



NEWWA
New England
Water Works
ASSOCIATION



NEWWA/RIWWA Joint Membership Meeting

July 16, 2025

12:00PM - 4:00PM

The Guild Brewing Company, Pawtucket, RI

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

Earn 2 TCHs (pending approval of state agencies). You must attend the entire meeting to earn TCHs.

Building a Sustainable Workforce

Planning for the Future: A New 1 MG Tank's Role in Serving Providence Water's Expanding Service Area

Not a Straight Path: A Coastal Community Builds Resilience in Uncertain Times

BCWA - Hydraulic and Pressure Zone Study

RI Department of Health Update

**Updates from RIDOH, NEWWA President, Demetri Vidalis,
and RIWWA President, Jessica Lynch**

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Register online at newwa.org		Complete this form, scan, and return by email to Katelyn at ktodesco@newwa.org .		Complete this form and return by fax to 508.893.9898	
CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print clearly.)					
Name		Title		Nickname	
Company					
Address		City		State	Zip
Phone	Fax	Email			Member #
EARLY REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE 7/2/25			LATE REGISTRATION FEE 7/2/25 OR AFTER		
NEWWA/RIWWA Member Fee Before 7/2/25 @ \$90			NEWWA/RIWWA Member Fee After 7/2/25 @ \$115		
Non-Member Fee Before 7/2/25 @ \$155			Non-Member Fee After 7/2/25 @ \$200		
PAYMENT INFORMATION					
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QUESTIONS? Contact Katelyn Todesco, Events & Marketing Manager, at ktodesco@newwa.org.

NEWWA and RIWWA Joint Membership Meeting Agenda

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12:00 PM Registration, Lunch, and Business Meeting

12:45 PM Introduction by Moderator & Welcome by Demetri Vidalis and Jessica Lynch

ERIN HOLMES, P.E., Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, Pennichuck Water Works, Nashua, NH, and IAN MEAD, P.E., BCEE, Principal, Apex Companies, LLC., Quincy, MA

12:50 PM Building a Sustainable Workforce

THOMAS TYLER, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, Metropolitan District Commission, Hartford, CT

This presentation will provide an overview of various initiatives the Metropolitan District, Hartford, CT, has implemented to reduce siloed job functions by creating incentivized multi-tasking jobs, leading to higher understanding of plant operations. MDC programs to attract high school students will also be presented. Efforts to engage staff in design of treatment construction projects will also be explained. These efforts have delivered improvements in treatment efficiency, staffing and compliance – all were delivered internally – for a low cost approach other utilities can successfully replicate.

1:20 PM Planning for the Future: A New 1 MG Tank's Role in Serving Providence Water's Expanding Service Area

LEO FONTAINE, Principal Engineer, Providence Water, Providence, RI, and SHANE DRISCOLL, P.E., Managing Engineer, Pare Corporation, Lincoln, RI

In 2021, Providence Water acquired the Johnston Water District (a former wholesale customer) in the Town of Johnston. This system consisted of two pumping stations and a 750,000-gallon storage tank, built in the late 1980s. Development drove the need for pump station upgrades and tank replacement. In support of a service area expansion plan, a new transmission main and 1 MG composite elevated storage tank was constructed.

1:50 PM Not a Straight Path: A Coastal Community Builds Resilience in Uncertain Times - Part 1

KIRSTEN RYAN, PG, Drinking Water Practice Leader – New England, and TYLER BERNIER, Project Manager, Kleinfelder, Boston, MA

The Hyannis Water System's new 4MGD Straightway Treatment facility will supply surging seasonal demand and provide system resiliency with two replacement wells, a new 10,000 square foot GAC/Greensand/UVAOP facility, and winterization of existing seasonal GAC units. We will discuss unique project challenges including impacts of shifting federal directives on permits; impacts of economic climate and BABA requirements on cost estimating and bid prices; and challenges of construction sequencing to maintain required summer operational continuity April through October.

2:20 PM Break

2:30 PM BCWA - Hydraulic and Pressure Zone Study

STEPHEN COUTU, P.E., Executive Director and Chief Engineer, and MICHAEL CRAWFORD, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Bristol County Water Authority, Warren, RI

This presentation describes how Bristol County Water Authority tackled two longstanding issues with one project. In 2008, BCWA set out to solve a system pressure problem and tank turnover issue by expanding their high service area. BCWA's system was originally developed around the turn of the 20th century, most customers were located near the coast. Development of the system led to low pressure at the higher elevations and infrastructure modifications "locked up" one of the system's storage tanks.

3:00 PM RI Department of Health Update

ANN BATTERSBY, Environmental Scientist IV, Enforcement Manager, Center for Drinking Water Quality, and CHRISTINA (CHRISSY) MILLAR, Environmental Scientist IV, Enforcement Manager, Center for Drinking Water Quality, Environmental Health Division, RI Department of Health, Providence, RI

3:45 PM Wrap-Up and Final Questions

3:50 PM Meeting Adjourns, Post-Event Networking in Brewery