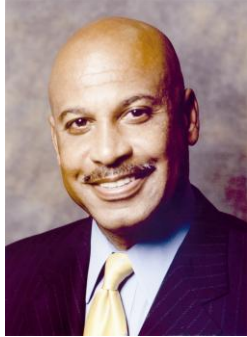


**Message from the Chairmen  
(From the Spring 2005 Urban Water Council Newsletter)**



Mayor Douglas Palmer  
Trenton, NJ



Mayor David Wallace  
Sugar Land, TX

The Urban Water Council (UWC) held a Regional Municipal Seminar last fall in Connecticut to discuss water infrastructure, public-private partnerships and asset management issues. West Haven (CT) Mayor Richard Borer was the local host Mayor, and he led a discussion on the state of water partnerships in Connecticut. Many thanks go to Mayor Borer for making the Seminar a success. This edition of the Urban Water Council Newsletter contains a number of articles describing the proceedings.

The UWC also met in January of 2005 in conjunction with the Winter Meeting of the Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC. Featured speakers included Representative David Hobson (Ohio) who Chairs the House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, and Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Commander and Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Both of the speakers discussed water resource issues and water project funding issues. Representative Hobson indicated that the Water Resources Development Act is high on the Congressional list of priorities this year.

The UWC will convene on June 10 in Chicago in conjunction with the 73rd Annual Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors. The meeting will feature Mayor Daley's efforts to protect and preserve the critical importance of the Great Lakes as a major water resource. We also plan to unveil preliminary results from our National Urban Water Survey- a survey of 428 cities that looks into water infrastructure investment; water supply issues; water conservation efforts; and, how cities prioritize water resource issues. All Mayors are welcome to attend the meeting.

Later this year (September 29 – October 1) Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez will host the Annual Urban Water Summit. The Summit will include a daylong program of panel sessions, and the inaugural Municipal Water Conservation Awards. The Awards will be based on a review by a panel of independent judges who will review information submissions by cities interested in sharing their successes as Best Practices. A cash award will be granted to three cities chosen by the panel of judges. More information will be posted on the UWC portion of the USCM website in June.