

## FINAL 2022 RCAP National Conference Agenda

### Monday 8/15 – Preconference Programs

7:30 am – 7:00 pm	Registration – <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction</i> (Lower Level)
8:00 am – 12:50 pm	RCAP Board of Directors Meeting ( <i>invitation only</i> ) – <i>Edward Parker Hayden Room</i> (Lobby Level)
8:30 am - 4:30 pm	New TAP Orientation – <i>Robert King Room</i> (Lobby Level)
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	New TAP Reception (New TAPs, RCAP staff and Board) ( <i>invitation only</i> ) – <i>Gallerie</i> (Second Floor)
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception – <i>Gallerie</i> (Second Floor)

### Tuesday 8/16—Connecting to the Big Picture

7:00 am - 7:45 am	Morning Warm-up (Yoga, meditation, walk) – <i>Robert King Room</i> (Lobby Level)
7:00 am – 6:30 pm	Registration – <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction</i> (Lower Level)

8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p><b>Opening Session &amp; Breakfast</b> – <i>George Bellows Ballroom CD</i> (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>Conference Introduction and Welcome</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruthann House, RCAP Board Member and CEO of GLCAP</li> </ul> <p><i>Group Activity</i></p> <p><i>Special Guests</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Dettmer, Managing Director for Infrastructure Implementation, Office of Water, U.S. EPA</li> <li>• Dr. Lanikque Howard, Director, Office of Community Services, HHS</li> <li>• Xochitl Torres Small, Under Secretary for Rural Development, USDA</li> </ul>
10:00 am -10:30 am	Coffee Break with Sponsors - <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction</i> (Lower Level)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	<p><i>Re-engaging community right now</i> – <i>George Bellows Ballroom CD</i> (Lower Level)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote: Lance Willard, City of Columbiana, OH</li> <li>• TAP RAP</li> </ul>
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b> – On your own
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	New TAP Alumni Luncheon ( <i>invitation only</i> ) - <i>Robert King Room</i> (Lobby Level)

<p>1:30 pm– 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: Water 1</b> – <i>George Bellows Ballroom AB</i> (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>Leveraging GIS to Support Asset Management Operations</i></p> <p>Don Becker (CU), Ron Vanderpool (MAP)</p> <p>Moderator: Laura Landes</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: Engagement</b> – <i>George Bellows Ballroom EF</i> (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>Environmental Justice</i></p> <p>Jacqueline Shirley (RCAC)</p> <p><i>Multicultural Conflict Resolution</i></p> <p>Katrina Hiott (RCAC)</p> <p>Moderator: Coye Gerald</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: CED</b> – <i>Emerson Burkart AB Room</i> (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>RCAP Regions and Community Economic Development: Connecting the Dots Between Environmental Work and CED</i></p> <p>Speakers: Deb Martin (GLCAP), Martha Claire Drysdale (CU), Mark Pearson (CU)</p> <p>Moderator: Carol Cohen (RCAC)</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: Policy, \$, &amp; TMF</b> – <i>Elijah Pierce AB Room</i> (Lobby Level)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Water &amp; Wastewater Rate Setting</u></a></p> <p>Glenn Barnes (RCAP)</p> <p>Moderator – Glenn Barnes</p>
<p>3:00 pm - 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Coffee Break with Sponsors - - <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction</i> (Lower Level)</p>			

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<p><b>TAP Skills: Technology for Training</b> - <i>George Bellows Ballroom AB</i> (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>Visual Storytelling</i></p> <p>Dustin Love (RCAC), Blivion Xanouvong (RCAC)</p> <p><i>Two Tech Tools for Virtual Training Delivery</i></p> <p>Andy Crocker (SERCAP)</p> <p>Moderator: Lisa Fought</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: Strategy</b> - <i>George Bellows Ballroom EF</i> (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>What Do We Want to Do as a Network for DEI?</i></p> <p>RCAP DEI Workgroup</p> <p>Moderator: Maranda Saling</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: CED</b> - <i>Emerson Burkart AB Room</i> (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>Community Economic Development (CED) Practice In Action</i></p> <p>Nicole Manapol (RCAP) and Mark Pearson (CU)</p> <p>Moderator: Nicole Manapol</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: Regionalization</b> - <i>Elijah Pierce AB Room</i> (Lobby Level)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Regionalization 101: Basics for newer TAPS</u></a></p> <p>Sarah Buck (RCAP), Ben Howard (GLCAP), Nathan Davis (GLCAP), Lupita Ortega (CU)</p> <p>Moderator: Sarah Buck</p> <p><b>Materials:</b>  <a href="#"><u>Water Partnership MOU</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Recent Regionalization – A Team Approach</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Crafting Interlocal Agreements</u></a></p>
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>RECEPTION</b> - - <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction</i> (Lower Level)			
<b>Wednesday, 8/17 – Playing with the “Toys” We Have</b>				
7:00 am – 7:45 am	Morning warm-up (Yoga, meditation, walk) – <i>Robert King Room</i> (Lobby Level)			
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration – <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction</i> (Lower Level)			
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Regionalization Working Group Breakfast Meeting ( <i>invitation only</i> ) – <i>Edward Parker Hayden Room</i> (Lobby Level)			

