

2026 Nebraska Water Conference Draft Agenda

Thursday, October 15

7:30 am	Registration and breakfast	<i>Great Plains A&B</i>
8:30 am	Main session 1: Data centers and water use Panel with Crystal Powers, Craig Bennett, Dustin Marvel	<i>Great Plains C</i>
9:30 am	Break, student poster competition	<i>Great Plains A&B</i>
10:00 am	Breakout Session 1 (15 minutes for each talk) Groundwater Management Planning Christopher Elofson; Paul Woodward and Marie Krausnick; Jeremy Gehle and Steve Herdzin; Annette Sudbeck, Dennis Schueth, Brian Bruckner, and Marcus Blunck Education and Outreach Sara Brock-Contreras; Krista Brown; Taylor Hamblin; Russell Callan	<i>Arbor Suite</i> <i>Prairie Suite</i>
11:00	Break	<i>Great Plains A&B</i>
11:15 am	Breakout session 2 (15 minutes for each talk) Emerging contaminants Muhammad Saiful; Qu Wen; Anika Azme, final speaker TBD Watershed management and flood control Amanda Grint; Mike Drain; Kyle Hauschild; Scott Schaneman	<i>Arbor Suite</i> <i>Prairie Suite</i>
12:15 pm	Lunch and History of Nebraska Water Management talk John Berge and Lee Orton	<i>Great Plains A&B</i>
12:30 – 2:00	What's New in MODFLOW 6 Sorab Panday	<i>Prairie Suite</i>
1:15 pm	Main session 2: Jesse Bradley, NDWEE Robert Lawson, NRCS	<i>Great Plains C</i>

- 2:15 pm Breakout session 3 (15 minutes for each talk)
- Water use in agriculture *Arbor Suite*
- Julia Strand; John Thorburn; Jacob Fritton; Mike Murphy;
Joslynn Vanderslice and Amy Timmerman; Christopher
Anderson
- Groundwater quality and phase-based management *Prairie Suite*
- Terry Julesgard; Arindam Malakar; Mikaela Cherry; Wade
Ellwanger; Lyndon Vogt; Daryl Andersen and Nate Dorsey
- 3:45 pm Break, student poster competition *Great Plains A&B*
- 4:15 pm Main session 3: 150 Years of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Great Plains C*
- Shannon Bartelt-Hunt; Bruce Dvorak; Mohamed Dahab; Dale
Jacobsen
- 5:00 pm Conference reception and student poster competition final presentations
- Great Plains A&B*
- Co-hosted by UNL's Department of Civil and Environmental
Engineering

Friday, October 16

- 7:30 am Breakfast and registration *Great Plains A&B*
- 8:30 am Main session 4: Urban Water Planning panel *Great Plains C*
- Steve Owen and Tim Zach; Jim Theiler; Stephanie Mueller; Lynn
Mayhew
- Vadose Zone Studies Workshop *Arbor Suite*
- Daniel Snow, Arindam Malakar, other speakers TBD
- 10:00 am Break *Great Plains A&B*
- 10:30 am Main session 5: Agency updates from the Bureau of Reclamation
- Great Plains C*
- David Brewster

11:00 am Main session 6: Water Leaders Academy alumni panel *Great Plains C*

Marie Krausnick, Laurie Ponce, Kyle Hauschild, Jeff Henson, Laura
Johnson, Kate Gibson, Matt Greenway

11:30 am Closing session: Look for a new face at the Water Sciences Laboratory

Great Plains C

Daniel Snow

12:00 pm Lunch *East Campus Union Dining Hall*