



# TALKING POINTS

## February 2025

### US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- » APWA's new public policy priorities for the 119th Congress—emergency management, transportation, and water resiliency—are out! [Read them here](#). Make sure your members of Congress know with our latest [Action Alert](#).
- » The APWA *Washington Report* will publish every week this month, except for the week of Presidents Day, February 17. Look for daily government affairs advocacy on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
- » The Engineering & Public Works Roadshow's first stop in 2025 will be February 14 in Miami to showcase the construction of what they are calling the \$840 million ["signature bridge."](#)

### ACCREDITATION

- » Ventura, California Public Works Department. 3rd accreditation
- » Janesville, Wisconsin Department of Public Works. 2nd accreditation

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Consider Serving on a National Committee



APWA is seeking members from all areas of public works to share their expertise to enhance and improve the industry. We aim to engage our diverse membership to develop educational content, represent the profession through advocacy, support and refine credentials, and more. To learn about available opportunities, visit the [Groups and Committees web page](#). Here, you will also find a link to nominate someone.

**Nominations close on March 21, 2025.**  
Questions can be directed to [Teresa Hon](#).

#### Submit Your New Initiatives Proposal

The Spring 2025 window to submit proposals for New Initiatives funding is now open. For details and to download the submittal form, go to the [New Initiatives Committee web page](#).

**Proposals are due February 20, 2025.**  
Questions can be sent to [newinitiatives@apwa.org](mailto:newinitiatives@apwa.org).

### 2025 APWA Awards Deadlines

#### March 3, 2025

Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year, Public Works Projects of the Year, and all other awards except the PACE

#### June 2, 2025

Presidential Acknowledgment for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

[Click here](#) to learn more about the APWA Awards Program.

# CONFERENCES

## Solid Waste Summit

March 13, 2025

This summit will teach attendees innovative ways to maintain a healthy fleet and limit downtime. Gain insight on how to transition to an alternative fuels fleet with the rise in electric and natural gas options. To wrap up the summit, a panel discussion will present on the future of debris management and collection methods.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

## Registration Open!

### 2025 North American Snow Conference

April 6–9, 2025



NORTH AMERICAN  
**SNOW**  
CONFERENCE

Join us in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for four-days of snowfighting education, exhibits, tours, and solutions!

[Click here](#) to learn about our registration types, fees, deadlines, and more.

## PWX 2025

August 17–20, 2025

It's not too early to plan to engage in North America's largest public works marketplace, hosted this year in the vibrant city of Chicago, Illinois. [Watch our preview video](#) and stay tuned for updates.

# CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

## Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Certificate

February 25, 26, and 27, 2025

The Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Certificate

provides those responsible for stormwater operations a comprehensive overview of concepts involved with operating and maintaining stormwater systems while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the prerequisite course and register.

## Chapter Certificate Programs

Chapters interested in offering either the Winter Maintenance Operator and/or the Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate programs in 2025 should contact [education@apwa.org](mailto:education@apwa.org). Program opportunities for the Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate as well as the Public Fleet Management Certificate in 2025 are also available. Interested chapters should contact [education@apwa.org](mailto:education@apwa.org).

# WEBINARS

## Introduction to Basic Stormwater Concepts

This course is available as a recording to take on your own schedule. It provides the foundational concepts of stormwater management, ideal for those new to the field of stormwater including operator and maintenance staff, managers, and public works directors. This course is a prerequisite for the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Certificate or can be taken as a stand-alone course for CEUs.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.



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