8:00 am – 9:00 am	<p align="center"><b>Plenary Session &amp; Breakfast – George Bellows Ballroom CD (Lower Level)</b></p> <p><i>A view from DC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farah Ahmad, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, USDA</li> <li>• Mikayla Bodey, Professional Staff Member, Senate Agriculture Committee</li> <li>• Jonathan Nelson, Senior Advisor, EPA</li> <li>• Dennis Alvord, Deputy Assistant, EDA</li> <li>• Christina Clark, LIHWAP Program Representative</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ted Stiger</p>			
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Coffee Break with Sponsors - <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction (Lower Level)</i>			
9:30 am – 11:00 am	<i>Meet with DC Speakers (invitation only) - George Bellows Ballroom AB (Lower Level)</i>			
	<p><b><i>Field Days and Learning Labs Materials:</i></b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Map</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Field Days and Learning Labs Guide</u></a></p>			
9:30 am – 12:30 pm	<p><i>Field Days – Goodale Park Shelterhouse (120 West Goodale Street)</i></p> <p align="center">Bud Mason, Joe Lawrie, Jake Getz, Nathan Davis, Zach Walker, Shawnee Ford, Jordan Snelick, David Garretson (GLCAP)</p>	<p><i>Learning Labs – Goodale Park Shelterhouse (120 West Goodale Street)</i></p> <p align="center">Lisa Fought (RCAP), Jeff Oxenford (RCAP), Cindy Brookes (GLCAP)</p>	<p><i>Tour of Rumpke Material Recycling – Buses depart from Hotel Main Entrance</i></p> <p align="center">Debbie Hackman (GLCAP) Sarah Buck (RCAP)</p>	<p><i>Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Skills - Elijah Pierce AB Room (Lobby Level)</i></p> <p align="center">Kristen Wright (National Policy Consensus Center)</p>
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	LUNCH – On your own			

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Field Days</i> (continued)	<i>Learning Labs</i> (continued)	<p><i>Open for Business: The Power of a Network</i> - Emerson Burkart AB Room (<i>Lower Level</i>)</p> <p>Dale Rutherford (CU), Madison Wellman (RSOL), Brian Brown (SERCAP), Brianna Dennis (GLCAP), Carol Cohen (RCAC), Karli Salisbury (RCAC), Jodi Hilsabeck (MAP), Akira Morishita (CU)</p> <p>Moderator: Nicole Manapol</p>	<p><i>Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Skills</i> (repeat of morning session) - Elijah Pierce AB Room (<i>Lobby Level</i>)</p> <p>Kristen Wright (National Policy Consensus Center)</p>
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Solid Waste Working Group Dinner Meeting ( <i>invitation only</i> ) – <i>The Pearl</i> – Short North (641 North High Street)			
<b>ON YOUR OWN FOR DRINKS AND DINNER</b>				
<b>Thursday, 8/18: Connecting with New Ideas</b>				
7:00 am – 7:45 am	Morning warm-up (Yoga, meditation, walk) – <i>Robert King Room</i> (Lobby Level)			
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration – <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction</i> (Lower Level)			

8:00 am – 9:30 am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plenary &amp; Breakfast - George Bellows Ballroom CD (Lower Level)</b></p> <p><i>A Word from Our Presenting Sponsor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia McCusker, CoBank</li> </ul> <p><i>What's New at National RCAP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy and Policy – Ted Stiger</li> <li>• <a href="#">Programs/Fund Development – Sarah Buck</a></li> <li>• Communications – Seth Johnson</li> <li>• Training – Jeff Oxenford</li> <li>• Research - Laura Landes</li> </ul>
9:30 am -10:00 am	Coffee Break with Sponsors - <i>George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction (Lower Level)</i>
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><i>World Café – 15 minute talks + 5 minutes for rotations – George Bellows Ballroom AB &amp; EF and Emerson Burkart AB Room (Lower Level)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar Feasibility – Ben Howard (GLCAP)   Materials: <a href="#">Solar Feasibility Analysis</a> and <a href="#">Example Plan for Solar Install</a></li> <li>• RD Apply Tips and Tricks – Gaylene Riley (CU)</li> <li>• Tank Management – Julie Hudgins (CU)</li> <li>• RD Apply Juncos Case Study – Edwin Vazquez-Ascensio (RSOL)</li> <li>• Working with the Community Engineering Corps (CEC) – Jean Holloway (SERCAP)</li> <li>• Google Classroom – Olivia Barfield (CU), Johnathan Patrick (CU)</li> <li>• Why Community Economic Development is so Important – Martha Claire Drysdale (CU), Deb Martin (GLCAP), Nicole Manapol (RCAP)</li> <li>• Drone Applications for Condition Assessment – Jordan Snelick (GLCAP) • EPA Climate Resilience Tool – Curt Baranowski (EPA)</li> </ul>
10 am – 12:00 pm	GIS Working Group Meeting ( <i>invitation only</i> ) – <i>William Hawkins Boardroom (Lobby Level)</i>
12:00 pm -1:30 pm	<b>AWARDS LUNCHEON</b> - <i>George Bellows Ballroom CD (Lower Level)</i>

