



## Small and Disadvantaged Community Water Dialogue: Critical for Our Nation's Economy and Environment

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Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022  
Time: 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Location: In person and virtual, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street, N.W.  
Lee Anderson Veterans Center

### DRAFT AGENDA

11:00 a.m. **Lunch and Registration**

11:30 a.m. **Welcome and Objectives**

- Marty Durbin, Senior Vice President, Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Jim Proctor, Chair, Business Task Force on Water Policy
- Karine Rouge, CEO, Veolia North America

11:45 a.m. **Fireside Chat—Why Small and Disadvantaged Communities Need Help Accessing Federal Funding**

- The Honorable Levar Stoney, Mayor, Richmond, Virginia
- Karen Dettmer, Managing Director, Infrastructure Implementation, Environmental Protection Agency
  - In conversation with Jon Freedman, Senior Vice President, Global Government Affairs and Policy, Veolia North America
- Q&A

12:30 p.m. **Challenges Facing Small and Disadvantaged Communities**

- Two Community Representatives TBD
- Charles Stephens, Assistant Administrator for Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Chris Shaffner, Senior Vice President, Utilities, CoBank/Other private finance expert
  - In conversation with Jason Beasley, Vice President, Maryland Area Market Leader, AECOM
- Q&A



1:30 p.m.

**Current Technical Assistance and Gaps**

- Bill Simpson, Legislative Affairs Director, National Rural Water Association
- Ted Stiger, Chief External Affairs & Policy Officer, Rural Community Assistance Partnership
- George Hawkins, Founder and Executive Director, Moonshot Missions
  - In conversation with Howard Neukrug, Executive Director, Penn Water Center
- Q&A

2:30 p.m.

**Networking Break**

2:50 p.m.

**Solutions and Innovation Discussion (e.g., reuse, decentralized, smart technologies)**

- Rabia Chaudhry, Ph.D., P.E., Water Reuse Expert, EPA
- Paula Kehoe, Director of Water Resources, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- Christopher Lindsay, Vice President, Government Relations, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
- Patricia Sinicropi, Executive Director, WateReuse Association
- Shannon Wedding, iHydrant Product Manager, McWane, Inc.
  - In conversation with Hank Habicht, Co-Founder, Water Finance Exchange
- Q&A

3:45 p.m.

**Next Steps**

- Chuck Chaitovitz, Vice President, Environmental Affairs and Sustainability, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

4:00 p.m.

**Adjourn for Rooftop Reception**