



UNC School of Government Environmental Finance Center

2020 Water and Wastewater Finance Strategies Workshop

400 South Road, The School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

March 2 – 3, 2020

Monday, March 2nd

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| 9:00 am | Registration Check-In (Room 2601, second floor)
Continental Breakfast |
| 9:30 | Welcome and Introduction / Finance Overview
<i>Shadi Eskaf, Research Director, Environmental Finance Center</i> |
| 10:15 | Break |
| 10:30 | State/Federal Legislation and Policy Impacting Utility Finance
Changing policies that may influence funding needs and funding and management approaches.
<i>Kim Colson, Director of NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure, and President of CIFA</i>
<i>Francine Durso, Senior Project Manager, NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure</i>
<i>Shadi Eskaf, Research Director, Environmental Finance Center</i> |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Legal Issues in Water Finance
Trends and updates on legal issues to be aware of in North Carolina that affect utility finance.
<i>Kara Millonzi, Professor, UNC School of Government</i> |
| 2:00 | Break |
| 2:15 | Is your Enterprise Fund Financially Sound?
Advice and information from the Local Government Commission.
<i>Sharon Edmundson, Director of Fiscal Management Section, SLGFD, NC Dept. of State Treasurer</i> |
| 3:30 | Rate Setting Exercise: How Objectives and Philosophies Affect Rate Setting
Interactive session on setting rates.
<i>Shadi Eskaf, Research Director, Environmental Finance Center</i>
<i>Evan Kirk, Project Director, Environmental Finance Center</i> |
| 4:00 | Wrap Up |
| 4:15 | Adjourn |



Tuesday, March 3rd

- 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast** (outside room 2601, second floor)
- 9:00 **Consolidation Considerations**
What to plan for when considering options for consolidating or partnering with other utilities.
Erin Riggs, Senior Project Director, Environmental Finance Center
- 9:30 **Water Use and Rates in North Carolina**
Update on all things rates and financial capacity. Trends in water use. Updated NC Rates and Finance Dashboard.
Austin Thompson, Project Director, Environmental Finance Center
Evan Kirk, Project Director, Environmental Finance Center
Shadi Eskaf, Research Director, Environmental Finance Center
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 **Utility Financial Planning and Tools to Assist Utilities**
Planning policies, tools, and approaches that help prevent unwanted future surprises.
Shadi Eskaf, Research Director, Environmental Finance Center
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 **Finding the Money! Capital Finance Programs and Options**
Capital funding approaches and public programs that provide capital for future needs.

Jon Risgaard, SRF Section Chief, NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure
Julie Cubeta, Supervisor of CDBG-Infrastructure Unit, NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure
Dennis DeLong, Water/Environmental Programs Specialist, USDA Rural Development
- 3:00 Wrap up and adjourn

10.0 Continuing Education Hours

Individuals seeking PDH credit should submit this agenda and license # to NC BELS.

Water Treatment Operators and Water Pollution Control Operators should sign a course attendance roster at the conclusion of the course.