



2022 CIFA SRF Workshop Online Program

Drought: Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 3:30 – 5:00 pm (ET)

What's New in Western Water

Learn about programs in the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation that fund water infrastructure. Hear about Title XVI Reclamation Grants, which fund planning, design and construction of water recycling and reuse projects in the 17 states in the American west. Learn about WaterSMART, which is a competitive grant program to modernize existing infrastructure to increase the water supply and mitigate against the potentially devastating public health, environmental, economic and social impacts of drought.

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Meet the Speakers



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Maribeth Menendez

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Maribeth has worked for Reclamation in the Water Resources and Planning Office since 2018, where she coordinates the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program under WaterSMART. Through programs under WaterSMART, Reclamation provides cost-shared competitively awarded grants for states, tribes and local entities to make system improvements or complete other activities that increase water supply or improve water management. Maribeth received a

B.A. in Sociology and Spanish from Hamline University and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Katie Guerra

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Katie has worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for over 20 years. She started her career as an engineer and researcher developing and evaluating novel technologies for water treatment. Katie now works as a program coordinator for Reclamation's Water Recycling Programs. Katie has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Colorado and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. Katie is a registered professional engineer in the state of Colorado.