



# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Water Summit

Addressing Small Systems Challenges

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

9:00AM – 4:00PM

(Registration starts at 8:30AM)

Cibola County Governance Center

700 East Roosevelt Avenue, Suite 60, Grants, New Mexico



## AGENDA

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SESSION</u>
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p><i>Kate Fletcher (Cibola County)</i> Opening address and attendee introductions. (15 mins)</p>
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	<p><b>Keynote Addresses</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Dealing with Water Insecurity: Shaping the Path to Tomorrow</u></a> (9:15am – 10:00am) <i>John Rhoderick, New Mexico Environment Department</i> Discussion on causes of water insecurity, challenges communities face, and ways to mitigate and create resiliency for climatic events and activities. (45 mins)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Regional Water Planning Update</u></a> (10:00am – 10:45am) <i>Andrew Erdmann (Interstate Stream Commission)</i> Revisiting discussions on the future of water and the state’s rollout plan to update regional plans, including Region 2 San Juan Basin and Region 6 Northwest Region. (45 mins)</p>
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	<p><b>Identifying and Understanding Regional Challenges</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Understanding Challenges for Small Systems</u></a> (10:45am – 11:00am) <i>Angelina Grey (RWPO)</i> Overview of challenges that small water systems experience at the local level as seen in our region and opening the forum on ways to address these challenges and strategies to collaborate. (15 mins)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Systems Road Mapping: Identifying Solutions to Challenges</u></a> (11:00am – 11:30am) <i>Ryan Magee (Southwest Environmental Finance Center)</i> Developing strategic action plans to help small systems get back into compliance and to address local and regional challenges. Case Study reviews. (30 mins)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Regional Collaboration and Building Partnerships</u></a> (11:30am – 12:00pm) <i>Karen Pereira/Blanca Surgeon (Rural Community Assistance Corporation)</i> Inform on possibilities and benefits of collaborating with neighboring systems and creating partnerships to address challenges. (30 mins)</p>

<p><b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b>  <i>Lunch catered by Grandma Jo’s (Pueblo of Laguna)</i></p>
<p><b>1:00 PM – 3:45 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Agency Partner Compliance Seminars</b></p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Asset Management Planning</u></a> (1:00 PM – 1:30 PM)  <i>Shannon Sloane Pepper (Southwest Environmental Finance Center)</i>  Discussion on what small systems need to know, why the AMP is important and how to develop/ update your AMP for your system. (30 mins)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Financial Management: Best Practices</u></a> (1:30 PM – 2:15 PM)  Blanca Surgeon (<i>Rural Communities Assistance Corporation</i>)  Overview of best practices on developing effective record-keeping and accounting procedures that help small systems with budgeting and reporting requirements for the State Auditor’s Office and the NM Department of Finance &amp; Administration. Other topics include a review of the regulatory compliance calendar, reporting deadlines and fees (Consumer Confidence Reporting, Water Conservation Fees, Water Sampling, Meter Reading, and Open Meetings Act). (45 mins)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Safe Drinking Water Act and Small Water Resiliency</u></a> (2:15 PM – 3:15 PM)  Anders Lundahl (<i>NMED, Drinking Water Bureau, Sustainability Office</i>)  Overview of federal ruling that requires all public water systems to follow primary (health-related) standards to protect the quality of drinking water and discussion on avenues to build resilient water-related infrastructure and sustainability. (60 mins)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Lead Service Line Inventory</u></a> (3:15pm – 3:45pm)  Anders Lundahl (<i>NMED, Drinking Water Bureau, Sustainability Office</i>)  Overview of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) <i>Lead Copper Rule Revisions</i> (LCRR) and the new requirements for lead service lines, and information on the next scheduled inventory training. All public water systems and special districts are required to submit the Lead Service Line Inventory on or before Wednesday, October 16, 2024. (30 mins)</p>
<p><b>3:45 PM – 4:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Closing &amp; Adjourn</b>  <i>Evan Williams (NWNMCOG)</i>  Closing remarks and adjournment</p>