



2025 CIFA Summit on Water Infrastructure

A National Conversation on the Future of Water Infrastructure
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AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 (CIFA Members Only)

1:00 – 1:30 pm

Update from the CIFA Board of Directors

- Business Meeting
- Introduction of Incoming Executive Director and Lobbyist
- Executive Director's Report

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Proposed Allotment for Clean Water SRFs

Learn about the development of a report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, [*Revolving Fund Grant Formula Could Better Reflect Infrastructure Needs, and EPA Could Improve Needs Estimate*](#).

Moderator: Debby Dickson, Arkansas Department of Agriculture

- Ruth Solomon, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- Susan Iott, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- Brennan Williams, U.S. Government Accountability Office

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Nonpoint Source Pollution

Learn about innovative approaches being developed by EPA to leverage existing funding tools and resources, including the Clean Water SRFs, to address the challenge of reducing non-point source pollution and increasing protection for water quality.

Moderator: Shawn Crumlish, Virginia Resources Authority

- Michael Deane, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Jim Gebhardt, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (retired)

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 4:15 pm

A Discussion about Cooperative Federalism

Learn the difference between federal laws, Executive Orders, federal rules, guidance, memos and other directives. Engage in a conversation about cooperative federalism, which is a framework for the federal government and states to work together to implement programs and achieve shared goals.

Moderator: Deirdre Finn, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities

- Julia Anastasio, Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA)
- Alan Roberson, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators

4:15 - 5:00 pm

SRF Discussion

Engage in conversation about how states are handling policy changes from administration to administration, which can sometimes feel like being a yo-yo? Share what's happening in your state that is mirroring the federal government, such as whether a "DOGE" (Department of Government Efficiency) has been established and how it may be impacting your SRF.

Discussion Leaders:

- Brandy Piers, Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- MaryAnna Peavy, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

5:15 – 6:15 pm

CIFA Social Hour

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 (Summit Registered Attendees)

8:00 – 9:00 am

Networking Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 am

Welcome

Angela Knecht, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

9:15 – 10:00

National Outlook on the Future of Water Infrastructure

Engage in a waterside chat about the U.S. Environmental Protection's (EPA) priorities for water.

- William Carr, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Jessica Kramer, Senior Advisor to the EPA Administrator and nominee for EPA Assistant Administrator of the Office of Water

10:00 – 10:45 am

PISCES-AQUARIUS Recognition Ceremonies

Celebrate excellence in water infrastructure projects financed by the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

10:45 – 11:00 am

Break

11:00 am – Noon

A Deeper Dive into the Future of the SRFs

Engage in a waterside conversation about what's working, what's new and what's next for the SRFs.

- Lori Johnson, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
- Keith McLaughlin, Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority
- Dr. Andrew Sawyers, Director, EPA Office of Wastewater Management
- Dr. Jennifer McLain, Director, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Noon – 1:15 pm

Networking Lunch

1:15 – 2:00 pm

Water Affordability

Learn about the Water Affordability Needs Assessment Report to Congress, which summarizes decades of research and provides recommendations to address the lack of access to affordable water services to as many as 19 million households throughout the U.S.

- Introduced by Sandy Williams, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
- Mindy Luetke, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Jean Ray, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

2:00 – 2:30 pm

Cybersecurity in the Water Sector

Learn about ten recommendations from the Water Sector Cyber Security Task Force to strengthen protection for water utilities and hear case studies of how SRFs are incentivizing increased cybersecurity by borrowers.

- Introduced by Maureen Coleman, New York Environmental Facilities Corporation
- Nushat Thomas, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Artificial Intelligence in the Water Sector

Learn how artificial intelligence is being used to understand and address current and future water risk and uncover opportunities to improve water use efficiency and protect water resources.

- Introduced by Paul McDonald, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
- Kimberly Nelson, True Elements

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Networking Break

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Water Infrastructure Report Card

Learn about the state of water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in the upcoming [2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure from the American Society of Civil Engineers](#).

- Introduced by Stacy Barna, CDM-Smith
- Josh Shumaker, American Society of Civil Engineers

4:00 – 5:00 pm

What's the Future of Funding and Financing for Water Infrastructure

Learn about the advocacy priorities of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Water Works Association (AWWA), and National Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA).

- Moderator: Deirdre Finn, CIFA Executive Director
- Jarron Brady, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- Chuck Chaitovitz, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Adam Krantz, National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)
- Tracy Mehan, American Water Works Association (AWWA)

5:15 – 6:15 pm Reception

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 (CIFA Members Only)

8:00 – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 am

Discussion with Congressional Staff (invited)

Moderators:

- Andy Bruels, South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Aaron Smith, Iowa Finance Authority

Congressional Staff:

- Lydia Denies, Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
- Timia Crisp, Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment
- Jacob Pratt, Rep. Brian Babin (TX-36)

10:00 am – Noon

SRF Discussion

Noon – 1:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 – 5:00 pm

State EPA SRF Engagement

Engage in a conversation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on a range of topics.

Moderators:

- Brandy Piers, Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Laura Robbins, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Panelists:

- Michael Deane, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Kelly Tucker, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Damaris Christensen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Kiri Anderer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Impacts of Executive Orders

EPA will share insight on the impact of Executive Orders, including requirements Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise reporting, elimination of the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and others.

Allotments and Terms and Conditions

EPA will provide and update on status of fiscal year 2025 allotments preview new or updated terms and conditions in the SRF capitalization grants.

- General grant terms and conditions update

Status of New EPA Documents

EPA will provide an update on new and upcoming EPA documents and reports:

- IUP Analysis
- Drinking Water SRF Eligibilities Handbook
- Cybersecurity
- Drinking Water SRF Program Operations Manual

Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment

EPA will share the strategy for updating the 7th Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment with data from the lead service line inventories and will provide an update on plans for the 8th Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment.

Clean Watershed Needs Survey

EPA will share updates on the development and timeline for the next Clean Watershed Needs Survey.

Voluntary De-Obligation of Lead Service Line Funding

EPA will provide an overview of the process for voluntary de-obligation of federal funding for lead service line replacement.

Build America, Buy America Act

EPA will provide an update on compliance with the BABAA requirements and the process of submitting waiver requests.

Community Grants

EPA will provide an update on the status of community grants awards.

Drinking Water Technical Assistance

EPA will provide an update on technical assistance programs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 (State and EPA Staff Only)

8:30 am – Noon

State EPA SRF Workgroup

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