



# Water System Partnerships

## Cooperative Approaches to Address Drinking Water Challenges

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**Meeting Objectives:** To develop short term and long term actions to promote water system partnerships

*Session Objectives:* Outcome of each session will be a statement of the problems that hold back partnerships, potential opportunities and solutions, and roles and next steps to keep moving forward to see change.

### MEETING AGENDA

8:00-8:30am	<p><b>Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In advance of the meeting, participants will be asked to come prepared to discuss actions that they can take to promote WSPs. Participants will be asked to put those on white boards at the meeting after registering.</li> </ul>
8:30-8:35am	<p><b>Welcome Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This session will focus on the meeting agenda, objectives and logistics.</li> </ul>
8:35-8:50am	<p><b>Addressing Drinking Water Challenges with Water System Partnerships</b>  <b>Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Ground Water &amp; Drinking Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This session will focus on the importance of partnerships as a way to help systems address technical, managerial and financial capacity challenges.</li> </ul>
8:50-9:50am	<p><b>Partnership in the Community – Community Keynote</b>  <b>Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority</b>  <b>Davidson Water, Inc.</b>  <b>American Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The speakers will discuss their experiences with water system partnerships.</li> </ul>
9:50-10:00am	<p><b>Meeting Approach Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This session will be a discussion on how we will be conducting the meeting.</li> <li>This is a working meeting with an emphasis on discussions and limited presentations. While we are not trying to reach consensus, we are looking to develop short and long term action items based on ideas and perspectives shared.</li> </ul>

10:00-10:30am	<p><b>Moving Forward on Partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During this interactive session, participants will share experiences and thoughts on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is the biggest challenge to you, in your role, for increasing partnerships?</li> <li>○ What can EPA do to help move work forward on partnerships?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10:30-12:00pm	<p><b>Funding and Financing Options: Priority Area One</b></p> <p><b>Funding and Financing options to help create and maintain partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This session will be a working session, kicked off by a ten minute presentation on the current available funding for partnerships, and the challenges around financing and funding partnerships that have often been raised.</li> <li>• The majority of the session will be discussions in small groups and with the full group, to share ideas on short and long term actions to address those challenges.</li> </ul>
12:00-1:00pm	<p><b>Lunch on your own</b></p>
1:00-2:30pm	<p><b>Incentives for Partnerships: Priority Area Two</b></p> <p><b>Incentives that are used by states or utilities to help support partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This session will be a working session, kicked off by a ten minute presentation on the current available incentives to support partnerships, and the challenges and gaps around these incentives that have often been raised.</li> <li>• The majority of the session will be discussions in small groups and with the full group, to share ideas on short and long term actions to address those challenges.</li> </ul>
2:30-2:45pm	<p><b>Break</b></p>
2:45-4:15pm	<p><b>Outreach and Education: Priority Area Three</b></p> <p><b>Outreach and Education about and in support of partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This session will be a working session, kicked off by a ten minute presentation on the what exists for education and outreach for partnerships, and the challenges around these areas to support partnerships that have often been raised.</li> <li>• The majority of the session will be discussions in small groups and with the full group, to share ideas on short and long term actions to address those challenges.</li> </ul>
4:15-4:30pm	<p><b>Break</b></p>
4:30-5:15 pm	<p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection across the three priority areas</li> <li>• Discuss path forward</li> </ul>