

## SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Katherine Zitsch is a distinguished water policy expert at the Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center, where she plays a pivotal role in shaping the state's water future. With a career spanning over 25 years, Katherine brings a wealth of expertise in strategizing and implementing solutions for Georgia's complex water challenges. Her work extends beyond traditional municipal water management, incorporating considerations for related systems such as energy, agriculture, and forestry to develop holistic, forward-thinking water resource solutions.

Previously, Katherine served as the deputy chief operating officer and senior water policy advisor at the Atlanta Regional Commission. In this role, she led the efforts to defend metropolitan Atlanta's access to water supply in the Alabama-Florida-Georgia water wars. She also served as the director of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, the 15-county water planning agency for Metropolitan Atlanta ([www.northgeorgiawater.org](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org)). She was deeply involved in developing and implementing the Metro Water District's water supply, efficiency, and conservation efforts.

Katherine brings extensive knowledge of metropolitan Atlanta's water story, a deep understanding of water issues and opportunities statewide, and keen insights into national water supply trends and opportunities. She is president of the National Water Supply Alliance, serves as a governing board member of Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint (ACF) Stakeholders, and is a former board member of the Interstate Council on Water Policy.

She earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in environmental systems engineering from Clemson University. Katherine is a licensed professional engineer and a board-certified environmental engineer through the American Academy of Environmental Engineers.