



2022 CIFA Water Infrastructure Summit

A National Conversation on the Future of Water Infrastructure

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Agenda-at-a-Glance

Tuesday, April 19: CIFA Members Meetings

CIFA Members Only • Room: Capitol AB (Lobby Level)

- 1:30 – 4:00 pm CIFA Members Meeting
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm CIFA Members Meet and Greet with U.S. EPA SRF Teams
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm CIFA Social Hour
Dubliner, 4 F St NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Wednesday, April 20: 2022 CIFA Water Infrastructure Summit

All registered attendees • Room: Columbia AB (Lower Level)

- 8:00 – 9:00 am Networking Breakfast in Congressional AB (Lobby Level)
- 9:00 – 10:30 am Opening Conversation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Jim McGoff, Indiana Financing Authority, CIFA President
 - Bruno Pigott, Deputy Assistant Administrator
 - Dr. Jennifer McLain, Director of Ground Water and Drinking Water
 - Dr. Andrew Sawyer, Director of Wastewater Management
- 10:30 – 10:45 am Break
- 10:45 – 11:15 am Implementing Justice40
- Matthew Tejada, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Growing the Water Workforce
- Lori Johnson, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
 - Jim Horne, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - Michael Preston, National Rural Water Association
 - Lynn Schloesser, American Council of Engineering Companies
- 12:15 – 1:30 pm Networking Lunch in Congressional AB (Lobby Level)
- 1:30 – 2:15 pm State of the Economy
- Curtis Dubay, Senior Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- 2:15 – 2:45 pm Building America by Buying American
- Celeste Drake, Director, Made in America, Office of Management and Budget
- 2:45 – 3:15 pm Break

- 3:15 – 3:45 pm Strengthening Cybersecurity to Protect Public Health and Taxpayer Dollars
- Ben Gilbert, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- 3:45 – 5:00 pm Leading the Way on Lead Service Line Removal
- Jerry Rouch, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 - Eric Burneson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - Cathy Tucker-Vogel, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 - Alan Roberson, Association of Drinking Water Administrators
 - Megan Glover, 120 Water
- 6:00 – 6:45 pm Networking Reception in Capitol AB (Lobby Level)
- 6:45 – 8:30 pm Networking Dinner in Congressional AB (Lobby Level)

Thursday, April 21: CIFA Members Meeting

CIFA Members Only • Room: Capitol AB (Lobby Level)

- 8:00 – 9:00 am CIFA Members Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:45 am CIFA Members Conversation
- Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 9:45 – 10:00 am Break
- 10:00 – 11:00 am CIFA Members Listening Session with Congressional Staff
- Travis Cone, U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
 - Joe Brown, U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
 - Ryan Hambleton, U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
 - Melissa Beaumont, U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- 11:00 am – Noon CIFA Members Meeting
- Noon – 1:30 pm Lunch on your own

Thursday, April 21: State EPA SRF Workgroup

SRF and EPA Staff Only • Room: Capitol AB (Lobby Level)

- 1:30 – 5:00 pm Workgroup Meeting

Friday, April 22: State EPA SRF Workgroup

SRF and EPA Staff Only • Room: Capitol AB (Lobby Level)

- 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Workgroup Meeting

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2022 Conversations

Let's Get the Conversation Started

9:00 – 10:30 am

Hear from national leaders about their vision for the future of water infrastructure, with particular emphasis on opportunities and obstacles with implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 over the next five years.

James P McGoff, Indiana Finance Authority

James P McGoff (Jim) is Chief Operating Officer and Director of Environmental Programs of the Indiana Finance Authority. Prior to his current position, Jim served as Director of Environmental Programs and General Counsel for the Authority. Prior to joining State government, Jim was a partner in the Indianapolis law firm Bingham McHale LLP (currently Denton, LLP), where he was a member of the firm's public finance practice group, representing the State of Indiana and many Indiana cities and towns with their municipal borrowing needs. He was appointed to the US EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board in 2016 and was also invited to be a member of the Great Lakes Protection Fund - Advisory Board. He graduated with a degree in Accounting from Indiana University Kelley School of Business and a J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Jim is President of CIFA.

Bruno Pigott, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Bruno Pigott is Deputy Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water. The Office of Water works to ensure that drinking water is safe, wastewater is safely returned to the environment, and surface waters are properly managed and protected. Prior to joining EPA, Bruno held multiple roles at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, serving most recently as the Commissioner, Agency Chief of Staff, and Assistant Commissioner in the Office of Water Quality. He started his state service as chief of the State Revolving Loan Fund Program in Indiana. Bruno holds a bachelor's degree in political theory and economics from James Madison College at Michigan State University and a master's degree in public and environmental affairs from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Dr. Jennifer McLain, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Jennifer McLain is the Director of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water and has 20 years of experience at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in both the Office of Water and the Office of Pesticide Programs. Jennifer joined EPA after earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Princeton University.

