



It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Ken Kirk, NACWA former Executive Director and CEO of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), passed peacefully Monday evening, March 18<sup>th</sup> at his home in Santa Fe – the city he adored. His wife Aurora and son David were with him throughout and he expressed appreciation for the support that NACWA and his many friends in the sector provided during this difficult time.

Ken was a terrific leader, friend, and mentor, and he worked tirelessly for more than three decades to help build NACWA into the organization it is today. We are all part of this legacy, and it is our honor to work with all of you to build on this legacy and the lofty expectations he had to make “one water” a reality and to position water as a top policy priority.

Ken was a long time and avid supporter of the Federal Water Quality Association and served as association president from 20xx to 20yy. Ken was one of the founding partners of the National Capital Environmental Scholarship Fund and was one of the principal fund raisers. Over the years the scholarship fund has awarded more than xxx scholarships to local graduating high school student totaling more than \$300,000. The FWQA greatly appreciates loyalty and hard work in making the scholarship program a great success.

Ken truly loved NACWA and his colleagues in the water sector, and his many friends and colleagues will miss him greatly.

Rest in Peace, Ken.