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## Postponed. Never Cancelled. WASDA Annual Meeting Rebooked to February 6 – 9, 2022 – Naples, Florida

Dear Industry Partner:

Things are still in flux in our communities, countries, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Every industry and business is continually re-evaluating its next steps, and WASDA is no different.

The WASDA Board of Directors reviewed and discussed several options for the **WASDA Annual Meeting (February 21 – 24, 2021)** in Naples, Florida. In so doing, the leadership considered many factors, including the following: participation levels, the economy, consumer confidence, travel restrictions, fiscal responsibility, potential liability, possible additional outbreaks of COVID-19, and the tenor of the attendee experience.

After careful consideration of these and other factors, as well as possible alternatives, WASDA's leadership has determined that the Annual Meeting will be **rescheduled for February 6 – 9, 2022** at <u>The Ritz-Cartlon Golf Resort Naples.</u>

As registration for the WASDA Annual Meeting was not opened, there are no refunds of badge fees due at this time. Likewise, the official WASDA guestroom block at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort Naples was not officially opened prior to this announcement. Any reservations that somehow were made under WASDA's guestroom block will be cancelled and deposits will be refunded. *If you made reservations outside of the WASDA guestroom block at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort Naples or at another hotel in Naples, Florida or the surrounding area, please contact the hotel to cancel your reservations.* 

In the meantime, know that your Association is still open and working for you! We recently held **WASDA CONNECT 2020** on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This event was a great way to reconnect with your industry colleagues and to hear what your Association has been doing this past year. In addition, <u>Gene Marks</u> offered a post-US Presidential Election update on the economy, business trends, and more! You can join us on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM Central / Noon Eastern for a joint Webinar with the <u>National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)</u>. Learn about the latest legislation and strategies impacting the world's most precious resource. **Doug Carlson, CEO**, and **Zach Perconti, Director of Legislative Affairs,** will lead a robust discussion of what you can expect in the upcoming months and leading into a new Congress in 2021. Visit <u>wasda.com/future-meetings</u> to register.

WASDA greatly appreciates your continued patience and support during this difficult time. We look forward to better days ahead for all of us and seeing you in **Naples, Florida** in 2022. If you have any questions, please contact WASDA at <u>info@wasda.com</u> or at 630.672.3670.

Stay healthy.



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The Water and Sewer Distributors of America (WASDA) was founded in 1979, in San Francisco. Fourteen men saw a need to provide support and resources in the American water infrastructure and wastewater industries. Today, WASDA is made up of approximately 145 water and sewer companies. We are engaged in the distribution, warehousing, and manufacturing of waterworks.

The mission of WASDA is to strengthen and promote the distribution of water and wastewater products and services. WASDA accomplishes its mission by offering members a variety of programs and services that benefit their company and employees.

The main goals of WASDA are to:

- Educate and inform about waterworks
- Provide resources for industry communications and dialog
- Be the voice of the water and wastewater industry in regards to legislative and industry issues
- Provide programs and services to recruit and retain industry members
- Maintain a highly effective association for the industry