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Topics & Speakers Subject to Change

2026 AWBD ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE GAYLORD TEXAN RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER

Thursday 6/18/26

12:30 pm	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Begins	Hotel Loop
1:00 pm	Conference Check-In Opens Garage Sale Opens Exhibitors Area Opens	Pre-Function Longhorn F Pre-Function Longhorn F Longhorn DEF
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception (One guest per registered delegate; advanced guest registration required; no guests will be registered at the conference; No children permitted)	Longhorn DEF
7:00 pm	Conference Check-In Closes Garage Sale Closes Exhibitors Area Closes	Pre-Function Longhorn F Pre-Function Longhorn F Longhorn DEF
7:30 pm	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Stops	Hotel Loop

Friday 6/19/26 Delegates Only—No Children Permitted

7:30 am	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Begins	Hotel Loop
8:00 am	Conference Check-In Opens Garage Sale Opens Exhibitors Area Opens	Pre-Function Longhorn F Pre-Function Longhorn F Longhorn DEF
8:00 am – 8:45 am <i>Complimentary Beverage Service For Delegates Only Throughout Day</i>	Continental Breakfast (Delegates Only) Delegates only will be admitted to the continental breakfast; no guests will be allowed in this area or at this function.	Longhorn DEF

8:45 am – 9:45 am	General Session	Texas A-D
10:00 am	Polls Open	Pre-Function Longhorn E
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Seminar I Good News About Texas Special Districts: Stephen “Steve” Robinson – Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP Ted Wilson – Residential Strategies, Inc.	Texas A-D
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	SEMINAR BLOCK II	
Session II – A	Digging In: How AI and Emerging Technology are Shaping the Utility World Matt Stahl, PE, CFM, AWAM, PGP-AIML – Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. Keith Thomas, PhD – Pipe Force AI, Inc.	Grapevine BD456
Session II – B	Beyond the Budget: How MUDs Can Leverage Grants to Do More Enriqueta “Keta” Caballero – Texas Water Development Board Kara Escajeda – Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Jennifer Mays, P.E., PMP – Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.	Grapevine A123
Session II – C	The Life of a MUD Bond: From Issuance to Arbitrage Leslie A. Bacon – Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP Josh Freeman – Arbitrage Compliance Specialists, Inc. Dimitri Millas – Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP Nicole Pahnke – Arbitrage Compliance Specialists, Inc.	Grapevine C
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	EXHIBITOR LUNCHEON (Delegates Only) Delegates must present Ticket for admission.	Longhorn DEF
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	SEMINAR BLOCK III	
Session III – A	Poo-Dunnit? Solving the Mystery of Re-Use, and Making Cents Out of Sewage Robert B. Duncan – Cinco MUD 1 Marcus Snell, P.E., CFM – EHRA Engineering Harry Thompson – Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP	Grapevine BD456
Session III – B	Gulf Coast Regional Conversion from Groundwater to Surface Water Eric Hansen – West Harris Co Regional Water Authority Melinda D. Silva, P.E. – West Harris Co Regional Water Authority Alia Vinson – Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP	Grapevine A123

Session III – C	From Source to Solution: Tackling Everyday Water Quality Challenges Calvin Browne – Municipal District Services, LLC Steve Grychka – Northwest Harris Co MUD 32	Grapevine C
2:30 pm	Polls Close Conference Check-In Closes Garage Sale Closes Exhibitors Area Closes	Pre-Function Longhorn E Pre-Function Longhorn F Pre-Function Longhorn F Longhorn DEF
3:30 pm	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Stops	Hotel Loop
Saturday 6/20/26 Delegates Only—No Children Permitted		
7:30 am	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Begins	Hotel Loop
8:00 am	Conference Check-In Opens Garage Sale Opens	Pre-Function Longhorn F Pre-Function Longhorn F
8:00 am – 8:45 am <i>Complimentary Beverage Service For Delegates Only Throughout Day</i>	Continental Breakfast (Delegates Only) Delegates only will be admitted to the continental breakfast; no guests will be allowed in this area or at this function.	Longhorn DEF
9:00 am – 10:00 am	SEMINAR BLOCK IV	Texas A-D
	From Failed Elections to Funded Infrastructure: Alternative Financing Strategies for Utility Districts John F. Howell, Jr. – The GMS Group Alyssa Peruchini – The GMS Group Kara E. Richardson – Marks Richardson PC Josh Travis – S & P Global - Ratings	
10:15 am – 11:15 am	SEMINAR BLOCK V	
Session V – A	From Setbacks to Solutions: Lessons Learned from Real Situations Robert W. Dazey, P.E. – Quiddity Engineering, Inc. Kate Henderson – Schwartz, Page, & Harding, L.L.P. Joe Padalino – INFRAMARK, LLC	Grapevine BD456
Session V – B	Fueling the Next Wave of Talent: Our Response to the Silver Tsunami Todd Burrer – INFRAMARK, LLC Larry Goldberg, P.E., ENV SP, FASCE – Harris Co MUD 261 Mark Landreneau – INFRAMARK, LLC	Grapevine A123

Session V – C	At the Gate: Cybersecurity Realities for Water District Boards Vic Friday – Zecurity Technology Corporation David Ronn – Zecurity Technology Corporation	Grapevine C
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	SEMINAR BLOCK VI	
Session VI – A	Out of Sight, Out of Mind, What’s in Your Water Tank? Robert Perrin – Ron Perrin Water Technologies, Inc.	Grapevine BD456
Session VI – B	Staying Compliant in Municipal Operations: Regulatory Oversight, Reporting Integrity & Risk Management Laura Bonjonia – L-K Services	Grapevine A123
Session VI – C	Holding Water Accountable: The Role of Detention Ponds Justin Morales - Fort Bend Co MUD 194 Angela Peters, P.E. – Harris Co MUD 282	Grapevine C
12:00 pm	Conference Check-In Closes Garage Sale Closes	Pre-Function Longhorn F Pre-Function Longhorn F
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	AWARDS CLOSING LUNCHEON (Delegates Only) Delegates must present Ticket for admission.	Texas A-D
2:30 pm	Conference Shuttle Bus Service Stops	Hotel Loop

