

# NEW YORK RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION'S

*47<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition 2026*

Monday, May 18, 2026, through Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
at The Turning Stone Resort – Verona, NY



For room accommodations, please call 1-800-771-7711 to make your hotel accommodations. To ensure the group rate of \$233 per room/per night, please indicate you are with the NYRWA event. Please make your reservation before April 16, 2026.

The Turning Stone Resort address: 5218 Patrick Road, Verona, NY 13478

If you have any questions on the registration process or completing the enclosed registration form, please contact NYRWA at (888) 697-8725.

Providing members with the expertise and training to meet present and future challenges and representing their interest at the local, state, and federal levels.

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Please note: Associate Members are not permitted entry into the Exhibit Hall unless 1.) registered as an attendant with an Exhibit Booth or 2.) registered as a paid conference attendee. NYRWA reserves the right to refuse entry to non-registered individuals.

**Completed forms must be returned no later than April 27, 2026. No refunds will be made after 4/27/2026.**

**\*ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO PROCESS YOUR REGISTRATION-INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED\***

**Personal Information** (PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER ATTENDEE)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ System/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (Unique) \_\_\_\_\_ DOH Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_ DEC Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Billing Information – (REQUIRED – we cannot process without this information – even if payment is enclosed)**

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**\*\*PLEASE CIRCLE FEES BEING PAID SO THAT YOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT WILL BE APPLIED PROPERLY\*\***

<b>Full Registration</b> – includes training <u>only</u> on Monday, training with breakfast and lunch Tuesday and Wednesday.				
<b>One Day Registration</b> – includes training <u>only</u> on Monday, breakfast and lunch are included Tuesday and Wednesday.				
	<u><b>Full Registration</b></u>	<u><b>Monday Only</b></u>	<u><b>Tuesday Only</b></u>	<u><b>Wednesday Only</b></u>
Members	\$ 395.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
Non-Members	\$ 430.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00
Walk-ins	\$ 470.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00

**DINNER TICKETS (for student listed above) Monday** \_\_\_\_ (# of tickets) **Tuesday** \_\_\_\_ (# of tickets)

Dinner tickets for Monday and Tuesday are not included in the registration fees, they are sold separately.  
The tickets are \$35.00 each and can be used at participating restaurants within the resort.  
Please include your dinner ticket request above – tickets need to be purchased in advance.  
If you wish to purchase meal tickets for a spouse/guest, please call our office at (888) 697-8725 for more information.

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to New York Rural Water Association, Inc.  
Please mail this form & payment to: NYRWA, Inc. - PO Box 487 - Claverack, NY 12513 Or fax to: (518) 828-0582

# AGENDA - NYRWA, Inc. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Training Workshop

One (1) hour credit will be issued per one (1) hour of instruction - All hours are anticipated at this time.

W = Water Credit      WW = Wastewater Credit      D = Water & Wastewater Credit      PE = Professional Engineers

## MONDAY - MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

- 8:30 am      Pat Scalera Scholarship Fund Golf Outing      Co-Sponsored by: Master Meter & Koester Associates, Inc.
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm      EXHIBIT SET UP (Registration begins at 10:00 am)      10:00 am - 5:00 pm      ATTENDEE Registration
- 12:15 - 1:15 pm      Workforce Development - Apprenticeship      D      Jamie Herman, NYRWA, Inc.
- 1:30 - 3:30 pm      (2 Hours)      Cybersecurity Regulations      D      Rachel Cicigline, NYS DOH / Samantha McCart, NYS DEC
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm      “Women in Rural Water Afternoon Coffee” (outside training rooms - open to all)
- 3:45 - 4:45 pm      Safe Digging Practices: Call Before U Dig      D      Emily Jetter, UDig NY
- 5:00 - 5:45 pm      AWARDS CERMONY
- 5:45 - 6:45 pm      Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall

## TUESDAY - MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

- 6:30 - 8:00 am      Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall
- 7:30 - 8:00 am      Opening Ceremonies / Annual Business Meeting      Cypress A/B/C/D/E
- 8:15 - 10:15 am      (2 Hours)      DEC Regulatory Update      WW      Ryan Waldron, Director, NYS DEC, Bureau of Water Compliance  
Cypress A/B/C/D/E
- 8:15 - 10:15 am      (2 Hours)      The Next Generation of SCADA      W      Tyler Miller, Metropolitan Industries, Inc.
- 10:15 - 11:15 am      Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall
- 11:15 am - 12:15 pm      USDA, RD Funding / Technical Updates      D      Brenda Smith / John Helgren, USDA
- 11:15 am - 12:15 pm      Is Your Water Facility Truly Cyber-Resilient?      D      Hank Hosler, CoStream Technologies, Inc.
- 12:15 - 1:30 pm      Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
- 1:45 - 3:45 pm      (2 Hours)      DOH Regulatory Update      W      Kristine Wheeler, NYSDOH, Bureau of Supply
- 1:45 - 3:45 pm      (2 Hours)      Collection Systems Pumping      WW      Greg Wall, EONE / Eric Knudsen, Gorman Rupp
- 3:45 - 4:15 pm      Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall
- 4:15 - 5:15 pm      Power Wash Drones for Water & Wastewater Infrastructure      D      Robert Dahlstrom, Apellix Power Wash Drones  
Blowin' in the Wind - Issues Impacting the Wastewater Industry      WW      Steve Grimm, NYRWA, Inc.  
Compliance & Safety in Water Tank Management      W      Apurv Aggarwal, USG Water Solutions
- 5:15 - 6:30 pm      Carnival Nite in the Exhibit Hall

WEDNESDAY - MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

6:30 - 8:00 am Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

8:15 - 9:15 am NYS Funding Roundtable **D** Charlie Philion, NYS Homes & Community Renewal  
UV Systems with NONCON UV Technology **WW** Romeo Vela, Glasco UV / Julie Barown, J. Andrew Lange, Inc.  
“Firefighting” Won’t Put Out the Fire: Case Study for Proactive Leak Detection **W** Bailey Larson, Ferguson Waterworks

9:15 - 10:15 am Ethical Guidance for Water and Wastewater Professionals **D** Mark Koester, Koester Associates, Inc.  
Sherman, NY... A Case Study of Removing a Wet Well from the Lift Station **WW** Jay Irwin, Sherman, NY DPW  
Field Startup of Vertical Turbine Pumps **W** Marc Gerbsch, Pioneer Pump Systems

10:15 - 11:15 am Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall

11:15 am - 12:15 pm Importance of Alkalinity in Water & Wastewater **D** Loren Swears, Slack Chemical Co. Inc.  
Optimize Your Biosolids Dewatering **WW** Christopher Boyd, Charter Machine Co.  
Rapid Deployment of Temporary Membrane Treatment **W** Joseph Tedder, Wright-Pierce

12:15 - 1:45 pm Lunch in the Exhibit Hall followed by cash drawings

Vendor breakdown after 1:45 pm

1:45 - 2:45 pm Variable Speed Drives for Process Control **D** Rob Lax, Schneider Electric  
Optimized Aeration Solutions **WW** Greg Roppelt, EDI  
Addressing Contamination Incidents in RRAs and ERPs **D** Karen Edwards-Lindsey, US EPA

2:45 - 3:45 pm Retrofitting Your Pump System for Today Standards & Tomorrow’s Requirements **D** Dereck Withey, W2O

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