Dr. Andrew Sawyers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Andrew Sawyers is the Director of the Office of Wastewater Management at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Before his appointment to that position, he served as Deputy Director of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. Prior to EPA, he was the Deputy Director for the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration, managing Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund and the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Andrew has a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University.

Implementing Justice40

10:45 – 11:15 am

Learn more about Justice40, the Biden-Harris Administration's whole-of-government initiative to ensure at least 40% of overall benefits from the nation's investments in climate are delivered to disadvantaged, marginalized and underserved communities.

Matthew Tejada, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mathew Tejada is the Director of the Office of Environmental Justice at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to his public service, he led an environmental advocacy non-profit organization that focused on air quality, public health and environmental justice in Houston, Texas. Matthew earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas, and a master's degree in Russian and East European studies and a doctorate in modern history from St. Antony's College, University of Oxford.

Introduced by Felicia Freeman, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Felicia Freeman is an Environmental Manager with the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan in the Division of Water Resources for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. She has been a part of Tennessee's SRF team for more than two decades. Felicia earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Felicia has been an active member of the CIFA Legislative Committee for the last year.

Growing the Water Workforce

11:15 am – 12:15 am

Hear how water leaders around the nation are meeting the challenge of a changing workforce, with more retirements and fewer applicants to replace them.

Jim Horne, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Jim Horne is Sustainability Program Manager in the Office of Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Jim has been with the Office of Water at EPA since 1988 and with the Office of Wastewater Management since 1991. During that time, he has concentrated on educating and assisting public entities, primarily water and wastewater utilities, on the value of using various approaches and adoption of best practices to sustainably manage their operations. Jim led the effort to host a National Water Workforce Convening involving experts from across the water sector in 2018. More recently, he was instrumental in completing EPA's National Water Workforce Initiative as well as a series of case studies and webinars highlighting ways in which water sector utilities are strategically addressing their workforce challenges.

Michael Preston, National Rural Water Association

Michael Preston is a legislative and policy analyst for the National Rural Water Association and has worked with the Association for over a decade. Michael works within the Halls of Congress and the USDA, EPA and DOL to procure funding for rural and small community water and wastewater systems. He considers the NRWA membership the key to the success of the American economy and vital to public health protection.

Lynn Schloesser, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

Lynn Schloesser is ACEC's Director of Water, Energy and Environmental Programs. Lynn brings diverse knowledge and experience through previous positions as a state public utility regulator

and mining reclamation program manager; counsel to the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; and federal affairs energy and environmental advocate for Eastman Chemical Company and the Industrial Energy Consumers of America. He has a soil science degree from the University of Wisconsin (Madison), a law degree from the University of North Dakota, and an advanced law degree from The George Washington University in two disciplines: international and comparative law, and environmental law.

Moderated by Lori Johnson, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Lori Johnson is the Assistant Chief of the Financial Assistance Division of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. She oversees the Board's water and wastewater infrastructure grant and loan programs while also serving as the Clean Water SRF Program Manager for Oklahoma. She has worked for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for more than 15 years. Lori currently serves as a representative for EPA Region 6 on the Board of Directors of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA).

State of the Economy

1:30 – 2:15 pm

Learn the current state of the economy, from inflation and supply chain disruptions to job growth and consumer confidence, and what to expect in the coming months.

Curtis Dubay, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Curtis Dubay is senior economist in the Economic Policy Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce where he tracks the condition of the economy, analyzes the impact of public policy on economic growth, and runs the Chamber's Chief Economists Committee. Previously, Curtis was senior economist at the American Bankers Association. He is published frequently and regularly quoted by a variety of media outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, and The Washington Post. Curtis earned his master's degree in economics from the University of Connecticut and his bachelor's degree in economics and leadership studies from the University of Richmond.

Introduced by Aaron Smith, Iowa Finance Authority

Aaron Smith joined the Authority as the Chief Bond Programs Director in March 2021. He oversees the Iowa State Revolving Funds for Clean Water and Drinking Water, the Private Activity Bond Program, the Homeownership Program, and the Beginning Farmer Loan Program. He holds master's degrees in Finance and Business Administration from Creighton University and a B.A. from MidAmerica Nazarene University. Aaron represents EPA Region 7 on the Board of Directors of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA).

