

## WWEMA 48TH WASHINGTON FORUM SPEAKER BIOS

### Kiri Anderer, PE, Senior Environmental Engineer, State Revolving Fund Team, U.S. EPA



**Kiri Anderer** is a Senior Environmental Engineer on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Team at EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The DWSRF provides water infrastructure financing for public health protection, with an emphasis on small and disadvantaged public water systems. During her 25-year career in the water sector, Ms. Anderer has spent the last 13 years with the EPA working on domestic preference requirements, as well as resiliency and eligibility aspects of the DWSRF Program. Prior to EPA, she worked in the Baltimore and then Phoenix metropolitan areas, assisting communities with integrated water resource planning. Ms. Anderer is a registered Professional Engineer in Maryland. She has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University and a Master of Public Policy from The George Washington University.

### Curtis Dubay, Lead Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce



**Curtis Dubay** is the Lead Economist at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that he was Senior Economist at the American Bankers Association and Research Fellow in Tax and Economic Policy at The Heritage Foundation. He has also worked at the accounting firm PwC and the Tax Foundation. Mr. Dubay has researched and published frequently on a wide range of tax and economic issues. He is often quoted by the press and has appeared regularly in the media, including on CNBC, Fox News, Fox Business, MSNBC, CNN, and C-SPAN. He has testified before the U.S. Congress several times and was cited in newspapers such as The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, and Politico. Dubay received his Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Connecticut and his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Richmond. He resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife and three sons.

### Deirdre Finn, Executive Director, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities



**Deirdre Finn** is Executive Director of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA), which represents the state Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Programs, the nation's premier programs for financing water infrastructure that protects public health and the environment. Since 2007, Ms. Finn has worked as a management consultant and public policy advocate for environmental, educational, and emergency management issues. From 2000-2007, she worked in Florida state government, serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Jeb Bush and in various roles at the Department of Environmental Protection. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana.

### Kevin Morley, PhD, Manager, Federal Relations, American Water Works Association



**Kevin Morley** is Manager, Federal Relations for the American Water Works Association (AWWA). He works closely with multiple organizations to advance the security and preparedness of the water sector. This includes supporting the development of several ANSI/AWWA standards that represent minimum best practices for water sector risk and resilience management, including cybersecurity guidance. He is a leading expert on §2013 of America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018 and multiple resources that enable water systems to advance their security and preparedness to all-hazards. Dr. Morley is also a member of President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

Dr. Morley received his PhD from George Mason University for research on water sector resilience and developing the Utility Resilience Index (URI). He holds a M.S. from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a B.A. from Syracuse University.

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### Howard Neukrug, PE, Executive Director, The Water Center, University of Pennsylvania



**Howard Neukrug** serves as Professor of Professional Practice in Global Water Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania. He teaches courses on “The Role of Water in Urban Sustainability and Resilience” and “The U.S. and Global Water Industry in the 21st Century.” He is the Executive Director of the Water Center at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also the Principal of CASE Environmental LLC, providing consulting services to urban water utilities and communities.

Mr. Neukrug is the former Commissioner and CEO of Philadelphia Water, responsible for all aspects of managing an annual \$1 billion capital/operating budget for this integrated drinking water/wastewater/stormwater utility serving 2.3 million people. Before that, he was the creator of Philadelphia's \$2.5 billion "Green City, Clean Waters" Program, which revolutionized how American cities approach urban sustainability and resilience. Mr. Neukrug's early career at Philadelphia Water included investigations of advanced drinking water treatment systems and water quality, regulatory and legislative liaison to Washington, and planning director for numerous other projects.

Mr. Neukrug served as Chair of the AWWA Technical Advisory Group supporting the development of regulation for lead and copper in drinking water. He later became the Chair of the AWWA Water Utility Council. He has served on numerous boards, including NACWA, WRF, and the US Water Alliance, which he co-founded. He was also Senior Advisor to the Global Water Leaders Group and founder of its CEO-Network of Leading Utility Leaders of the World. He currently Chairs the Delaware River Basin Commission's Advisory Committee on Climate Change.

### Eric Sapirstein, Founder and President, ENS Resources, Inc.



**Eric Sapirstein** founded ENS Resources, Inc., in 1986, after leadership positions at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Washington-based consulting firms. For more than three decades, his firm has focused on legislative and regulatory affairs consulting for public and private sector interests engaged in water sector policy issues. His work on behalf of local and regional governments as well as national organizations that serve the public's interests in safe and reliable water supplies is a centerpiece of the firm's priorities. From water infrastructure financing to developing policy responses to address emerging needs of climate resiliency, his firm has worked with policymakers in Congress, the Federal bureaucracy, and throughout the stakeholder community to fashion solutions that deliver improved water quality and supply.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sapirstein has been a recognized leader in environmental protection and innovative energy policy issues. Prior to establishing ENS Resources, Mr. Sapirstein was a Policy and Governmental Affairs Analyst with JSCF, Inc. He focused on regulatory and legislative initiatives related to Appropriations, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and forestry management.

He also represented the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency before Congress. He advised senior Agency officials on strategies regarding waste management, radioactive materials, and clean water policy issues, and he represented the Agency with members of Congress, Congressional staff, and Federal and state agencies. Mr. Sapirstein received two Special Achievement Awards, recognizing superior work that helped ensure passage of the Superfund Act.

Mr. Sapirstein earned a Master's of Public Administration, with a concentration in public finance, budgeting, and urban administration, from The George Washington University. He was nominated and selected to compete as a Presidential Management Intern. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Boston University.

### Zach Schafer, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water, U.S. EPA



**Zach Schafer** is Senior Advisor to EPA's Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, Radhika Fox. The Office of Water works to ensure that drinking water is safe, wastewater is safely returned to the environment, and surface waters are properly managed and protected. Prior to joining EPA, Mr. Schafer served as the founding Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director at United for Infrastructure and Senior Policy Director for the Council on Competitiveness. He also worked on water and climate policy at the White House Council on Environmental Quality during the Obama Administration. Mr. Schafer holds a B.A. in Economics, International Affairs, and History from the University of Delaware and an M.A. in Energy and Environmental Policy from the Biden School of Public Policy at the University of Delaware.