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p><b>TAP Skills: Policy, \$ and TMF</b> - George Bellows Ballroom AB (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>Fundraising is a Team Sport</i></p> <p>Bernadeta Baktashian (RCAC)</p> <p><i>Build Your Program and Better Serve Communities with Fee for Service</i></p> <p>Sherry Loos (GLCAP)</p> <p>Moderator: Owen Griffith</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: Engagement</b> - George Bellows Ballroom EF (Lower Level)</p> <p><i>Solid Waste: Temporary Debris Management</i></p> <p>Edwin Vazquez-Ascensio (RSOL)</p> <p>Moderator: Hunter Jackman</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: Regionalization</b> - Emerson Burkart AB Room (Lower Level)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Regionalization During Times of Crisis</u></a></p> <p>Joan Douglas (SERCAP), Derik Dressler (RSOL), Ami Kieffer (RCAP), Alan Nazarro (RCAC)</p> <p>Moderator: Ami Kieffer</p>	<p><b>TAP Skills: Wastewater</b> - Elijah Pierce AB Room (Lobby Level)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Preparing for Treatment Works and Staying on Top of Wastewater (PowerPoint Link)</u></a></p> <p>Carlos Velazquez-Figueroa (RSOL) and Jim Jones (RCAP)</p> <p><i>Treatment Works and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</i></p> <p>Sarah Buck (RCAP)</p> <p>Moderator: Andrew Nordbye</p>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break with Sponsors - George Bellows Ballroom Prefunction (Lower Level)			
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<p align="center"><b>Closing Session</b> - George Bellows Ballroom CD (Lower Level)</p> <p>Keynote: Re-Engaging Communities Right Now, Mayor Willie Burnette, City of Godwin, NC</p> <p>Conference closer: What do we act on tomorrow?</p> <p>Closing reflections from RCAP's CEO</p>			
<b>ON YOUR OWN FOR DRINKS AND DINNER</b>				

# Session Descriptions

## Tuesday 8/16 - Connecting to the Big Picture

### 10:30 am-12:00 pm | Opening Session & Breakfast

#### Re-Engaging Community Right Now

*Keynote Speaker Lance Williard from the City of Columbiana, OH will give an overview of Columbiana's success as a result of RCAP's various programs.*

### 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm | TAP Skills: Water 1

#### Leveraging GIS to Support Asset Management Operations

*Geographic Information Systems are increasingly being utilized to help communities locate and catalog assets. Asset location and description are valuable on their own, but modest enhancements to the data organization and collection workflow can optimize a GIS mapping effort to support Asset Management operations. This session will cover concepts essential to GIS mapping, data management, and asset management. Additionally, examples of the flexible and analytical GIS applications designed for enhancing asset management operations and strategies will be demonstrated.*

### 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm | TAP Skills: Engagement

#### Overview of Environmental Justice (EJ)

What is EJ? How do we apply EJ principles in our work as community service providers? Justice 40, and other current "EJ" priorities and initiatives will also be discussed.

#### Multicultural Conflict Resolution

*To have a group of people with different cultures, you do not need to have varying ethnicities or countries of origin. By nature, any group of people has a variety of cultures. Conflict amongst and between cultures arises when there are differences in norms, values, and beliefs that dictate appropriate behavior, perceptions of risk and/or uncertainty, established hierarchies, power structures, authorities, and communication methods. Join us for a conversation on how to create an environment of multiculturalism where all members of a group feel valued for their uniqueness and confidence to navigate new environments.*

### 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | TAP Skills: CED

#### RCAP Regions and Community Economic Development: Connecting the Dots

*Connecting the dots between environmental work and community economic development - what does this mean in our daily work? How does this translate into positive change for our communities? How can*

*we meet our mission to build resiliency in rural America? This participatory session will allow space for discussion, challenging assumptions, and creative thinking as we identify how we do this now - and what needs to happen to re-wire our approach for even greater impact. Be prepared to share, inspire and leave with new strategies to elevate our collective impact in meeting our mission.*

