



62nd Annual Joint North Dakota Water Convention AND Irrigation Workshop

AND Upper Missouri Water Association Conference

Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center
December 9–11, 2025

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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| 2:30–4:30 pm | Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board Meeting |
| 3:00–4:00 pm | Upper Missouri Water Association Board Meeting |
| 4:30–6:00 pm | Water Resource Districts Association Board Meeting |
| 6:00–8:00 pm | All Water Social
<i>Co-Hosted by HDR and the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District</i> |

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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| 7:30 am | Registration |
| 8:00 am | Bureau of Reclamation Customer Meetings Begin |
| 8:00–11:00 am | Water Managers Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost Benefit Analysis for Assessment Projects:
<i>WRDA Working Group</i>• HR Best Practices for Water Resource Districts:
<i>Katie Schmidt, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.</i>• Update to the State's Dam Safety Requirements:
<i>Department of Water Resources</i> |

— UPPER MISSOURI WATER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE BEGINS

9:00–11:00 am	Educate, Advocate, Engage on the Missouri River Public Meeting
9:00–11:30 am	ND Rural Water Systems Association Managers Meeting <i>(Rural Water Managers Only)</i>
9:00 am–Noon	Commercial Exhibit Set-up
11:30 am	Opening Lunch and Upper Missouri Water Association Awards Presentation
Noon	Keynote: Water is Life — Don't Waste It: <i>Rickey Bolden, Discipleship Works</i>
Noon	Commercial Exhibits Open
Noon	ND Water Education Foundation Silent Auction Benefit Opens
1:00–2:15 pm	Using Missouri River Water in South Dakota • <i>Kristin Conzet, Western Dakota Regional Water System</i> • <i>Troy Larson, Lewis & Clark Regional Water System</i> • <i>Kurt Pfeifle, Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System</i> • <i>Shane Phillips, WINS Project</i>
2:15–3:00 pm	Missouri River Floodwater Project: <i>Representatives from Kansas Irrigation Districts</i>
3:00–3:30 pm	Break
3:30–3:35 pm	Message from Senator John Hoeven
3:35–4:20 pm	The "SAGA" of Western Water — Lessons Learned Over 40+ Years In Water Management: <i>Blaine Dwyer, HDR</i>
4:30–5:30 pm	Resolutions Meeting Water Users/Water Resource Districts/Irrigation Association
5:00 pm	Bureau of Reclamation Customer Meetings End
5:30–7:00 pm	Social

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 am	Commercial Exhibits Open
8:00–9:00 am	Prayer Breakfast: Tearing Down Walls and Building Bridges: <i>Rickey Bolden, Discipleship Works</i>
9:00–9:45 am	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wetland Litigation in the Prairie Pothole Region: <i>Jeffrey McCoy, Pacific Legal Foundation</i>
9:45–10:30 am	Economics of Irrigation and Drainage: <i>Decision Innovation Solutions</i>

10:30–10:55 am	Break
10:55–11:00 am	Message from Senator Kevin Cramer
11:00–11:45 am	State of Water: <i>Reice Haase, Department of Water Resources</i>
11:45 am	ND Water Users Association Elections
Noon	Buffet Luncheon
Noon–2:00 pm	Concurrent Joint Board and Annual Meetings • <i>Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board</i> • <i>Missouri River Joint Water Board</i> • <i>ND Irrigation Association Membership Meeting</i> • <i>Souris River Joint Board</i> • <i>Red River Joint Water Resource District</i>
2:00–2:20 pm	ND Water Users Association Update: <i>Mary Massad and Dani Quissell</i>
2:20–2:50 pm	Sovereign Lands Regulation: <i>Department of Water Resources</i>
2:50–3:20 pm	Making Fishing Accessible for Everyone: <i>Jeff Gooss, Wheelchairs & Walleyes</i>
3:30–4:00 pm	Resolutions – Final Adoption Water Users/Water Resource Districts/Irrigation Association
3:30 pm	Commercial Exhibits Close
4:00–5:30 pm	ND Water Users Association Board Meeting
5:30–6:30 pm	Social
6:30 pm	Awards Banquet – <i>Entertainment: Strolling Strings of Bismarck</i> ND Water Education Foundation Silent Auction Benefit Ends

REGISTRATION

Registration information for the 62nd Annual Joint North Dakota Water Convention and Irrigation Workshop can be found at ndwater.org/events.

Full registration is \$310/person or \$360/person after November 21.

Registration for the Irrigation Workshop is \$100.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center for December 9–12. To book your stay, call 701-258-7700 and request the ND Water Users block. Overflow accommodations are also available.

Details can be found at ndwater.org/events.

REGISTER TODAY!

HAVE QUESTIONS? Email staff@ndwater.net or call 701-223-4615.

IRRIGATION WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 11 • 8:00 am–3:30 pm

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- 8:00–9:00 am** **Prayer Breakfast: Tearing Down Walls and Building Bridges:**
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- 9:00–9:45 am** **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wetland Litigation in the Prairie Pothole Region:**
Jeffrey McCoy, Pacific Legal Foundation
- 9:45–10:30 am** **Economics of Irrigation and Drainage:** *Decision Innovation Solutions*
- 10:30–11:00 am** **Break**
- 11:00–11:40 am** **Operationalizing AgTech Innovation: Lessons from Project Whitewater**
Josh Gelinske, ND AgTech
- 11:45 am** **Buffet Lunch**
- Noon–1:00 pm** **ND Irrigation Association Membership Meeting**
- 1:00–2:00 pm** **ND Irrigation Association Board Meeting**
- 2:00–3:20 pm** **Irrigation Water Permit Forum with the Department of Water Resources**
- 3:30–4:00 pm** **Resolutions – Final Adoption**
- 5:30–6:30 pm** **Social**
- 6:30 pm** **Awards Banquet**

