



## Water Finance Conference Panels to Address Regional Planning, Affordability and Structuring P3 Contracts



BRECKSVILLE, OHIO — The 2016 [Water Finance Conference](#) will feature three panel discussions during the event which will be held Aug. 30-31 at the Denver Athletic Club in downtown Denver, Colorado.

### **Tuesday, August 30**

#### *Panel Discussion No. 1 – Regional Cooperation & Planning*

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Keeping with the ‘Water in the West’ theme of the afternoon session on Aug. 30, this panel will address regional cooperation and planning specific to financing issues in the western United States. Moderated by Greg Baird, Principal at Infrastructure Financial Consulting, panelists will include Joseph Stibrich, Water Resources Policy Manager at Aurora Water; David Bennett, Water Resource Manager at Denver Water; John Fredell, Southern Delivery System Program Director at Colorado Springs Utilities; Eric Hecox, Executive Director, South Metro Water Supply Authority; and Jason Mumm, Director of Financial, Commercial and Risk Management Services at Hawksley Consulting.

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### **Wednesday, August 31**

#### *Panel Discussion No. 2 – Communicating the Value of Water: Rate Setting, Affordability and Investment*

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Communicating the value of water not only to the public, but to decision makers and elected officials, is paramount in assuring financial sustainability of water systems and providing affordable water to consumers. This panel will be moderated by Kevin Shafer, Executive Director, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Chair of the US Water Alliance. Panelists will include Jim Henderson, Managing Economist, Abt Environmental Research; Fletcher Davis, Senior Consultant, Bartle Wells Associates; Becky Doyle, Rate Analyst, City of Longmont Department of Public Works and Natural Resources; and Linn Brooks, General Manager, Eagle River Water and Sanitation District.

#### *Panel Discussion No. 3 – Bridging the Gap between Private Capital and Public Projects*

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

When it comes to funding water infrastructure projects, public money is hard to come by. Enter the emergence of public-private partnerships. While P3s for water are not new, this panel will look at the future of this funding mechanism while examining the intricacies of structuring these contracts and how they benefit public projects. Moderated by Michael Deane, Executive Director of the National Association of Water Companies, panelists will include Brian Thomas, Managing Director, PFM; Paul Wisor, Municipal Advisor, Ehlers Inc.; Michael Thomas, Partner, Kutak Rock; Ted Chapman, Senior Director, Standard & Poor’s; and Yuval Cohen, Senior Principal, Geosyntec CAT.

The Water Finance Conference is aimed at reaching executive-level utility professionals, including directors, CEOs, CFOs, consultants

and financial advisors involved in the fields of water, wastewater and stormwater. To view the full agenda and learn more about the conference, visit [waterfinanceconference.com](http://waterfinanceconference.com).

Attendees can earn CEUs upon completion of the conference. Early registration discounts are available and seating is limited. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For information, please contact [Brittany Maurer](#) or call 330-467-7588.

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