

CIFA SRF WORKSHOP

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Technical Assistance

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Putting “Technical” in Technical Assistance

Learn how SRFs are providing professional services to help small, rural and disadvantaged communities achieve compliance, strengthen operations and build water infrastructure. Hear about California’s comprehensive technical assistance program which provides professional services for planning and engineering, environmental review and technical, financial and managerial assessments. Learn how West Virginia has partnered with Rural Water to provide hands-on support for a range of challenges experienced by small and rural communities. Hear how New York’s Community Assistance Teams are connecting communities with experts to jumpstart planning and project development.

Moderator: MaryAnna Peavey, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Presenters:

- Maire Cunningham, New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
- Kathy Emery, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
- Joe Karkoski, California State Water Resources Control Board

Meet the Moderator

MaryAnna Peavey, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

MaryAnna Peavey is the Grants & Loans Bureau Chief, which oversees the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. MaryAnna began working at Idaho Department of Environmental Quality the Grant & Loan Bureau in 2010, first as a Loan Officer and soon after as a Loan Program Coordinator. Prior to entering public service, she worked nine years in the financial industry with a majority of that time in banking. After leaving the financial industry, MaryAnna spent five years in the non-profit sector which included work in financial management, fundraising, grant writing and management, volunteer coordination, and board management. MaryAnna earned two Bachelors of Science – one in Finance and one in Economics – from the University of Idaho and completed a two-year program to become a Certified Public Manager in Idaho. MaryAnna represents Region 10 on the CIFA Board of Directors.

Meet the Presenters

Maire Cunningham, New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation

Maire Cunningham is a Program Manager for the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC). In her role, Maire manages the Clean Water State Revolving Fund,

including federal reporting and development of the Intended Use Plan. Máire also oversees several functions of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, the state Water Infrastructure Improvement and Intermunicipal Grant programs, and the Community Assistance Teams, including project tracking, data analysis and community outreach. Prior to working with EFC, Máire worked for the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence managing various projects related to policy development, contract management, agency fiscal planning, and process improvement. Máire has a B.A. from the College of Saint Rose and an M.A. from the University at Albany, SUNY.

Kathy Emery, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

Kathy Emery is the Division of Water and Waste Management Director for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and manages both the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF's. She has been with the DEP and the CWSRF since December 1994 and with the passage of House Bill 561, became the program manager for the DWSRF in July 2023. Kathy is a registered Professional Engineer in West Virginia and has a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from West Virginia University.

Joe Karkoski, California State Water Resources Control Board