



UNC School of Government Environmental Finance Center 2022 Water and Wastewater Finance Strategies Virtual Workshop February 15 – 17, 2022

Tuesday, February 15th

- 9:00 am **Welcome and Introduction / Finance Overview**
Erin Riggs, Environmental Finance Center
- 9:45 **Viable Utility Reserve Data Exploration**
Using data to make decisions related to the North Carolina Viable Utility Reserve program.
Julia Cavalier, Environmental Finance Center
Eva Ramirez-Flores, Environmental Finance Center
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **DWI Funding Opportunities**
Shadi Eskaf, Division of Water Infrastructure
- 11:00 **Equity in Water**
Shadi Eskaf, Division of Water Infrastructure
- 11:15 **Legislation and Policy Impacting Utility Finance**
Changing policies that may influence funding needs and funding and management approaches.
Stephen Lapp, Environmental Finance Center
- 12:00 Adjourn

Wednesday, February 16th

- 9:00 am **Legal Issues in Water Finance**
Trends and updates on legal issues to be aware of in North Carolina that affect utility finance.
Kara Millonzi, School of Government
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Self-assessing Financial Performance**
Benchmarking and tracking your utility's financial performance.
Evan Kirk, Environmental Finance Center
- 12:00 Adjourn



Thursday, February 17th

- 9:00 am **Legislation and Policy Impacting Utility Finance Q&A**
VUR, enterprise funds post-COVID, ARPA, etc.
Susan McCullen, NC Department of State Treasurer
Sarah Collins, NC League of Municipalities
Jon Risgaard, Division of Water Infrastructure
Victor D'Amato, Division of Water Infrastructure
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Strategies to Enhance the Resilience of Utility Finances – Breakout 1**
Breakout session on specific tools that can help your utility enhance financial resiliency.
Omid Barr, School of Government
- 10:45 **Strategies to Enhance the Resilience of Utility Finances – Breakout 2**
Breakout session on specific tools that can help your utility enhance financial resiliency.
Evan Kirk, Environmental Finance Center
- 11:15 **Strategies to Enhance the Resilience of Utility Finances – Breakout 3**
Breakout session on specific tools that can help your utility enhance financial resiliency.
Stephen Lapp, Environmental Finance Center
- 11:45 **Closing Statements**
- 12:00 Adjourn