</b>	
10:30 a.m.	<b>Proposed Updates to N.A.C. Title 132 - Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations</b> <i>Name, DWEE</i>
11:15 a.m.	<b>Topic</b> Kent Holm, <i>Firm</i>
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCHEON (PROVIDED) - Location: ???</b>
<b>SESSION C</b>	
1:15 p.m.	<b>NCIRSWA Landfill Slope Remediation</b> <i>Name, SCS</i>
2:00 p.m.	<b>Recycle Material Sort Lessons Learned 2.0</b> Paul Dunn, City of Omaha
2:30 p.m.	<b>Evapotranspiration Caps &amp; Grading for Closure</b> <i>Name, HDR</i>
3:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK - Location: ???</b>
<b>SESSION D</b>	
3:30 p.m.	<b>Mobile Surveillance</b> Paul Dunn, City of Omaha
4:00 p.m.	<b>Goodwill - Bridging Policy and Practice: Using Goodwill Data and Operations to Make Zero Waste Goals Real in Nebraska</b> Mehreen Chowdhury, Goodwill
5:00 p.m.	<b>Cash Drawing/Adjourn</b>