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IAPMO Invited to Participate in White House Water Summit on World Water Day

Ontario, Calif. (March 21, 2016) — The IAPMO Group is pleased and proud to announce that CEO Russ Chaney has been invited to participate in the White House Water Summit on World Water Day — Tuesday, March 22.

The purpose of this exclusive event is to raise awareness of priority water issues and potential solutions in the United States, and to catalyze ideas and actions to help build a sustainable and secure water future. The White House Water Summit will bring together stakeholders from state, local, and tribal governments, as well as the public, private, academic, nonprofit, and other sectors, to discuss approaches for ensuring that everyone in the nation has access to sufficient water when and where they need it. The event is being hosted to hear individual views from attendees.

"It is a great honor to be recognized and invited to attend such an important meeting at the White House," Chaney said. "World Water Day is an important day for everyone, and emphasizes the global importance of water. With IAPMO's ever-increasing work, domestically and internationally, and with our partnerships with USAID and the Department of Commerce, we know intimately well the varying needs from the small villages of Indonesia to those cities in the U.S. using IAPMO's codes to protect and conserve water."

The United Nations General Assembly designated March 22, 1993, as the first World Water Day. The day serves as an opportunity to learn more about water-related issues, be inspired to tell others, and take action to make a difference. Each year, U.N. Water — the entity that coordinates the U.N.'s work on water and sanitation — sets a theme for World Water Day that corresponds with a current or future challenge. This year's theme is "Better Water, Better Jobs."

Also on World Water Day, IAPMO representatives will attend the Global Water Security Summit at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., which will feature a distinguished group of water-sector leaders including The Honorable Danilo Turk, former President of the Republic of Slovenia and Chairman of the U.N. Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace, and The Honorable Gayle E. Smith, Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Following the summit, IAPMO representatives will attend a World Water Day reception, sponsored by Coca-Cola, at the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Today, IAPMO has been invited to take part in the U.S. Water Partnership Global Partners Meeting at the Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C., where more than 100 Water Partnership colleagues will discuss organizational priorities and activities for 2016 and beyond. Each organization will deliver a presentation on its recent activity and goals moving forward.

World Water Day follows the March 11 observance of World Plumbing Day, in which President Obama issued a statement that said, "By developing creative and innovative methods to access safe, clean, and reliable water sources and environments, plumbers and other trained professionals are helping shape a healthier, more sustainable reality — on where a person's circumstances do not limit their ability to make of their life what they will. This World Plumbing Day, let us recommit to building a world where people from all walks of life are afforded the basic rights they deserve as human beings."

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