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**AGENDA**

- 8:30 a.m.      **Welcome & Program Introduction:** Andrea Braga, Program Co-Chair  
Vice Chair, EBC Water Resources Committee  
Principal Water Resources Engineer, Jacobs
- 8:50 a.m.      **Federal Programs - U.S. Environmental Protection Agenda**
- Ken Moraff, Water Division Director  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 1
- 9:20 a.m.      **Connecticut**
- Graham Stevens, Chief  
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse  
Connecticut Department of Environmental & Energy Protection

- 9:40 a.m. **Rhode Island**
- Joseph Haberek, P.E., Administrator, Surface Water Protection  
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- 10:00 a.m. **New Hampshire**
- Brandon Kernen, Administrator, New Hampshire Department of  
Environmental Services (NHDES) Drinking Water & Groundwater  
Bureau
  - Tracy Wood, Administrator, Wastewater Engineering Bureau, NHDES
- 10:20 a.m. **Networking Opportunity**
- 10:35 a.m. **Break**
- 10:40 a.m. **Massachusetts**
- Kathleen Baskin, Assistant Commissioner  
Bureau of Water Resources  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- 11:00 a.m. **Vermont**
- Pete LaFlamme, Director, Watershed Management Division  
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
- 11:20 a.m. **Maine**
- Brian Kavanah, Director, Bureau of Water Quality  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- 11:40 a.m. **Moderated Discussion**
- Moderator:** Robert Melvin, Program Co-Chair  
Partner, Robinson+Cole
- Panel Members:**
- Kathleen Baskin (MA)
  - Joseph Haberek (RI)
  - Brian Kavanah (ME)
  - Brandon Kernen, (NH)
  - Peter LaFlamme (VT)
  - Ken Moraff, US EPA
  - Tracy Wood (NH)
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Andrea is a Principal water resources engineer with extensive experience leading projects of varying size, type, scope, and complexity. Her technical specialties include stormwater management system design, surface water hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliance. Andrea has considerable experience in low impact development and green stormwater infrastructure planning, design, permitting, construction oversight, monitoring, and maintenance.

Andrea has presented on water resources and stormwater-related topics at over 30 conferences and workshops nationwide, including the NEIWPC Annual NPS Conference, IECA's Environmental Connection Conference, EWRI International Low Impact Development Conference, and NEWEA Annual Conference. She is also a technical peer reviewer for the Journal of Irrigation and Drainage and the Journal of Environmental Engineering.

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Bob Melvin has over 20 years of experience counseling clients on wastewater and stormwater discharge permitting, water supply, wastewater reuse, brownfields, sustainability, environmental, health, and safety compliance strategies and enforcement defense, emergency response efforts, site remediation, and siting and permitting of development projects. He also represents companies and organizations in related real estate and corporate transactions, and in proceedings before agencies and courts. A wide range of clients benefit from his services, including municipalities, water and wastewater utilities, educational institutions, and aerospace, metal finishing and other manufacturers. Bob co-chairs Robinson+Cole's interdisciplinary Sustainability Group in addition to his leadership within the firm's Environmental, Energy + Telecommunications Group.

## **SPEAKERS**

**Kathleen Baskin**, Assistant Commissioner  
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Kathy is Assistant Commissioner for MassDEP's Bureau of Water Resources, overseeing the programs in Wastewater, Wetlands, Water Quality Certification, Drinking Water, Watershed Planning, Water Management, and State Revolving Funds. She has dedicated her career to water resource protection, splitting it between the public, private and non-profit sectors. Kathy previously worked as Director of Water Policy for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, where she served for 11 years. She has also worked on water resource issues as an advocate, for Charles River Watershed Association and as a consultant. She completed her undergraduate education at Tufts University,

where she also received a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering. In addition, she holds a Master's in Public Administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

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Mr. Haberek started his career in process engineering and facility environmental compliance for the plastics coating and textile industries for three years. He then joined RIDEM in 1997 in the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Program, working his way up to eventually become the supervisor of the RIPDES Program. In this position, he was responsible for permitting wastewater, municipal stormwater, and industrial stormwater discharges directly to surface water and for oversight of the Industrial Pretreatment Program for industrial discharges into sewer systems. Mr. Haberek was recently appointed Administrator of Surface Water Protection in the RIDEM's Office of Water Resources. In this role, he supervises the RIPDES, Operations and Maintenance, Wastewater Design, and Shellfishing Programs. Mr. Haberek has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island and is a registered Professional Engineer.

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Brian has worked in the field of environmental protection for 32 years, holding a variety of positions with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and briefly with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in New York City.

Brian was appointed as the Director of the Bureau of Water Quality in April of 2019. He is responsible for all aspects of the water quality programs at Maine DEP.

Prior to his current position, Brian served for 18 years as the Director of the Division of Water Quality Management at the Maine DEP overseeing all regulatory and financial assistance programs for point source discharges. He held previous positions in the DEP in the Pollution Prevention, Toxics Use Reduction, Small Business Assistance, and Sludge and Residual Utilization Programs.

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Brandon Kernen is the Administrator of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. He has over 25 years of professional experience and a graduate degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Tufts University and an undergraduate degree in Hydrology and Water Resources from the University of Arizona. He is a licensed Professional Geologist.

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Pete LaFlamme is Director of the Watershed Management Division at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and has been serving in this role since 2007. The Division's mission is the comprehensive and integrated management of Vermont's surface water resources and includes three media-specific resource management and regulatory programs - Wetlands, Rivers, and Lakes, three federally delegated permitting programs - Stormwater, Wastewater, and CAFO, and a Monitoring and Assessment program which integrates watershed-scale and statewide water resource analyses.

Previously he was responsible for the creation, development, and management of Vermont's stormwater control program. During his career he has also specialized in surface water modeling and in general water resources systems analysis. He did his undergraduate studies in environmental science at the University of New England, and his graduate course work at the University of Vermont, specializing in the analysis and modeling of water resource systems.

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Ken Moraff is director of the Water Division at EPA's New England regional office, with responsibility for federal surface water and drinking water programs in the six New England states. He has led major environmental projects including the Boston Harbor and Charles River cleanups and has helped EPA develop innovative approaches to complex challenges including nutrient pollution and contaminated stormwater runoff. Ken previously served as manager of EPA-New England's enforcement program, where he developed strategies which integrated enforcement and compliance assistance to improve industry's environmental performance. He began his EPA career as an enforcement attorney and a special assistant to the Regional Administrator, and previously worked for the City of Cambridge, MA on affordable housing issues. He is a graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law School.

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Mr. Stevens is the Chief of the Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, a role he has served in since 2019. The Bureau works to protect and restore Connecticut's freshwaters and coastal resources from the effects of chemical releases, development, and climate change by issuing permits and enforcing water quality regulations, cleaning up contaminated sites, managing risks of floods and droughts, partnering with EPA and New York to restore the Long Island Sound, and monitoring waters to ensure progress. In addition, the Bureau regulates dams and manages agency-owned dams and flood control structures across the state. Graham also serves as the agency's representative to Connecticut's interagency Water Planning Council charged with implanting the State Water Plan. Over his twenty two year career with the agency, he has served in multiple roles, including managing Connecticut's open space program, serving as Chief of Staff to Commissioners Amey Marrella and Gina McCarthy, and serving as Connecticut's first Brownfields Coordinator. Mr. Stevens completed his undergraduate degree at Clark University and received a Master's degree in Water Resources from the University of Connecticut.

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