



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 Environmental Financial Advisory Board  
 Water Affordability Workgroup

*Draft Agenda*

Public Listening Session  
 Virtual Platform

*February 20, 2024*

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Eastern Time

1:00 pm	<b>WELCOME, MEMBER ROLL CALL, &amp; REVIEW OF AGENDA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara Johnson, EFAB Alternate Designated Federal Officer</li> <li>Cynthia Koehler and Janet Clements, EFAB Water Affordability workgroup co-chairs</li> </ul>
1:05 pm	<b>OFFICE OF WATER REMARKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bruno Pigott, Office of Water Deputy Assistant Administrator</li> </ul>
1:10 pm	<b>WATER AFFORDABILITY CHARGE – CAPITAL PROJECTS INTRODUCTION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cynthia Koehler and Janet Clements, EFAB Water Affordability workgroup co-chairs</li> </ul>
1:15 pm	<b>INNOVATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investments in innovative strategies and solutions that could reduce costs at larger scale, i.e., that deliver water infrastructure services more cost effectively, or provide greater/multi-benefits, than conventional approaches. This can include, for example, green and nature-based infrastructure as well as tech innovation and distributed and/or modular systems.</li> </ul>
1:35 pm	<b>MULTI-BENEFITS ANALYSIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding consideration of the types of benefits that can be provided by water infrastructure to leverage unconventional sources of capital (e.g., green infrastructure can provide public health, local greening, and other benefits that can tap into non-water utility sources of funding).</li> </ul>
1:55 pm	<b>CONSOLIDATION/REGIONALIZATION FOR SMALL SYSTEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximizing economies of scale through consolidation and/or regionalization of water infrastructure investments, when appropriate.</li> </ul>
2:15 pm	<b>GAINS FROM TRADING OR OTHER MARKET-BASED APPROACHES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gains from trading or other market-based approaches, such as stormwater credit trading or nutrient trading that can meet outcomes at lower cost.</li> </ul>
2:35 pm	<b>ALIGNING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligning financial incentives. Creating stronger shared incentives to deliver water infrastructure more efficiently; e.g., new procurement models; alternative delivery approaches providing financial incentives for meeting performance targets.</li> </ul>
2:55 pm	<b>WRAP-UP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cynthia Koehler and Janet Clements, EFAB Water Affordability workgroup co-chairs</li> </ul>
3:00 pm	<b>ADJOURN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara Johnson, EFAB Alternate Designated Federal Officer</li> </ul>