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Mayors Water Council

**92ND ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE UNITED STATES
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS**

**FRIDAY – JUNE 21, 2024
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

MUSE B (4th Floor)

AGENDA

Mayors Water Council

8:00 am – 9:00 am

- Co-Chair* ***Welcome and Introductions***
DEBORAH ROBERTSON
Mayor of Rialto
- Mayor's Roundtable
- Introduction of New Water Development Advisory Board Members
- Remarks* ***Navigating the Funding Landscape***
FRANCESCA McCANN
Director, Alternative Funding, Financing, P3
Black & Veatch
- Presentation* ***Best Practice: Rialto Water Resource Partnership with Inland Empire***
DEBORAH ROBERTSON
Mayor of Rialto
- STEPHEN DOPUDJA
President/CEO
Dopudja & Wells Consulting, Inc.
- Discussion* ***Regulatory Horizon for City Water and Sewer***
- Moderator DEBORAH ROBERTSON
Mayor of Rialto
- Remarks* ***EPA's Combined Sewer System Permitting Policy***
JAMIE PIZIALI
Municipal Ombudsman
United States Environmental Protection Agency
- Remarks* ***Veolia's Ecofactory – When Cities See Wastewater Anew***
FRED VAN HEEMS
CEO
Veolia North America

Adjourn



Mayors Water Council June 2024 Mayoral Membership



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Francesca McCann **Black & Veatch**



Francesca McCann is an exceptional leader with over 20 years of experience in the water and energy sectors. As the Director of Alternative Funding, Financing, and P3 at Black & Veatch, she is responsible for sharing her extensive knowledge of funding and financing strategies, project finance, investments, ESG, sustainability, alternative delivery, and regulatory and political analysis with clients in these industries.

Francesca's expertise in water and energy funding and financing has made her a highly sought-after advisor for clients seeking to fund and finance their projects. She is a strategic thinker with a proven track record in new business development, business strategy, financial analysis, project management, and business development. Her proficiency in sustainability, ESG, and energy has enabled her to provide clients with innovative and comprehensive solutions that meet their unique needs and challenges. Francesca's contributions to the water and energy sectors have earned her a well-deserved reputation as a respected industry leader.

Jamie Piziali **Environmental Protection Agency**



Jamie Piziali is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) first [Municipal Ombudsman](#). She serves as a resource for communities seeking to comply with clean water regulations and provides support in navigating federal funding opportunities, technical assistance, flexibilities, and integrated planning. Prior to leading the Office of the Municipal Ombudsman, Jamie spent over fifteen years in EPA's Office of Water working on issues such as municipal and industrial wastewater, permits, and EPA's National Green Infrastructure Program.

Frédéric Van Heems

President and Chief Executive Officer

A graduate of the École des Hautes Études Commerciales in Jouy-en-Josas, France, Frédéric Van Heems began his career in 1986 at the French newspaper Le Figaro, before joining the Lagardère Group in 1994 where he was Chairman and CEO, first for Lapker in Hungary and then for Zendis in France.

In 2002, he joined Areva, as Director of the uranium enrichment program. Three years later, he was appointed President and CEO of Canberra as worldwide leader in radioactivity measurement systems and solutions, where he was based in New York.

In 2009, he was named CEO of Cegelec Group. In 2011, he created his consulting company, and in 2013, he became CEO of Alstom Power Automation and Control.

Frédéric Van Heems joined Veolia in 2014 as General Manager of its subsidiary Siram in Italy. He was appointed Chief Executive Officer for Veolia Water France in 2016, before becoming President and Chief Executive Officer of Veolia North America in 2021.



Stephen Dopudja
Dopudja & Wells Consulting, Inc.



Mr. Dopudja is the President/CEO and founding partner of Dopudja & Wells Consulting, Inc., a firm specifically focused in the water and wastewater utility sector. Mr. Dopudja has 32 years of experience managing complex water resources projects. His capabilities range from serving as an Independent Owner's Advisor for Public Private Partnerships, planning and computer modeling of water and sewer systems, to the design and construction of water resources including: pump stations, reservoirs and pipelines. He is experienced using a variety of project delivery methods including Design-Build and traditional Design-Bid-Build.



Mayors Water Council

A Task Force of The United States Conference of Mayors

The primary purpose of the Mayors Water Council (MWC) is to assist local governments in providing high quality water resources in a cost effective manner. The MWC provides a forum for local governments to share information on water technology, management methods, operational experience, and financing of infrastructure development. The MWC will monitor and respond, as appropriate, to federal legislative, regulatory or policy proposals affecting the delivery of municipal water services. The MWC will also provide a forum to assist local government in exploring competition and public-private partnership approaches, and alternative methods of financing water infrastructure development.

The Mayors Water Council (MWC) officially commenced operations within the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) on August 1, 1995. The MWC began its first program year with an August 4, 1994 forum held in Washington, DC. At the forum, Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner noted that the federal government will not be able to meet the future water development financing needs of cities. Therefore, local governments must seek public/private partnerships to finance future water development projects.

Participation in the Mayors Water Council is open to all mayors, and functions like a USCM task force.