



10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Policy Conference  
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# 2026

# CONFERENCE

# AGENDA



**MARCH 16-17, 2026**  
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## Conference Agenda

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All events will take place at the **Willard InterContinental Washington, D.C.**  
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

### Monday, March 16

#### **Congressional Awards Dinner in Recognitions of Congressman Rouzer (NC-07) & Congressman Westerman (AR-04)**

**6:30 – 7:00 PM:** Reception

**7:00 – 9:00 PM:** Dinner & Awards

*The Nest*

### Tuesday, March 17

**8:00 – 9:00 AM: Breakfast**

*Buchanan Room*

**9:00 – 9:05 AM: Welcome Remarks**

*Pierce Room*

- **Adam Riggsbee**, ERBA President and President, RiverBank Conservation
- **Sara Johnson**, Executive Director, Ecological Restoration Business Association

**9:05- 9:35 AM: Special Address from the Office of Management and Budget**

*Pierce Room*

- **Moderator: Ross Nelson**, Atlantic Region Manager, Westervelt Ecological Services
- **Stuart Levenbach**, Associate Director for Natural Resources, Energy, Science and Water at the White House Office of Management and Budget

**9:35-10:35 AM: Clean Water Act Reform & Mitigation Efficiencies**

*Pierce Room*

- **Moderator: Kyle Graham**, Director, Operations and Policy, Ecosystem Investment Partners
- **Lee Forsgren**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
- **Caitlin McHale**, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Strategic Initiatives, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



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Tuesday, March 17 (continued)

**10:35 – 11:00 AM: Coffee Break**

*Buchanan Room*

**11:00 – 11:30 AM: US Fish and Wildlife Services ESA Reform Priorities and Developments**

*Pierce Room*

- **Adam Riggsbee**, President, RiverBank Conservation
- **Brian Nesvik**, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Corps Regulatory Program Updates**

*Pierce Room*

- **Moderator: Matt Stahman**, Director, Regulatory, Resource Environmental Solutions
- **Tom Walker**, Regulatory Branch Chief for the US Army Corps of Engineers

**12:00 – 12:45 PM: Reflections on Recent Policy Reforms from Legal Experts and the States**

*Pierce Room*

- **Moderator: Sara Johnson**, Executive Director, Ecological Restoration Business Association
- **Ben Grumbles**, Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States
- **Larry Liebesman**, Senior Advisor, Dawson & Associates
- **Jennifer Moyer**, Senior Regulatory Advisor, Plauché & Carr LLP

**12:45 – 1:15 PM: Closing Remarks and Lunch Reception**

*Buchanan Room*

**1:15 PM and later: Optional Agency and Hill Meetings**



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