



Please join us for our 37th Annual Conference, April 20-22, 2026. You will once again find us at the beautiful Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke, Virginia.

CPE credits are of vital importance when attending training classes. Attend Monday classes along with the Tuesday and Wednesday classes to earn up to 13 credits from over 35 options. CPEs will be available through your online VRWA account a few weeks after conference. If you need an account, visit VRWA.org, select 'Register', and follow the directions that follow.

Remember to submit nominations for our awards ceremony held after lunch on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. This is a great opportunity to recognize your amazing coworkers and how much you appreciate their hard work.

Additionally, we are on the lookout for the best-tasting water in Virginia. Our annual water taste contest is on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5pm in the exhibit hall. Let's see if you have the best-tasting water in Virginia!

Check out the tentative schedule below, and sign up today!

VRWA Annual Conference Overview / Tentative Schedule April 20-22, 2026

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast (Registration in class)	Shenandoah Foyer
8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Full-day Class – Pre-Registration REQUIRED <u><i>A Utility Safety Workshop: Protecting People, Plants and the Public</i></u> David Burpeau (Professional Safety Instructor) or <u><i>Asset Management in Action: Linking Infrastructure, Finance and Public Awareness</i></u> Arnab Bhowmick (Aktivov Asset Management) Logan Borrer (Rockingham County) Brian McReynolds (TETP Founder) or <u><i>Office Professionals Mini-Conference</i></u>	Pocahontas Appalachian
	1 ½ hour lunch on your own (time varies by class)	
8:00 am	VRWA Annual Clay Shoot Registration w/ 9am start time	Summit Springs
8:00 am	VRWA Annual Golf Outing Registration w/ 9am tee time	Hanging Rock Golf
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibitor Set Up Time	Exhibit Hall
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Registration Opens	North Entry Foyer
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Exhibitors Sneak Preview with light refreshments \$50 Prize giveaway	Exhibit Hall / North Entry Foyer
6:30 pm	Vendor Hospitality Evening*	

*We encourage you to enjoy the opportunities some of our vendors have planned around town. Just a reminder that these off-site events are hosted independently by vendors and are not an official part of VRWA's annual conference.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration / Breakfast / Hall Open	Exhibit Hall / North Entry Foyer
8:30 am – 9:30 am	<u>Concurrent Training Classes (5)</u> <i>Drinking Water Regulatory Updates</i> <i>Emergency Preparedness</i> <i>Highs and Lows of Substance Abuse in the Workplace</i> <i>Utilizing Polymerics to Protect and Rehabilitate Your Assets</i> <i>Maximizing Cost Savings and Constructability through Collaborative Delivery</i>	<u>Classrooms</u> Washington Lecture Hall Shenandoah B Pocahontas Shenandoah A Appalachian
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Break	Exhibit Hall
9:45 am – 1:00 pm	Registration CLOSED	
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Opening Session/Annual Business Meeting \$50 Prize giveaway	Washington Lecture Hall
<i>Lunch is a ticketed event. Please have your ticket to receive the lunch you chose at the time of registration.</i>		
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Women in Rural Water Luncheon <i>Connected by Water</i>	Crystal Ballroom
<i>There is a short break after the Business Meeting and before Lunch to allow the Hotel and VRWA Staff to prepare for lunch. Note that if you do not have a ticket for the Women in Rural Water Luncheon, your lunch will begin at noon.</i>		
12 Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Exhibit Hall
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<u>Concurrent Training Classes (5)</u> <i>Differences Between Hollow Fiber PVDF Membranes</i> <i>Microscopy for Wastewater (Part 1/2)</i> <i>Appropriate and Inappropriate Uses for AI</i> <i>Decentralized Water Reuse Project Delivery</i> <i>Backflow Basics & Survey Tips</i>	<u>Classrooms</u> Washington Lecture Hall Shenandoah B Pocahontas Shenandoah A Appalachian
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Break	Exhibit Hall
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<u>Concurrent Training Classes (5)</u> <i>PFAS in Drinking Water: What Virginia Water Systems Need to Know</i> <i>Microscopy for Wastewater (Part 2/2)</i> <i>Communicating During Uncertain Times</i> <i>Integrating a New Water Infrastructure into a Rural Town Water System</i> <i>Public Awareness Relations</i>	<u>Classrooms</u> Washington Lecture Hall Shenandoah B Pocahontas Shenandoah A Appalachian
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Break	Exhibit Hall
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<u>Concurrent Training Classes (5)</u> <i>Discussion of Common Problems in Water Distribution</i> <i>A Rural Water's Journey Towards Sustainability</i> <i>Operator Ethics: The Foundation of Proper Decision-Making</i> <i>Taking Control of Your Next Project</i> <i>Pipes, Pumps, and the Invisible Operator: How AI is Flowing Into the Water Industry</i>	<u>Classrooms</u> Washington Lecture Hall Shenandoah B Pocahontas Shenandoah A Appalachian

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 (cont.)

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Vendor Night w/ light refreshments 2026 Water Taste Contest \$50 Prize giveaway	Exhibit Hall
8:00 pm – 10:30 pm	Casino Night – Southern Corrosion Style	Crystal Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration / Breakfast / Hall Open	Exhibit Hall / North Entry Foyer
8:30 am – 9:30 am	<u>Concurrent Training Sessions (5)</u> <i>Temporary Storage Tanks and Instrumentation</i> <i>VPDES Permit Requirements</i> <i>Success in Corrective and Preventive Action</i> <i>Managing and Mitigating Byproducts in Drinking Water Systems</i> <i>The Impacts of Hurricane Helene on a SW Virginia WW Utility</i>	<u>Classrooms</u> Washington Lecture Hall Shenandoah B Pocahontas Shenandoah A Appalachian
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Break	Exhibit Hall
10:00 am – 11:00am	<u>Concurrent Training Sessions (5)</u> <i>Pitting & Leaking – Water System Acquisition Pitfalls</i> <i>PFAS Considerations for Wastewater Professionals</i> <i>Understanding the Funding Playing Field for W /WW Projects</i> <i>Countdown to Lead and Copper Rule Improvements</i> <i>Ammonia-Based Aeration Control</i>	<u>Classrooms</u> Washington Lecture Hall Shenandoah B Pocahontas Shenandoah A Appalachian
11:00am – 11:30am	Exhibit Hall Finale – Vendor Sponsored Drawings	Exhibit Hall
11:30 am	Exhibit Hall Closes / Thank you vendors!	
11:30am – 12:30pm	<u>Concurrent Training Sessions (5)</u> <i>Town of Aldie Water Tank Replacement</i> <i>FGX3- Novel Chemistry for FOG Control</i> <i>Teamwork Isn't Optional</i> <i>Reactive to Proactive: A Progressive Approach to Optimizing Your Maintenance Program</i> <i>The Total Cost Equation of Pipeline Material Selection</i>	<u>Classrooms</u> Washington Lecture Hall Shenandoah B Pocahontas Shenandoah A Appalachian
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Break	
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (Attendees Only – ticketed event)	Crystal Ballroom
1:30 pm	Closing Session Graduation of LLWI Practitioner Cohort VRWA Awards and Giveaways	Crystal Ballroom