



2026 APWA SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

TUESDAY 3/31	
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibitor Set Up (Vendor Area)

WEDNESDAY 4/1			
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration		
7:45 AM - 8:45 AM	Young Professionals Breakfast Building the Future with APWA (Mountain Bluebird, Milan Room 8) Joubin Pakpour, P.E. (Pakpour Consulting Group)		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Welcome Address, Announcements (Battle Born/General Session) Dianne Ocon (LVVWD), Jared Wagstaff (Las Vegas Paving) Nellis Honor Guard National Anthem performed by Paul Villaluz, P.E. (Westwood) Guest Speaker: Mayor Michelle Romero (City of Henderson)		
	SAGEBRUSH TECHNICAL TRACK (Milan Room 7)	BIGHORN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK (Milan Room 5)	MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE TRACK (Milan Room 8)
9:35 AM - 10:05 AM	Upcoming SNWA/LVVWD Contracts & What They Mean for Southern Nevada Anita Marquez, P.E. (SNWA)		Intro to Pavement Management Greg Duncan, P.E. (LTAP)
10:10 AM - 10:40 AM	Building Better Together: Launching Henderson's New Construction and Design Survey Process Steven Conner, P.E., Michael Kidd, P.L.S. (COH)	Value of an International Presence Doa Ross, P.E. (LVVWD)	An Asset Management Approach to Storm Drain Condition Assessment Clark Barlow, P.E., Emily Straley, P.E. (Wood Rodgers)
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Micro-Trenching – 2 inches wide, 20 Departments Deep Michael Cunningham, P.E. (CLV)	“Soft”-Essential Leadership Skills: The Art of Leveraging Humaneness for Optimal Performance and Game-changing Results Marianna Hunnicutt, P.E. (Kimley-Horn)	Wetlands Park Maintenance - Where Nature and Engineering Collide Elizabeth Bickmore, Ben Jurand (Clark County Wetlands)
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	BREAK (Vendor Area)		
11:30 AM - 12:50 PM	Lunch & Keynote Speaker “Building the Bridge: Crafting a Career That Lasts” (Battle Born/General Session) Brian Rowley, P.E. (CCRFCO) Public Works careers are built much like the infrastructure we create – one span at a time through collaboration, resilience, and shared purpose. This keynote highlights how focusing on the positive, recognizing achievements, and strengthening workplace relationships can help professionals build meaningful careers and lasting impact on their communities.		
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Renewing World Class Infrastructure in Nevada: One Rehab at a time Chancy Vines, P.E., Breanna Satmary, E.I.T (HDR)	AI in Public Works: Practical Applications That Work Today Kelly Wheeler, P.E. (BridgeDoc)	Connectivity During Emergencies Tracy Larkin-Thomason, P.E. (NDOT)
1:35 PM - 2:05 PM	Funding the Road Ahead (Battle Born/General Session) Joanna Wadsworth, P.E. (RTC)		
2:05 PM - 2:35 PM	BREAK (Vendor Area)		
2:35 PM - 3:50 PM	Project Highlights (Battle Born/General Session) Garnet Valley Water and Wastewater Systems, Isaac Guzman, P.E. (SNWA), Joseph Cetrulo, P.E. (GCW), Yesika Otano-Alonso (HDR) 215 Widening, Nathan Enos, P.E. (COH) Summerlin Interchange, Daniel Erickson (DCS) Maryland Parkway BRT, Brij Gulati, P.E. (RTC), Tim McCoy, P.E. (GCW)		
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Director Roundtable (Battle Born/General Session) <i>Moderated by Jed Wheeler (Bighorn Management Group)</i> Clark County Public Works - Antonio Papaziam, P.L.S. City of North Las Vegas - Michael Hudgeons, P.E. City of Las Vegas - Gina Venglass, P.E. City of Henderson - Lance Olson, P.E. City of Boulder City - Gary Poindexter City of Mesquite - Travis Anderson, P.E. Nevada Department of Transportation - Tracy Larkin-Thomason, P.E.		
6:00 PM	Public Works Director Toast (M Resort Pool)		
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Alumni Night & BBQ (M Resort Pool)		



