

Upper Missouri Water Association CONFERENCE

September 21-22, 2026

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
Pierre, SD



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 10:00 a.m. Registration Opens, *Lake Oahe Lobby*
- 10:30 a.m. Upper Missouri Water Association (UMWA) Board of Directors Meeting, *Lake Sharpe*
- 12:00 p.m. Opening Luncheon and Distinguished Service Awards Presentation, *Gallery B*
Welcome from Governor Larry Rhoden, invited
- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bureau of Reclamation Customer Meetings, *Lake Sharpe*
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome, *Gallery C*
UMWA President Darrell Raschke
- 1:10 p.m. Water in South Dakota, *Gallery C*
Mark Mayer, South Dakota Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 2:00 p.m. Updates from the Bureau of Reclamation, *Gallery C*
Dani Fettig, Rural Water Division Manager, Dakotas Area Office
Ryan Newman, Manager, Montana Area Office
Lyle Myler, Manager, Wyoming Area Office
- 3:20 p.m. Break, *Gallery C*
- 3:50 p.m. Water in Washington, D.C., *Gallery C*
Greg Morrison, National Water Resources Association
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Social Hour and Reception, *Gallery B*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens, *Lake Oahe Lobby*
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, *Gallery B*
- 9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion on the Missouri River Basin, *Gallery C*
Moderator:
Troy Larson, Lewis & Clark Regional Water System
Panelists:
Wade Bachmeier, Missouri River Joint Water Board
Dana Berwick, Montana Irrigator
Larry Buss, Iowa Corn Growers Association
Frank Huseman, NEW Cooperative
Kurt Pfeifle, Dakota Mainstem
Greg Totze, WaterOne
- 12:00 p.m. Conference concludes