

CEMS 2026 Fall Conference Schedule

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Exhibitor Setup	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION - Enjoy breakfast and visit our Exhibitor/Sponsor Tables!	
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Welcome and Introduction	Evan Singleton, CEMS President
9:10 – 10:10 AM	Water Panel: Colorado's Water Leaders on the Front Lines of Drought, Growth, and Change Moderator: Jean Cordova, Geosyntec Consultants Panelists: Bea Stratton (Denver Water), Luke Shawcross (Northern Water), and Andrea Lopez (Ute Water Conservancy District/DRIP)	
10:10 – 10:40 AM	John Watson, Spencer Fane L.L.P.	The “New” NEPA – Federal Agencies Overhaul Their Procedures
10:40 – 10:55 AM	Break - Please visit our Exhibitor/Sponsor Tables!	
10:55 – 11:25 AM	Terry Obal, Ph. D., SGS North America	Microplastics – “The New PFAS?”
11:25 – 11:55 AM	Tom Palaia, GSI Environmental Inc.	Flipping the Script: From Practice to Policy: The Tortuous Path of Technology Adoption in the U.S. Environmental Remediation Field and How It May Help Inform Future Environmental Leadership
11:55 AM – 12:25 PM	Tom Sale and Joe Scalia, Colorado State University	Modern Subsurface Contaminant Hydrology: A Free Textbook Reframing How We Characterize and Manage Contaminated Sites
12:25 – 1:05 PM	Lunch - Enjoy lunch and visit our Exhibitor/Sponsor Tables!	
1:05 – 1:55 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Jason Ullmann, Department of Water Resources Managing Colorado’s Original Drought Plan in the Driest Year on Record	
1:55 – 2:25 PM	Karah Conklin, Biohabitats	Cleanup Isn’t the Finish Line. Why Remediation Alone Is Failing and How Ecological Design Can Rebuild Resilient Systems
2:25 – 2:55 PM	Eric Lovenduski, Geosyntec Consultants	A Simple Vapor Intrusion Site Closure Approach Applied in Colorado
2:55 – 3:30 PM	Break - Please visit our Exhibitor/Sponsor Tables! And CSU Spur Tours: Visit Denver Water's Lab or One Water Solutions TAP Facility	
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Jean Zodrow, Geosyntec Consultants	The Important Role Risk Assessors Have in ACL Development
4:00 – 4:30	Fonda Apostolopoulos, P.E. & Mark Rudolph, CDPHE	Navigating Redevelopment: State Resources Available for Brownfields Projects
4:30 – 4:35 PM	Closing Remarks	Drezden Kinnaird
4:35 – 5:30 PM	NETWORKING RECEPTION (includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres and sponsor raffles)	
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Exhibitor Take Down	