

CIFA SRF WORKSHOP

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Monday, November 13 • 3:45 – 5:00 pm • Oklahoma Station 3

Let's Get Ready to Regionalize!

Learn how policy, partnership and professional expertise are accelerating consideration and implementation of regionalization and consolidation. Hear how a new state law requiring utilities to conduct a rate study is driving communities in Arkansas to seriously consider merging and how the SRFs are supporting those efforts with comprehensive planning and technical assistance focused on finances. Learn how Virginia partnered with a regional wastewater utility to increase investment in extending their service area to small communities along an abandoned railroad corridor.

Moderator: Shawn Crumlish, Virginia Resources Authority

Presenters:

- Michael Crocker, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
- Debby Dickson, Arkansas Department of Agriculture

Meet the Moderator

Shawn Crumlish, Virginia Resources Authority

Shawn Crumlish is the Executive Director of the Virginia Resources Authority. Previously, he was Director of Financial Services with the responsibility for managing several loan portfolios including the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs. During his 16 years at the agency, Shawn has been integral to financing of water, wastewater, transportation and economic development, and implemented several new funding programs with state agency partners. Prior to joining the Authority, his work experience included financial research and analysis and business development for several manufacturers. He holds a Bachelor's degree in marketing from James Madison University and a Master's degree in finance from Virginia Commonwealth University. Shawn represents EPA Region 3 on CIFA's Board of Directors.

Meet the Presenters

Michael Crocker, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Michael Crocker is the Regional Team Manager for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Clean Water Financing & Assistance Program where he has worked since 2014. The Clean Water Financing & Assistance Program is responsible for the administration of Virginia's Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Water Quality Improvement Fund, Stormwater Local Assistance Fund and more recently a new program to administer wastewater funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. As Regional Team Manager, Mike directs a team of seven project

managers responsible for project oversight and compliance with CWSRF project requirements. He specializes in adaptability and problem solving, skills critical to dealing with the increasing investment and focus on infrastructure funding.

Debby Dickson, Arkansas Department of Agriculture

Debby Dickson is a Program Financial Manager with the Natural Resources Division in the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, helping communities to secure funding for water and sewer infrastructure. Debby is a graduate of Capella University with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, a certificate in accounting and over 30 years of accounting experience in various industries including governmental accounting. She has worked in the Clean Water & Drinking Water state revolving fund programs in Wyoming and now Arkansas for more than a dozen years. Debby represents EPA Region 6 on the CIFA Board of Directors.