



2025 Rocky Mountain Water Conference Sets New Attendance Record

Keystone, Colorado – August 24–27, 2025

This year's Rocky Mountain Water Conference brought together more than 1,500 water and wastewater professionals from across the region, marking a record-breaking year for attendance! Set in the scenic mountain town of Keystone, Colorado, the conference delivered a dynamic blend of professional development, networking, and outdoor fun.

From the moment attendees arrived, the energy was high. Despite occasional light rain, the weather cooperated enough for participants to enjoy a wide variety of activities. Whether you joined the 5K Fun Run, Mountain Bike Ride, Golf Tournament, or took part in Meet & Greets, General and Technical Sessions, or explored the Exhibit Hall, there was something for everyone.

Celebrating Excellence in the Industry

Each year, the Rocky Mountain Water Conference also takes time to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond in their contributions to the water and wastewater sectors. Their dedication and passion continue to inspire the broader water community and elevate the standards of our industry.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients:



George Warren Fuller Award –
Dave Hoagland



Volunteer Excellence Award –
Makenzie Chesak and Madeleine Harris



Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (SS) – *Leanne Hyatt and Carol Martinson*



Walt Weers Award – *Dave Lewis*



Young Professionals Award –
Jasmine Gamboa



From the Conference Planning Committee:

"The conference planning committee works hard every year to put together an enjoyable, informative conference with a good balance of technical and social events to facilitate professional growth for attendees of all organizations and levels. It's rewarding for conference planners to see our colleagues enjoying themselves, learning, reconnecting, and making new connections. Attending the Rocky Mountain Water Conference offers valuable opportunities for professional growth, networking, and staying current with industry trends. Participants gain insights into the latest technologies, regulatory updates, and best practices in water and wastewater management. The conference also fosters collaboration among engineers, scientists, utility professionals, and policymakers, helping to drive innovation and sustainable solutions in the region."

Attendee Spotlight:

Alexis Beckman, Water Quality Analyst III, Highlands Ranch Water

A six-year member of AWWA and a five-time attendee of the conference. Alexis loves attending the conference because it gives her a chance to earn education credits for the year while checking out innovations and learning about new

upcoming regulations. She likes attending presentations that are outside of the box for her normal routine. Her favorite presentation this year was about a small wetland pilot plant at a ski resort and an underground wastewater plant in Sweden. She says the conference is a great way to network with others in the same field and learn something new.

Patty Brubaker, Water Quality Treatment Plant Manager, Denver Water

A 22-year member of RMSAWWA who attends the conference every five years. Patty's favorite aspect of the conference was the networking events, Shark Tank competition and many different technical sessions. She says the conference is a great place to meet and discuss ideas with peers in the industry.

Fletcher Davis, Rates Manager, Denver Water

A member of RMSAWWA for nearly two decades – and a conference attendee for that long as well. Fletcher attended the conference this year to share Denver Water's story of fee setting and public outreach with the community. His favorite aspect of the conference is the opportunity to meet and have fun conversations with folks he wouldn't usually meet in his

normal workplace. He noted that lunches are a great time to network!

John Kusoman, Strategic Client Leader, AE2S

A member of RMSAWWA for nearly two decades and a regular attendee of the conference. John attended the conference to listen to municipal and utilities share challenges, successes and in-progress updates as they continue to support the rapidly growing and shifting Rocky Mountain West. He says the conference is a place to learn new tricks – even "old dogs" like him! It is inspiring to see and feel the energy that water professionals bring to communities and industry, and that energy results in innovation. That innovation keeps him curious, eager and empowered to learn.

Looking Ahead

As the water sector continues to evolve, gatherings like the Rocky Mountain Water Conference play a vital role in fostering innovation, sustainability, and community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the attendees, presenters, volunteers, and organizers who made the 2025 conference a success.

We're already looking forward to seeing you again next year in Keystone from August 30 to September 2!

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2025 Rocky Mountain Water Conference by the Numbers

Attendees: **1,507**



Utilities/
Companies
Represented: **132**



Technical
Sessions: **230**



Awards
Presented: **45**



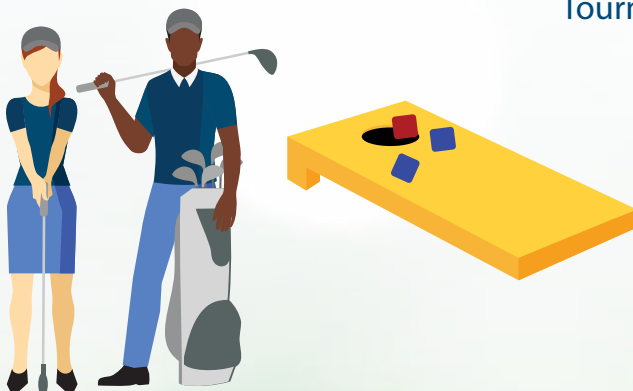
Participants in
the 5K Fun Run: **58**



Participants in the
Mountain Bike Ride: **28**



Participants in the
Golf Tournament: **140**



Participants in
the Corn Hole
Tournament: **62**



First Time
Attendees: **520**

