

NOVEMBER 2020 SCWIE E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

CIFA SRF Workshop

The CIFA SRF Workshop is the nation's premier training and professional development program for SRF managers and staff.

2020 CIFA SRF Workshop Is An Online Edition This Year

It is a series of online, interactive courses that will be delivered throughout the fall. For a full schedule and to register go to <https://www.cifanet.org/cifa-srf-workshop> It's not too late to register. Register for four or more courses to get the program rate, \$99 for members and \$129 for non-members. The two courses that might be of special interest to you are shown below. Each has a cost of \$29 each

Regionalization: Bringing Communities Together for Stronger Water Systems

Tuesday, November 10, 3:00 – 4:30 pm (ET)

Learn how leadership, partnership, policy, permitting, programs, funding and communication can be effective tools in developing a successful plan for regionalization and consolidation of small and rural water systems. Hear presentations on the Environmental Finance Advisory Board's Financing Strategies to Promote System Regionalization, the Rural Community Assistance Partnership's Resiliency through Water and Wastewater System Partners: 10 Lessons from Community Leaders, and the University of North Carolina Environmental Finance Center's Regionalization: Five Key Takeaways with Resources.

Small Communities: Supporting Small and Rural Communities with an Array of Tools

Wednesday, December 9, 3:00 – 4:30 pm (ET)

Learn how SRFs are providing the tools and technical assistance to help maintain water and wastewater service in small and rural communities. See how Florida is helping communities develop asset management plans. Learn about Texas' CFO-To-Go Program, which provides accounting services to small communities. Hear how Washington is using Value Planning to help decision-makers determine the cost and

effectiveness of proposed infrastructure and select the solution that makes the most sense for their small community

RCAP's NATIONAL REGIONALIZATION WEBINAR

RCAP is holding a webinar on Systems Helping Systems: A Conversation on Utility Collaboration. It will take place on Nov 17, 2020 from 2:00 PM to 3:30EST. The webinar is co-funded by EPA and Spring Point. Here is the registration link and a description There is no registration fee.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2552551838541240848>

Small water systems can often benefit from collaborating with other systems in both informal and formal ways. Establishing successful partnerships requires effort from all parties involved. In this webinar, RCAP staff will share stories from working in the field with communities on water system collaboration. What elements are needed to make a partnership successful? How can communities move from informal collaboration to more formal arrangements? How important is the role of a local champion? What about a third-party facilitator? This webinar will answer these questions and more as well as showcase some of RCAP's tools and resources related to water system collaboration.

STATE EXCHANGES

Oklahoma

Attached are the results of Oklahoma's second COVID survey. Interesting trends, including a couple that appear to be backwards. Based on a relatively small sample, but still worth checking out.

If your state is doing something unique that you wish to share with the rest of the country, please e-mail me.

This e-mail newsletter is sent to all water funding officials currently listed on the SCWIE website (www.scwie.org). It also is being sent to all those who have requested they wish to participate on the quarterly SCWIE Conference Calls.

It also is posted on the scwie website under newsletters. Please review the contact for state page for your state on the web site and provide any updates.

Please feel free to call Steve Grossman at 614-668-9597 or e-mail me at scwiecoordinator@gmail.com with respect to any item mentioned in this newsletter.

As always, it would be appreciated if you would confirm receipt of this e-mail to Steve Grossman at scwiecoordinator@gmail.com

Thank you

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