

# <u>Agenda</u>

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

As of March 4, 2025. Individual session times are subject to change.

# **TUESDAY, APRIL 22 (CIFA Members Only)**

1:00 – 5:00 pm CIFA Members Meeting

**5:30 – 6:30 pm CIFA Social Hour** 

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 (All Registered Attendees)

8:00 – 9:00 am Networking Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15 am National Outlook on the Future of Water Infrastructure

Hear from our nation's leaders about the opportunities and challenges for increasing investment in community water, recycled water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure that protects public health

and the environment.

Welcome, CIFA President Angela Knecht

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

10:15 – 10:30 am Break

# 10:45 –11:30 am PISCES-AQUARIUS Recognition Ceremonies

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

11:30 – 11:45 am Break

#### 11:45 am - 1:00 pm Networking Lunch

1:00 – 1:15 pm Break

### 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.

- Mindy Luetke, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Jean Ray, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# 2:00 – 2:30 pm Non-Point 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.

• Jim Gebhardt, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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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.

• Nushat Thomas, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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.

• Josh Schumaker, American Society of Civil Engineers

#### 4:00 - 4:30 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.

• Kimberly Nelson, True Elements

#### 4:30 – 5:00 pm Afternoon Session

5:45 – 7:00 pm Reception

# THURSDAY, APRIL 24 (CIFA Members Only)

8:00 – 9:00 am Networking 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.