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A&WMA Annual Conference & Exhibition COVID-19 Statement

UPDATE: April 21, 2020 — It is with deep regret that we inform you that the Air & Waste Management Association's Board of Directors has decided to cancel the on-site portion of the Association's 113th Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) in San Francisco, CA (June 29 – July 2, 2020) in favor of a virtual conference. This very difficult decision was made after an extremely thorough and exhaustive process of reviewing every viable option. The health and safety of our conference attendees, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, vendors, and staff are of paramount importance to us. Based on the evolving COVID-19 situation within the country and around the world, as well as the number of travel and funding restrictions impacting the members of our professional community, A&WMA made the necessary decision to transition the ACE 2020 face-to-face conference to a virtual format which will kick-off on June 30, 2020.

We sincerely thank the local host committee and technical planning committees for organizing sessions, panels, keynote addresses, tours, and receptions that highlight all the best that A&WMA and San Francisco have to offer. We recognize how much time and passion our local host committee, councils and volunteer leaders, speakers, staff, and exhibitors and sponsors devote to preparing for this event each year. Our organization is committed to ensuring that their work and overall support of this program are shared with the environmental community. The good news is that we have the foundation for an incredible conference. So, the A&WMA staff and leadership are actively working on a virtual solution to deliver conference content and networking opportunities for our attendees, while allowing for greater participation and accessibility.

More details about the special virtual edition of ACE 2020 will be distributed as soon as they are available, and the registration site will be open by May 1. In the meantime, please check the A&WMA website for regular updates and a list of answers to frequently asked questions. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this process.

All registered conference attendees will receive an email from our registrar next week with the option to transfer a current registration to the virtual meeting. The balance of the registration fee will be refunded. If you registered for the ACE and do not plan to attend the virtual meeting, your refund request will be processed within 30 days and all cancellation fees will be waived.

Presenters and speakers, as well as exhibitors and sponsors, will be receiving communications shortly under separate cover from a member of our staff team to discuss next steps and available options. Registrants who booked their hotels are responsible for cancelling their own reservations. Additionally, all participants are responsible for cancelling their airline tickets as each airline has its own policies regarding refunds and vouchers for future travel. You will need to work with the carrier directly.

Thank you for your support. Please keep safe and healthy, and we look forward to you joining us virtually on June 30th.

Best regards,

Stephanie M. Glyptis
A&WMA, Executive Director

Kim Marcus (ERM)
A&WMA, President ('20)

March 30, 2020 — With the Annual Conference & Exhibition several months away, and based on the latest science and information at hand, we remain committed to holding ACE 2020 as scheduled June 29 – July 1. Should the ACE move forward at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco, we will ensure the fullest precautions are taken to protect the well-being of our attendees, working closely with public health officials, the venue, and vendors.

Concurrently, the Association is also engaged in formulating contingency plans in the event that the conference cannot be held as planned due to state directives, and wants to assure all paper, poster, and panel presenters that efforts to prepare and submit manuscripts are very important to the Association and for the success of the technical program. In the event that we are required to cancel the on-site conference, manuscripts and presentations will be recognized through alternate presentation formats. Therefore, we ask all authors to help us in this regard by submitting manuscripts as planned and as soon as possible to make ACE 2020 a success.

We will continue to monitor this situation daily and will make future adjustments as the situation warrants, notifying attendees promptly of any change. We have a great conference planned and look forward to seeing you in San Francisco!

March 13, 2020 — With increased attention on COVID-19's global implications, please be assured A&WMA leadership has been monitoring this dynamic and evolving situation with regards to the Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) taking place in San Francisco, CA, June 29 – July 2, 2020. We currently expect that the 2020 Annual Conference & Exhibition will proceed as planned.

As the situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve, we are assessing developments daily to ensure we are positioned to respond in a manner that is best for our attendees and participants. The health and safety of our attendees, staff, vendors, and volunteers is our top priority. As such, we are working to take the fullest precautions for this event. We are monitoring federal agency guidance related to the COVID-19 situation closely and are working with state and local agencies daily to plan for a safe conference in San Francisco. We will continue to evaluate and evolve our preparations as the situation may warrant.