



TALKING POINTS

August 2026

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- Government Affairs Manager Leah Harnish will be in Denver, Colorado, August 4–5, for the 2026 [Water Finance Conference](#).
- The [Engineering & Public Works Roadshow](#) is heading somewhere it's never been: South Dakota! The Roadshow will showcase the award-winning Prairie Lakes Ice Arena, August 12, in Watertown. Region VI Director Bill Stogsdill Jr. will represent APWA and speak.
- Join APWA Government Affairs three times during PWX: August 31 at 8 a.m. for our annual legislative affairs update; August 31 at 4 p.m. for the Government Affairs Committee Happy Hour Jam; and September 1 at 9:45 a.m. for our Regulatory Roundtable.
- For the first time, the APWA Washington Report will publish when Congress is out of session! Watch your inbox for this special edition on August 17.

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MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS RADIO #PWR RETURNS!



[Public Works Radio](#) is the official voice of APWA, bringing the stories behind our communities to life. The second half of our premiere season starts **August 12**, save the date for our new episode!

While you wait, give our [summer bonus episodes](#) a listen so you're caught up on everything #PWR.

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MEMBERSHIP

33,664

ACCREDITATION

Region 1:

- Lexington, Massachusetts Department of Public Works—4th accreditation

Region 4:

- Gainesville, Florida Department of Public Works—6th accreditation
- North Port, Florida Department of Public Works—4th accreditation
- Pinellas County, Florida Public Works Department—3rd accreditation

Region 6:

- Topeka, Kansas Public Works Department—6th accreditation
- Topeka, Kansas Utilities Department—2nd accreditation

CERTIFICATION

APWA is excited to announce an update to the Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP) program that will launch in late 2027. Eligibility applications for the current program will be accepted through December 31, 2026. Following this deadline, applications will be paused as we transition to the new fleet microcredential program.

[Learn more about the new fleet microcredentials.](#)

QUICK LINKS

[Focus on Public Works](#) | [Tell Your Story](#) | [Education/Credentialing Center](#) | [Technical Committees](#)
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EDUCATION

UPCOMING LIVE PROGRAMS

August 5. **SC/RC Asset Management Done Right.** Public works teams in small and rural communities face unique challenges every day, but effective asset management doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. Learn about simple, scalable solutions in this session hosted by APWA's Small Cities/Rural Communities Committee. [Register here.](#)

August 6. **Subsurface Utility Engineering Essentials for Public Works: Smarter Utility Investigations.** Learn how subsurface utility engineering (SUE) can reduce project risks by mapping and analyzing existing utilities, following industry guidelines, and guiding strategic decisions. [Register here.](#)

NEW RESOURCES

[Data Center Development Toolbox](#)

As data center development becomes an increasingly important issue for communities across North America, APWA's Technology Committee collaborated with others to develop this toolbox for public works professionals to help them understand the fundamentals, identify key considerations, and engage confidently in planning for proposed data center projects.

[Recovery Operations Field Manual](#)

When a disaster or emergency strikes, public works professionals are often the first ones in and the last ones out. This publication, made in collaboration with APWA's Emergency Management Committee, covers what you need to know as you transition from event response to recovery.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

See you soon at PWX 2026!



PWX is right around the corner! This year's conference is in Houston, Texas, August 30–September 2. [Click here](#) to register, see the schedule, book a hotel room, and more!

Call for Presentations is open for NASC 2027!



The 2027 North American Snow Conference [Call for Presentations](#) is open. The deadline to submit a session proposal for Snow Conference 2027 is October 3, 2026.



UPDATES TO CAREERZONE

The [CareerZone Career Paths](#) have been redesigned to provide a cleaner, more intuitive user experience. The updated layout allows job seekers to navigate upward and lateral career movements within each technical discipline with ease. Check out the [Fleet Services Career Path](#)!