THURSDAY 4/2			
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Past President's Breakfast (Bighorn, Milan Room 5)		
	SAGEBRUSH TECHNICAL TRACK (Milan Room 7)	BIGHORN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK (Milan Room 5)	MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE TRACK (Milan Room 8)
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	The Construction Tool Box - Planning for Success, but Preparing for the Unknown Jimmy Floyd, P.E. (Pioneer Construction & Engineering Services), Steve Nilforoushan, P.E. (Rinker Materials)	Winning The Room: How to Prepare for Public Agency Interviews That Actually Get You Selected Jacob Snow, P.E. (GCW)	Use Authorizations & Recreation on Federally Managed Lands Tambi Calvert, Chris Linehan, Jamie Moeini (USBR)
9:05 AM - 9:35 AM	Overcoming Challenges on the Summerlin Parkway Interchange Jared Olsen, P.E., Ryan Wheeler, P.E. (Horrocks)	Succession Planning - Technical Training and Leadership Priscilla Howell, P.E., Tina Chen (COH)	Extending Pavement Life: The Critical Role of Crack Seal & Mastic Chris Robb (Maxwell Products)
9:35 AM - 10:05 AM	BREAK and EXHIBITOR SPOTLIGHT (Vendor Give Aways & Snacks)		
10:05 AM - 10:35 AM	Summerlin Major Infrastructure Projects April Chapman (Howard Hughes Communities)	Unlock your Data with Master Planning: The Key to Digital Transformation Gina Neilson, P.E. (Parsons), Peter Jauch, P.E. (LVVWD)	Engineering Beneath the Surface Katey Leatham (Horrocks)
10:40 AM - 11:10 AM	Exploring the City of Las Vegas Trail Network: Where's Jeremy? Zelalem Alemu, P.E. (CLV)	From Vision to Infrastructure: Bridging the Gap Between University Master Planning and Public Works Reality Amber Lopez Lasater (NSU), Kelvin Haywood (TSK Architects)	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) Overview Erin Eurek, P.E. (TX), ADAC (Kimley-Horn)
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch & Keynote Speaker (Battle Born/General Session) Keynote Speaker: Matt Donnelly - The Mind Noodler (Comedy Magician) The Las Vegas Review Journal recently named Matt Donnelly, "Las Vegas's Best Up and Coming Comedy Magician". His act, The Mind Noodler has been dazzling audiences across the North America with his unique and hilarious brand of magic and one of a kind story. Many years ago while working as head writer on Penn & Teller Fool Us, Penn Jillette challenged Matt to learn one trick. He said "It's harder that you think...but you might be better at it than you think". So he did learn one trick...from 7 different magicians! He put all 7 tricks together and made his first show.		
12:35 PM - 1:05 PM	Recommendations for Safety, Efficiency, and Awareness of Workzones using Collaboration and Technology Lee Mixon, P.E., Brian Hoeft, P.E. (Mixon Hill)	Small Talk Fears Celine Bannourah (Westwood)	Making Infrastructure Last Longer - Corrosion and Corrosion Management 101 Dale Lindemuth, P.E. (Corrpro)
1:10 PM - 2:10 PM	Final Stabilization Panel Discussion (Battle Born/General Session) Panel: Troy Hildreth (LVP), Robert Zinkevich (NDEP), Katrinka Byers (CCDES), Andrew Kirk (CCDES), Damon Lindsay (CCDES), Jennifer Thomason (Tract)		
2:20 PM - 3:20 PM	ROAdeo Finals (M Resort East Parking Lot) <i>Moderated by Jimmy Floyd, P.E. (Pioneer Construction & Engineering Services)</i>		
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Nevada Board Business and "Have You Been Hacked"? (Sagebrush, Milan Room 7) Mark Fakler, P.E., Ed McGuire, P.E. (NVBPELS)		
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Project of the Year (Sagebrush, Milan Room 7) <i>Moderated by Andrew Howard, P.E. (Westwood)</i>		
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Cocktails and Social Hour (Vendor Area)		
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Banquet Dinner & Awards Ceremony (Battle Born/General Sessions) <i>Homecoming Attire Recommended</i>		
9:00 PM	YP Hosted After Party (Parkway Tavern)		

FRIDAY 4/3	
9:00 AM	YP Event - Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWRF) Tour (Southwest Water Reclamation Facility 2610 St Rose Parkway Henderson, NV 89074)
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Exhibitor Breakdown (Vendor Area)
6:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Golf Check-in (The Revere Golf Club)
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Golf Tournament (The Revere Golf Club)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Golf Conclusion and Awards (The Revere Golf Club)