

Water Framework Directive Conference 2009

Better River Basin Management Plans for a better water environment

Thursday, 4 June 2009
9.00am – 4.30pm
Hallam Conference Centre
London W1

Chaired by Colin Skellett,
Chairman, Wessex Water



"This is our opportunity to reform water management for today and safeguard the health of our water in the future."

Blueprint for Water, 2009: the time to act

The event will address various topics including:

- Sustainable implementation of the WFD
- The role of the WFD in wider European water policy
- WFD funding and reaching sustainable outcomes
- Delivering WFD - practical implementation

Plus networking lunch, panel discussions
and Q&A sessions

With leading speaker representatives from:

ACTeon	MWH
Consumer Council for Water	The National Trust
Country Land & Business Association	Ofwat
Environment Agency	Severn Trent plc
European Commission	Southern Water

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The Water Framework Directive (WFD) is the most substantial piece of EC water legislation to date and is designed to improve and integrate the way rivers, lakes and estuaries are managed throughout Europe to safeguard the health of our water environment in the future.

Sustainable implementation of the WFD depends on policy taking a new direction and building a process of collaboration between all relevant sectors. Water companies are committed to playing a full part in the implementation of the WFD but the right support, input and financial resources from all key players is vital to help deliver a sustainable water environment.

The greatest environmental benefit, with the lowest aggregate cost and least wasted resource will only be achieved through all stakeholders working together collaboratively. We look forward to working further with the Environment Agency and other key stakeholders to achieve this and to address other key areas including:

- promote integrated catchment solutions in which all sectors contribute
- ensure funding is available for all sectors or mechanisms put in place to provide funding

- provide effective coordination for co-deliverers of catchment plans
- broaden understanding of the challenges and priorities facing the water environment and the benefits of WFD implementation.

The Water UK WFD Conference brings together industry leaders, regulators, Government, the European Commission and other key stakeholders from a broad range of sectors to debate the WFD, its implementation, funding and role in wider water policy. Water UK will draw on the day's discussions to inform Water UK's response to the Environment Agency's draft River Basin Management Plans consultation.

NGOs, water companies, farmers, consultants, local authorities, manufactures and other stakeholders all have a part to play in making these plans achieve more in delivering a sustainable water environment and we hope you can join us to contribute your thoughts to this vital consultation process.

Pamela Taylor, Chief Executive, Water UK



Benefits of attending

HEAR Government and European Commission thinking on the WFD at this critical point in the Environment Agency draft River Basin Management Plans consultation

ENGAGE with NGOs, water companies, consultants, local authorities, manufactures and other stakeholders to debate the WFD, its implementation, funding and role in wider water policy

DISCUSS the mechanisms for funding WFD and reaching sustainable outcomes

CONSIDER the impacts of delivering WFD for the industry, the environment and customers

Water UK

Water UK represents all UK water suppliers and wastewater operators at a national and European level. We provide a positive framework for the water industry to engage with Government, regulators, stakeholder organisations and the public. We actively seek to develop policy and improve understanding in areas that involve the industry, its customers and stakeholders.

For more information about the Water Framework Directive and the time table for implementation please visit www.water.org.uk/home

Who should attend?

- Water companies
- Government representatives
- Consumer representatives
- Environmental NGOs
- Consultants
- Industry and professional bodies
- Regulators
- Local Authorities
- European Union WFD representatives

Programme

9.00am	Registration	10.50am	Questions from the audience	12.25pm	Panel Discussion: Funding the WFD – What needs funding and how will it be done?	3.05pm	Achieving co-ordinated catchment management Mark Walsingham, Catchment & Water Adviser, The National Trust	
9.30am	Welcome and Chair's opening remarks	11.00am	Refreshments			3.30pm	The water industry's plans for delivery John Spence, Head of Wastewater and Environmental Strategy, Southern Water	
9.40am	Water UK – Sustainable implementation of the WFD Pamela Taylor, Chief Executive, Water UK	11.25am	Keynote Speaker Huw Irranca-Davies, Minister for the Natural and Marine Environment, Wildlife and Rural Affairs, Defra – invited		- Panel Chair: Tbc - Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, President, Country Land and Business Association - Tony Ballance, Director Regulation and Competition, Severn Trent plc - Tony Smith, Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Water - Pierre Strosser, Head, ACTeon - Noel Wheatley, Head of Environment and Water Quality, Ofwat	3.55pm	Panel Discussion: Exploring the challenges of delivering the WFD for a better water environment - Panel Chair: Chris Barker, Business Area Manager – Environmental Regulation, MWH - John Spence, Head of Wastewater and Environmental Strategy, Southern Water - Mark Walsingham, Catchment & Water Adviser, The National Trust - Environment Agency – invited - SEPA – invited	
	The Water Framework Directive and wider water policy	11.45am	Discussion and questions from the audience		Chair's closing remarks for morning session		4.25pm	Chair's close
10.00am	The role of the WFD in wider European Water Policy Peter Gammeltoft, Head of Unit, Protection of Water and Marine Environment, European Commission		Funding the Water Framework Directive	1.15pm	Chair's closing remarks for morning session		4.30pm	Close of conference
10.20am	Questions from the audience	12.00pm	WFD funding and reaching sustainable outcomes Pierre Strosser, Head, ACTeon	1.20pm	Networking lunch			
10.30am	What River Basin Management Plans will deliver for the water environment Martin Booth, WFD Programme Executive, Environment Agency				Delivering the Water Framework Directive			
				2.35pm	Chair's Welcome			
				2.40pm	Practical implementation of the WFD in Scotland SEPA - speaker invited			

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Booking form

Event fee

Water UK Member Rate: £395.00 + VAT (454.25)
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£225.00 + VAT (258.75)

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Venue

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