

Water Policy Learning Network

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The National Governors Association's Center for Best Practices formed the **Water Policy Learning Network** in 2017 in response to requests by governors for help with a myriad of issues involving water resources.

The primary goal of the Network is to inform governors' advisors about best practices for water policy that they are uniquely positioned to advance. It is co-chaired by California's Gov. Edmund G. Brown and Maryland's Gov. Larry Hogan. NGA enlisted a group of national water policy and environmental experts to serve on an **Advisory Group** including directors from U.S. Water Alliance, American Water Works Association, American Farmland Trust, River Network, Coalition of the Delaware River Watershed, American Water, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, Environmental Council of the States, Rural Community Assistance Partnership, and the Association of Clean Water Administrators.

The activities of the Network include an annual Water Policy Institute to highlight best practices and policies on a wide variety of issues, quarterly webinars, state retreats where designated cross-agency teams develop policy strategies with NGA's support, and a listserv to spread news of best practices, policies and legislation addressing water issues.

About the Water Policy Institute

NGA hosts an annual gathering of governors' water policy advisors that allows them to engage with peers, leading experts and NGA subject matter experts. The event kicks off more targeted assistance in the form of follow-up webinars, retreats and tailored technical assistance. The first Water Policy Institute was held in Annapolis, Maryland in August 2017. The most recent Water Policy Institute was held in San Francisco, California in [September 2018](#) where participants were welcomed by Governor Brown of California. The meeting featured new technology and innovative policies and drew advisors from thirty-one states.

About NGA's Center for Best Practices

The NGA Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) develops innovative solutions to today's most pressing public policy challenges and is the only research and development firm that directly serves the nation's governors. The Center has five divisions; the Water Policy Learning Network is spearheaded by the Environment, Energy & Transportation Division.



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Co-Chair, Maryland Governor
Larry Hogan at the 2017 Water
Policy Institute