

New Mexico Rural Water Association 34th Annual Conference



Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

April 2-5, 2012

Invitation to Attend

NMRWA's Annual Conference is *the* event for water and wastewater professionals in New Mexico

Take advantage of a golden opportunity to expand your knowledge in the water and wastewater industry. No other event in New Mexico offers attendees and exhibitors the possibility to network and learn with all types of water professionals, system board members, state agency representatives, and legislators all together in one location. Whether you are trying to become certified for the first time, seeking the latest technologies to solve real problems, or getting practical information to help you perform your job better, this is the conference for you. Be a part of the largest, best grassroots water organization in New Mexico and register today!

Registration

Full conference registration includes access to all classes, the Exhibit Hall, and one ticket to each meal event. Lunch will be provided the first three days. Thursday, April 5th are the certification exams - see below for more information. Single day registrations do not include meal tickets. Additional meal tickets may be purchased for single day attendees or for guests.

How To Register

Online: Register at www.nmrwa.org and pay with your credit card, check or request an invoice. Place a secure transaction with no extra fees.

Fax your registration form to our office at 505-884-1032. Please submit one form per attendee.

Phone us at 1-800-819-9893 to register.

3 Ways to Save \$\$ Members - register by March 1 to take advantage of Early Bird pricing
System members under 100 service connections also save money
Join NMRWA for discounts all year long on training and services

Hotel

Our Annual Conference is held at the beautiful Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, a New Mexico Heritage Hotel. This landmark destination is located in the heart of the historic Old Town Plaza and museum district with shops, restaurants, and galleries to explore within walking distance. Call the Hotel Albuquerque at 505-843-6300 and for the NMRWA discounted room rate of \$102. **You must reserve your room by March 15 to receive this rate!**

Classes

Our Annual Conference features high quality classes, workshops, and hands-on training sessions. All classes are taught by qualified experts in the industry. Operators, samplers, and board members receive certification credits by attending accredited classes. **Attendees can earn a total of 19.5 credits by attending the Annual Conference.** Our training tracks are Water Systems Exam Prep, Wastewater Exam Prep, Drinking Water Regulation, Advanced Topics in Water, Management Leadership, Tribal Systems Workshop, Wastewater Collections, Infrastructure Funding, and Hot Topics. The latest class and event schedule is always available at www.nmrwa.org.

Certification Exams

Exams begin at 8:00 am on Thursday, April 5 in the Alvarado Ballroom at Hotel Albuquerque. You **must** submit the state application form with testing fee before the **application deadline of March 7** to the New Mexico Environment Department's Surface Water Quality Bureau to be eligible. Call NMED at 505-827-2802 for exam registration or visit their website at www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/UOCP.

Exhibitor Demonstration Classes

Demonstration Classes allow for hands-on instruction in a small group setting. Classes are offered in 30-minute time blocks on Tuesday morning beginning at 8:00. The classes take place inside the Exhibit Hall at the Exhibitor's booth. There are seven sessions and attendees attend a new class during each session with 5 minutes between each to allow time for rotation. Separate registration with special instructions will be included with your Conference materials. Demonstration classes are always popular and space is limited, so early registration is highly encouraged.

Annual Awards

The New Mexico Rural Water Association recognizes the outstanding service and commitment of the men and women involved in operating, managing, directing, and supporting New Mexico's water and wastewater utilities through our Annual Awards Ceremony. Award recipients are acknowledged through press releases to newspapers and television stations statewide. Anyone may nominate water systems, board members, operators, managers, or special individuals to receive an award. Winners will be recognized during the Awards Luncheon at noon on Wednesday, April 4 in the Alvarado Ballroom. Nominations must be received by February 17, 2012. Help us recognize your hometown's heroes and nominate someone today!

New Mexico Drinking Water Taste Test sponsored by Bohannon-Huston, Inc.

The best-tasting drinking water from a Public Water System will represent all of New Mexico's rural water systems in a nationwide competition in Washington, DC at the annual Rural Water Rally. The Grand Prize Winner will receive airfare and hotel accommodations to meet New Mexico's congressional delegation and enter their water in NRWA's Great American Water Taste Test, courtesy of Bohannon-Huston, Inc. If you think your water is the best, put it to the test! Like fine wine, your water will be judged on taste, bouquet, and clarity. Visit our website for more information, or call the office to request a staff member to drop off a container.

Membership Meeting

Attend our Annual Membership Meeting and cast your vote for Association Board Members and Officers. Every voting system member is entitled to send a delegate to the Membership Meeting. Become a leader in the industry and run for our Board of Directors. Your participation is important in order for the Association to represent you! Get a voting delegate form and other membership information from our website - click on Membership at the top menu bar.

Please Take Note of Our New Address

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