



Agenda

(As of March 18, 2024)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 (CIFA Members Only)

1:00 – 5:00 pm CIFA Members Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 (All Registered Attendees)

8:00 – 9:00 am Networking Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 am National Outlook on the Future of Water Infrastructure Financing
Hear from our nation’s leaders about the opportunities and challenges – now and long-term - for increasing investment in water infrastructure that protects public health and the environment.

Welcome, CIFA President Angela Knecht

Bruno Pigott
Acting Assistant Administrator for Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dr. Jennifer McLain
Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dr. Andrew Sawyers
Director, Office of Wastewater Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 – 11:15 am Investing in Innovation
Learn how the Clean Water State Revolving Funds are financing a broad range of cutting-edge technologies to help communities – small and large – meet their unique water challenges, including recovering

nutrients, extracting energy, reusing water, increasing efficiency and addressing emerging contaminants.

- Heather Strathearn, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

11:15 – 11:45 am

Protecting Investments in Water Infrastructure

Hear how states are implementing a variety of strategies – funding, regulatory and technical assistance – to promote asset management.

- Drew Pizzala, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Networking Lunch**

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PISCES-AQUARIUS Recognition Ceremonies

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

1:45 – 2:30 pm

Investing in Water Infrastructure in America’s Heartland

Hear about the importance of investing in water infrastructure to provide safe drinking water and wastewater services to rural communities, which provide valuable contributions to nation.

- Matt Holmes, National Rural Water Association

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Increasing Cybersecurity for Water and Wastewater Utilities

Learn about the roles of federal agencies and resources available to help water and wastewater utilities effectively respond to a cyber attack at each state of the incident (Incident Response Guide, Water and Wastewater Sector).

- Nushat Thomas, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Lauren Wisniewski, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 4:00 pm

State of the Economy

- Jane Dokko, U.S Department of Commerce

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Investment Perspectives about Municipal Markets

Hear from leaders in the finance sector about opportunities and challenges for increased and sustained investment in water infrastructure.

- Omar Ouzidane, Moody’s
- John Schultz, S&P Global Ratings
- Kristen Reifsnnyder, Fitch Ratings

5:45 – 7:00 pm

Reception

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 (CIFA Members Only)

8:00 – 9:00 am Networking Breakfast

9:00 am – Noon CIFA Members Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 (SRF and EPA Staff Only)

1:30 – 5:00 pm State EPA SRF Workgroup

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 (SRF and EPA Staff Only)

8:30 am – 12:30 pm State EPA SRF Workgroup