Building America by Buying American

2:15 – 2:45 pm

Hear from the Biden-Harris Administration's lead on implementing the new domestic preference procurement policies, Build America, Buy America (BABA)

Celeste Drake, Made in America

Celeste Drake is Director of Made in America in the Office of Management and Budget, The White House. As the Nation's first Made in America Director, Celeste Drake will shape and implement Federal procurement and financial management policy to help carry out the

President's vision of a future made in all of America by all of America's workers — including minority entrepreneurs and small businesses in every region in our country. Celeste joined the administration from the Directors Guild of America, where she served as the Executive in Charge of Government Affairs. Before that, she served as the Trade and Globalization Policy Specialist for the AFL-CIO. Drake began her policy career on Capitol Hill as staff for two Representatives. A former high school economics and history teacher, Drake has a JD, an MPP, and a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Introduced by Anna Miller, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

Anna Miller is the Financial Advisor for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, where she works with State Loan and Grant Programs and the Federal State Revolving Fund program. These programs are used to fund projects for water systems, wastewater, and landfill projects. In addition, she has worked with local governments in Montana to institute uniform double entry accounting systems. Anna has served as the Chair for the State of Montana Local Government Funding Committee, which coordinates issues for state and federal funding agencies. She received her Accounting Degree from the University of Montana. Anna is a former President of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) and currently serves as Co-Chair of the CIFA Professional Development Committee.

Strengthening Cybersecurity to Protect People & Funds 3:15 – 3:45 pm

Get an overview of cybersecurity threats facing the nation, including drinking water and wastewater facilities, and hear how the water sector can work together to mitigate these risks.

Ben Gilbert, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

Ben Gilbert serves as a Cybersecurity Advisor in the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). He supports the Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA) program, the CISA region and CISA's mission through the goal of strengthening the cybersecurity, reliability and resilience of the Nation's critical infrastructure and serves in this role across the region including the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia.

Introduced by Jeff Walker, Texas Water Development Board

Jeff Walker was named Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on May 19, 2016. He has service in various TWDB for more than 25 years, including as an Agricultural Conservation Specialist, a Financial Analyst, a Non-Point Source Coordinator and Director of Project Development. In his most recent role as Deputy Executive Administrator of Water Supply and Infrastructure, his areas of responsibility included state water planning, project development, financial assistance, project funds disbursement, financial program administration, water use and population projects, facility needs assessment, project inspection, and reporting. Jeff holds a Master of Business Administration from Texas State University and a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University. Jeff is CIFA's Vice President.

Leading the Way on Lead Service Line Removal 3:45 – 5:00 pm

Hear what's happening nationally and around the nation to remove lead from drinking water, including an update on the lead and copper rule and development of inventories.

Eric Burneson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Eric Burneson is the Director of the Standards and Risk Management Division in the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. He has been with EPA since 1999 identifying drinking water contaminants of concern and developing drinking water regulations to improve public health. Prior to working for EPA, Mr. Burneson worked for 10 years as a consulting engineer. He also spent two years working for the Republic of Palau's Environmental Quality Protection Board.

Cathy Tucker-Vogel, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Cathy is the Public Water Supply Section Chief at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) with 29 years of water sector experience in the State of Kansas. As Section Chief, Cathy oversees drinking water, portions of the state revolving fund (SRF), and water operator certification programs. This includes permitting and oversight of approximately 980 water utilities serving a population of 2.8 million and the licensing of nearly 2,000 water operators. Prior to appointment as Section Chief, she was Chief of the Capacity Development and Enforcement Unit. Cathy is Past President of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA). She is also the Chairperson of the ASDWA Small Systems Committee and serves on the ASDWA PFAS, LCRR, and Cybersecurity workgroups. She has also served on numerous EPA planning committees and workgroups at the regional and national levels.

Alan Roberson, Association of Drinking Water Administrators

Alan Roberson is Executive Director of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. ASDWA's members (the state drinking water agencies) are co-regulators with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Roberson has over 31 years of experience in the development of drinking water regulations. He works closely with EPA and the state and territorial drinking water agencies in the development and implementation of federal drinking water regulations. Mr. Roberson coordinates with his members to establish the policy direction on all federal water regulatory and security and preparedness issues, as well as manage the finances and strategic planning for ASDWA.

Megan Glover, 120 Water

Megan Glover is the CoFounder and CEO of 120Water. A data and software veteran, prior to founding 120Water she spent nearly 15 years as an executive building and scaling various software as a service products manager in the Midwest. With a passion and knowledge base for utilizing modern software technology to solve problems, 120Water provides modern software and tools necessary to solve our most complex drinking water challenges.

Moderated by Jerry Rouch, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Jerry is the Deputy Director for Infrastructure Funding at Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. In his role as Deputy Director, Jerry oversees the Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance (DEFA), including the Office of Financial Assistance, which administers the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention, which administers compliance assistance to small businesses, and the Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant Program. Jerry also works across multiple Divisions within Ohio EPA to coordinate and develop new funding programs. Jerry has been with Ohio EPA for over 30 years. Jerry represents EPA Region 5 on the Board of Directors of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA).



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