



# Washington dc update

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: WESTCAS Membership  
FROM: Hicks-Ray Associates  
SUBJECT: E&E Article announces

### **Former NASA official appointed to Office of Water**

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Washington attorney Dennis Lee Forsgren will serve as the new deputy assistant administrator for U.S. EPA's Office of Water.

EPA has both political and career deputy assistant administrators. Forsgren will serve in the political role, which does not require Senate confirmation, according to a blog post from the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. Benita Best-Wong will remain as the career deputy.



An Army combat veteran, Forsgren most recently worked at HBW Resources, a consulting and lobbying firm, where he focused on oil pollution, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, according to HBW Resources' website.

He also previously served as NASA's assistant administrator for legislative affairs during the George W. Bush administration and served on the Bush-Cheney transition team on transportation and environmental issues.

Forsgren had a lengthy career as a congressional staffer in the 1990s. He previously worked as majority counsel for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, counsel to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Lands and Forestry, and an assistant to Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah).

