



National Watershed Coalition
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A new slate of officers for the National Watershed Coalition(NWC) began their two year terms on October 4, 2023 at the NWC National meeting in Salt Lake City.

NWC Chair

Tina Hendon is the new NWC Chairwoman. Hendon has been serving as the NWC Vice-Chair.

Ms. Hendon has 30 years of experience in water quality and watershed protection, and currently serves as Natural Resources Manager for a consulting firm near Houston, Texas.



She served as Watershed Program Manager for Tarrant Regional Water District, a long-time sponsor in the small watershed dam program. There she worked closely with Federal and State agencies, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and other sponsors to implement cooperative agreements supporting conservation practices in the upper Trinity river basin in north Texas.

Tina's previous work also includes USEPA Region 6 Program Coordinator for the Nonpoint Source and Water Quality Standards programs in Texas and Louisiana, various regional landscape and water resource planning projects, and applied research on the effects of land use practices on streams and lakes of Central Texas.

She currently serves as a member of the USDA-NRCS Texas State Technical Advisory Committee, Texas NRCS Water Resources Subcommittee, Texas Riparian Association Board of Directors, and is a member and past officer of the Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors.

NWC Vice-Chair

Gene Sauborn was selected as the NWC Vice-Chair

Gene currently serves as the Director of Projects for the West Virginia Conservation Agency where he is currently working on the planning, design and rehabilitation of several dams in WV.



Gene grew up on a dairy and horse boarding farm in Morgantown, WV. After a tour in Iraq as part of Operation Desert Storm, he went to work for the West Virginia Conservation Agency (WVCA) in 1996.

Gene has over 25 years of experience in managing watershed programs such as the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, Operation Maintenance and Repair of watershed dams and natural and traditional stream restoration projects.

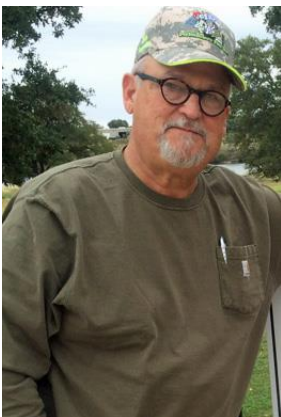
When not at work, Gene runs a farming operation in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia where he grows corn silage and hay for his commercial and registered cow herds and he still likes to start a couple of colts each year.



NWC Past Chair
Lisa Knauf Owen



NWC Secretary-Treasurer
Barb Oltjen



NWC Executive Director
Dr Dan Sebert

The National Watershed Coalition is a nonprofit coalition made of national, regional, state and local organizations, associations and individuals that advocate using watersheds as a planning and implementation unit when dealing with natural resource problems and issues.