

# Agenda - Urban Waters Federal Partnership Workshop

## Rio Salado/Rio Reimagined

Wednesday, October 7 - Thursday October 8, 2020

### Virtual event

Purpose: Through the combination of national program experts and local project stakeholders, we aim to achieve the following outcomes:

- 1) Introduce and Educate on Urban Waters Partnership – benefits, resources, commitment, purpose,
- 2) Communicate UWFP Support and Commitment to local community,
- 3) Build and expand relationships,
- 4) Create a customizable template for onboarding future UWFP projects, and
- 5) Strengthen role of Non-Profits within local project and national program.

#### DAY ONE – Wednesday, October 7, 2020 (All times PST)

**8:30 AM** Invitees join virtual session | Workshop Instructions

**8:45 AM** **Welcome & Introductions**

**Pauline Louie**, Workshop Facilitator, US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (former UW Ambassador – LA River), introduces

**Brian Frazer** - Director - Oceans Wetlands and Communities Division  
EPA Office of Wetlands Oceans and Watersheds

**9:00 AM** **Opening Session**

**POLL # 1 Which industry segment below best matches your organization and work?**

**POLL #2: In what geographic area of the country do you work?**

**POLL #3: How familiar/knowledgeable are you about the Urban Waters Federal Partnership?**

a. Introduction to Urban Waters Federal Partnership 101 UW Program — overview and mission

**Chris Orvin** - Urban Waters Program - EPA Headquarters Team Lead | Partnership Programs Branch, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds - U.S Environmental Protection Agency

b. Ambassadors

**Abu Moulta-Ali** - Environmental Scientist, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, U.S Environmental Protection Agency

c. UW Learning Network- River Network & Groundwork USA

**Steve Burrington**, Executive Director, Groundwork USA

**Nicole Silk**, River Network, President/CEO

**Diana Toledo & Adi Nochur** – Coordinators, Urban Waters Learning Network

- 9:25 AM** Opening Session Q&A
- 9:30 AM** **Lead Agencies Sponsoring Rio Reimagined – EPA | DOI | USDA | HUD**  
Sponsoring agencies commitments, interests and engagement / allied State of AZ agencies
1. EPA –**David Smith** – Region 9 | Associate Director, Water Division, Tribal & State Assistance Branch to introduce:  
**Jared Vollmer** - EPA Region 9 | Urban Waters Program Lead  
Q&A
- 9:45 AM** ***Video: Urban Waters Learning Forum brings new voices and perspectives to the table***  
**BREAK**
- 10:00 AM** **POLL #4: Which type of waterway projects are current priorities to your work and/or your organization?**  
**POLL #5: Where could federal resources provide the most assistance to advance/support your work?**
2. DOI – **Ryan Nichols**, Senior Advisor, Office of Water and Science, Department of the Interior to introduce:
    - USGS: **Jim Leenhouts** – Director | AZ Water Science Center
    - BIA: **Cathy Wilson**, Natural Resource Manager
    - BOR: **Alexander Smith** - Deputy Area Manager, Phoenix Area Office
    - BLM: **Leon Thomas** – Phoenix District Manager
    - FWS: **Nichole Engelmann** - Wildlife Biologist *on behalf of*: Bill Radke – Project Leader; Nathan Bartlett – Fire Management Officer; Mary Richardson – BiologistQ&A
- 10:30 AM** ***Video: Managing Stormwater Runoff in San Antonio (2:13)***  
**BREAK**
- 10:45 AM** 3. USDA – **Elaine Kohrman** - Deputy Regional Forester-USFS Southwest Region to introduce:
  - **Laura Moser**, Cooperative Forestry - Asst. Program Manager | SW Region USFS  
Q&A
  - Astor Boozer** – NRCS Regional Conservationist – West to introduce:
    - **Keisha Tatem** – Arizona Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist  
Q&A
- 11:15 AM** ***Video: Investigating the Compton Creek Watershed (5:26)***  
**BREAK**

- 11:30 AM** 4. HUD – **Christopher Patterson**, Region 9 Administrator (*by video*) to introduce:
- **Stephanie Smelnick** – Arizona Field Office Director, HUD
  - **Pauline Louie**, Senior Management Analyst, HUD
- Q&A

**12:00 PM BREAK-OUT NETWORKING**

- 12:05 PM **Diana Toledo**, River Network, Leadership Development Director  
12:15-12:45PM Break Out Sessions  
12:45 PM De-brief with Diana Toledo

**12:55 PM DAY ONE SUMMARY / NEXT STEPS / CLOSING**

**Pauline Louie**, Workshop Facilitator, US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (former UW Ambassador – LA River)

**1:00 PM ADJOURN- DAY ONE**

**DAY TWO – Thursday, October 8, 2020** (All times PST)

**8:30 AM WELCOME, DAY ONE RECAP & DAY TWO PREVIEW**

**Pauline Louie**, Workshop Facilitator, US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development

**8:45 AM Ambassador Overview**

**Abu Moulta-Ali** - Environmental Scientist, EPA Headquarters  
Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds - U.S Environmental Protection Agency

- Geographic regions
- Array of Ambassador positioning [Fed | Local Govt | NGO | University]
- Resources
- Funding / Sponsorship

**9:15 AM Ambassador Introductions**

**Abu Moulta-Ali** - Environmental Scientist, EPA Headquarters

**9:20 AM UW Ambassador Presentations**

Ambassadors from each sector will highlight their partnership location, local workplan and projects, and efforts to promote community engagement.

❖ **Local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)**

- **Jill Erickson** – Heartland Conservation Alliance  
Blue River location, Kansas City, MO

***Video: Middle Blue River Urban Waters Partnership [4:11]***

**Darryl Haddock** – West Atlanta Watershed Alliance Proctor Creek Watershed  
location, Atlanta, GA

***Video: Darryl Haddock, Proctor Creek, Atlanta [3:07]***

- **Local Government**  
**Matt Chapman**, Grand Rapids Whitewater & **Wendy Ogilive**, Grand Valley Metro Council  
 Grand River location, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Video: Urban Waters Voices: Grand River [3:21]*

**10:10 AM      BREAK**

- ❖ **National NGO**
  - **Sarah Hurteau**, The Nature Conservancy, Albuquerque  
 Middle Rio Grande location, Albuquerque, NM  
*Video: Pop-Up Park Blooms in ABQ International District [6:30]*
- ❖ **University**
  - **Jennifer Birchfield**, Urban Waters Ambassador, Purdue University  
 Northwest Indiana location  
*Video: Wilderness Inquiry featuring LaPorte, INI [2:09]*

Ambassador Session Q&A

**11:25 AM      POLL #6 For Rio Reimagined, what Ambassador placement makes the most sense?**  
**POLL #7 Which of the following should be near-term priorities for Rio Reimagined?**

**11:30AM      Rio Reimagined – WHAT’S NEXT?**  
 Pauline Louie facilitates an interactive discussion of next steps for Rio Reimagined based on Day One Session break outs, Poll feedback, etc.

**12:20 PM      DAY TWO SUMMARY / CLOSING**  
**Pauline Louie**, Workshop Facilitator  
**Chris Orvin** - Urban Waters Program - EPA Headquarters Team Lead  
 Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds - U.S Environmental Protection Agency

**12:30 PM      ADJOURN- DAY TWO**