



2025 CIFA Summit on Water Infrastructure

A National Conversation on the Future of Water Infrastructure

Washington, D.C. • April 22 - 24, 2025

Agenda

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 (CIFA Members Only)

1:00 – 5:00 pm **CIFA Members Meeting**

5:00 – 6:00 pm **CIFA Social Hour**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 (Summit Registered Attendees)

8:00 – 9:00 am **Networking Breakfast**

9:00 – 10:00 am **National Outlook on the Future of Water Infrastructure**

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

- Angela Knecht, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, CIFA President
- 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.

- Emceed by William Carr, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

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.

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

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 Schumaker, 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)

5:45 – 7:00 pm

Reception

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 (CIFA Members Only)

8:00 – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am – Noon

CIFA Members Meeting

Noon – 1:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 – 5:00 pm

CIFA Members Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 (State and EPA Staff Only)

8:30 am – Noon

State EPA SRF Workgroup

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1201 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Important:

- To expedite security at EPA, you must be registered to attend. You can register for the Workgroup meeting when you register for the Summit. An alternative method of registration will be made available in April for those not attending the Summit.
- CIFA is providing a shuttle bus to and from the meeting for attendees staying at the Hyatt.