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Kiri Anderer, Water Infrastructure Technical Support Branch, Office of Water, U.S. EPA



Kiri Anderer is the Branch Supervisor of the Water Infrastructure Technical Support Branch, and the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Water Finance Branch – both of which make up the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Team at EPA headquarters in DC. During her 25-year career in the water sector, Kiri has spent the last 13 years with EPA on the DWSRF Team working on domestic preference requirements, as well as resiliency and eligibility aspects of the DWSRF program. Kiri 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.

Thomas Jorling, Keynote Speaker



Thomas Jorling served as Minority Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Public Works, including the Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution, the legislative institution where the Clean Water Act (CWA) had its birth. Subsequently, Mr. Jorling became responsible for implementation of the Act as Assistant Administrator of U.S. EPA from 1977-1980 and later at the state level as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation from 1987 to 1994. Fittingly, during the last ten years of his career, Mr. Jorling served as the responsible official for compliance with the CWA at International Paper Company, a major water using and discharging company. Mr. Jorling graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. in Biology. He received a M.S. in Forest Ecology from Washington State University and a law degree from Boston College.

Michael Levitt, Breakfast Leadership, Inc.



Michael Levitt has become the leading force on burnout and workplace culture for Fortune 500 and Small and Medium Business (SMB) organizations. What started as a C-Suite executive career in healthcare has turned into a mission to eradicate burnout in the workplace. Michael started his career in the mid-80s in public accounting, and grew from a staff accountant to CFO of several corporate and non-profit organizations, overseeing budgets up to \$2 billion. Having worked with a number of industries, Michael understands the financial challenges that many industries face, as well as their individual challenges when it comes to culture and burnout. Parallel to Michael's CFO career, he oversaw the IT infrastructure of several corporate and nonprofit organizations.

Navigating the ever-changing landscape of IT, coupled with the financial needs of the organization, Michael improved IT infrastructures well within budget, utilizing his financial, IT, and negotiating skills. He also led several multi-site healthcare organizations, and served on a community-led board of directors, serving over 1.2 million residents and their healthcare needs. Michael's expertise in workplace culture improved the turnover rate at one healthcare facility from an annual turnover rate of 80 percent, down to 6 percent after just one year. Michael's passion is preventing burnout in the workplace. After suffering his own burnout journey and 369 days of worst-case scenarios (heart attack, job loss during the Great Recession, car repossession and home foreclosure, all in a year!), he took those difficult experiences and turned them into an opportunity to speak to audiences around the world on how to prevent burnout. Michael turned his year of worst-case scenarios into a successful media and consulting agency. As a dual citizen, he resides in Canada and California. When he is not speaking, writing, coaching, or interviewing guests on the Breakfast Leadership Show, Michael spends time reading, spending time outdoors, and watching live sports.

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Adam Link, California Association of Sanitation Agencies



Adam Link is Executive Director of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA). In that capacity he directs a number of legal, regulatory, and legislative initiatives on behalf of more than 130 local public agencies that provide wastewater treatment, recycled water, and renewable energy to 90% of Californians. Prior to joining CASA in 2013, Adam was a practicing attorney with the law firm of Somach, Simmons and Dunn, focusing on water quality, environmental, and local government matters. He also previously worked in the California Legislature and for the business consulting firm Accenture. Adam holds degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

John Manzella, Manzella Trade Communications



John Manzella is the Founder of Manzella Trade Communications, Inc. John is a world-recognized speaker, author of several books, and a nationally syndicated columnist on global business, trade policy, labor, and the latest economic trends. His views have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Bloomberg*, *NPR*, and many other publications in the United States and across the globe. John also is founder of both the ManzellaReport.com, a premier source for global business and economic analysis, and Manzella Trade Communications, Inc., a public affairs, publishing, and consulting firm. Additionally, he is chair of the Upstate New York District Export Council, a position appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

Akash Rathod, Flowserve Corporation



Akash Rathod is the Industry Marketing Leader for Global Water at Flowserve. Flowserve is a large global manufacturer of pumps, valves, seals, and IoT products across multiple industries such as Water, O&G, Chemicals, Power, and General Industries. Akash leads the marketing group responsible for Product Marketing and Intelligence for the pumps division. Overall, he has 15+ years of experience and has worked in various strategy roles at Flowserve, Hewlett Packard, American Airlines, Accenture, and Ernst and Young. He has an MBA from Southern Methodist University, in Dallas and has been living in Dallas for last 20 years.