

NASUCA 2014 WATER COMMITTEE FORUM



Come to Indianapolis, Indiana
April 22-23, 2014

Come join us for an in-depth discussion on current water/wastewater utility issues with your NASUCA colleagues from across the nation. At this “meeting” we will explore and discuss the key issues that impact water/wastewater ratepayers.

Participant driven forum. We will explore the topics you choose. But, be prepared to talk. The discussions require your input.

Roundtable discussions moderated by experienced consumer advocates.

Forum will focus on critical issues currently facing utility consumer advocates.

Thorough multi-state perspective on the key issues that influence utility ratemaking .

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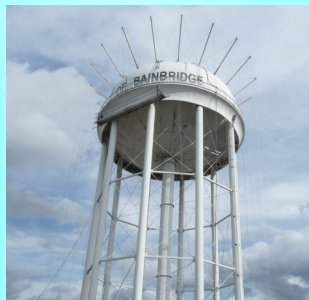
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FORUM CONTRIBUTION—ONLY \$20.00

The \$20.00 contribution covers Wednesday’s lunch, snacks and beverages through-out the forum and forum materials. The only other costs are for travel, meals and hotel. The contribution can be paid at the forum.



Last year’s meeting was such a success - We decided to expand it to 1.5 days. So come to Indianapolis in April.

The 2014 (Bi Annual) NASUCA—Water Committee Forum hosted by the Indiana Consumer Counselor’s Office Indianapolis, IN—April 22-23.

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Planned Agenda

April 22 (1:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

- 1:00 – 1:15 Welcome to Indianapolis and Overview of this Year’s Forum
- 1:15 – 2:15 Benchmarking: Scott Haskins of CH2M Hill will lead a presentation on Benchmarking and why consumer advocates should care about benchmarking.
- 2:15 – 3:00 Small Water-Wastewater Issues / Affordability Issues. What are the key issues that affect small utility rates? How does a consumer advocate respond when rates are simply not affordable? Sue Satter will moderate
- 3:00 – 4:00 Break and State update – Key issues and current cases from your state. Each participant will discuss key issues and events from their state
- 4:00 – 5:00 DSICs, Declining usage, Decoupling, and other mechanisms proposed by utilities to address alleged regulatory lag. Steve Hines has volunteered to moderate.
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April 23 (8:45 AM to 3:30 PM)

- 8:45 – 10:15 Future Test Year. More and more states are adopting Future Test Years. But the devil is in the details. What future test year provisions are reasonable and which ones are most onerous? Edward Kaufman has volunteered to moderate.
- 10:15—11:45 The Earnings Gap? A NASUCA Response: Does the earning gap exist? Is it really a problem for water utilities? The session will respond to utility arguments that the “earnings gap” justifies new regulatory relief.
- 11:45 – 12:45 Lunch and open discussion - Unstructured time to eat and discuss current topics.
- 12:45– 2:15 Ryan Wobbrock – Moody’s Bond Analyst (Time subject to change) Ryan prepares Moody’s reports for American Water, Golden State Water and Aquarion. He will discuss issues import to water utility credit evaluation and the bond rating process.
- 2:15—3:00 A Primer on Construction Costs: “How much is reasonable?” For both small and large water utilities, evaluating the estimated cost of a proposed or completed construction project a challenge. OUCC employee Larry McIntosh –Former General Manager and Superintendent of Stuck Fork Conservancy District explains how to evaluate these costs.
- 3:00– 3:30 Expanding NASUCA’s footprint - resources. What’s next for the NASUCA Water Committee? Moderated by Susan Satter. Susan will lead a discussion on what NASUCA can do to make the Water Committee more effective at promoting ratepayer interests.