**1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | TAP Skills: Policy, \$, and TMF**

**Water and Wastewater Rate Setting**

*This session will describe how to evaluate whether a utility's current rates are sufficient to cover future expected costs. This will include the process, data needs, and key policy decisions for utility leaders to make.*

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | TAP Skills: Technology for Training**

**Visual Storytelling**

*Effective use of visual storytelling in digital media is an important piece of every organization's communication strategy. In this workshop, we will help you tell your organization's story through graphics, photography, and video. We will discuss the importance of brand consistency and offer suggestions on how to communicate your company values through branding and design. We will provide tips for taking great photos and videos that tell your story and show the human impact of your work. Creating and sharing visual storytelling campaigns is a great way to get your message out there and helps with fundraising, advocacy, and finding clients. Join us to learn the ins and outs of visual communication.*

**Two Tech Tools for Virtual Training Delivery**

*A brief introduction to two tech tools used to effectively present materials during virtual trainings.*

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | TAP Skills: Strategy**

**What Do We Want to Do as a Network for DEI?**

*RCAP DEI Workgroup meet to discuss what the network should do.*

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | TAP Skills: CED**

**CED Practice in Action**

*Although community and economic development has been an important part of RCAP's work building thriving rural communities, it remains an area of practice that not all TAPs are familiar with, or know how to integrate into their environmental and water work. In this session TAPs will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of their peers who have made the pivot to community and economic development work and discuss practical strategies for integrating CED into their existing training and technical assistance work with communities for greater impact.*

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | TAP Skills: Regionalization**

## **Regionalization 101: Basics for Newer TAPs**

*Regionalization is a challenging topic, and RCAP has built out a particular methodology, best practices, and set of values to help small systems be more sustainable and resilient through partnerships, big and small. The session, designed for newer TAPs and those with less experience with regionalization, will include an overview of how RCAP defines regionalization, hands-on sample activities that can be used with communities when implementing regional collaboration, case studies, lessons learned from the field, and the review of key tools and resources. Ohio RCAP team members will share their experience facilitating a bulk purchase agreement between neighboring communities. Highlights will include a description of the negotiation timeline, simple tactics to improve teamwork, pitfalls when aligning with SRF deadlines, and knowing your individual and collective role(s) as TA providers.*

## **Wednesday 8/17 - Playing With the “Toys” We Have**

### **9:30 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Field Days**

#### **Goodale Park Shelterhouse**

*Field Day demonstrations, including the topics of water distribution, wastewater collection, and GIS. The location address is 120 West Goodale Street.*

### **9:30 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Learning Labs**

#### **Goodale Park Shelterhouse**

*The purpose of the learning labs is to provide Technical Assistance Providers with the tools and practice necessary to plan and deliver the learning lab curriculums on lead and monitoring. The location address is 120 West Goodale Street.*

### **9:30 am - 12:00 pm | Tour of Rumpke Material Recycling**

**Buses depart from the hotel main entrance.**

### **2:00 - 5:00 pm | Open For Business: The Power of a Network**

#### **Emerson Burkart AB Room (Lower Level)**

*Launched in 2021 with funding from Wells Fargo and the Siegel Family Endowment, the Open for Business Program brings together the RCAP network's expertise in growing opportunity and small businesses in rural and tribal communities for more than 40 years.*

#### *Part I: Panel Discussion*

*Join members of the Open for Business working group to learn about how this initiative is helping the RCAP network to scale its expertise in serving rural Native, minority, and women-owned businesses to*

*all regions in our network, while building our internal capacity to co-develop and co-deliver training and support across organizations for greater impact.*

*Part II: Workshop - How TAPs can get Involved*

*In part II of this session, TAPs will learn how they can help connect their communities with the Open for Business resources and support.*

**9:30 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Skills**

**Elijah Pierce AB Room (Lobby Level)**

*The afternoon session is a repeat of the morning session.*

## **Thursday 8/18 - Connecting with New Ideas**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm | World Cafe**

**Solar Feasibility**

*A brief desktop solar energy feasibility review to help your community identify projects to pursue. Solar array sizing, payback period, and energy policy considerations will be touched on.*

**RD Apply Tips and Tricks**

*World Cafe's session on RD Apply and what screens may give you trouble.*

**Tank Management**

*The basic components of water tank maintenance, including the importance of identifying external inspections, internal inspections, and the time frame of inspections.*

**RD Apply Juncos Case Study**

*A brief presentation of the case study and the experience with the challenges to complete the task. I will share the process we used to assist multiple municipalities to initiate the process and the arguments they must include. I will discuss how we implemented RD-Apply in the process and the challenges to conform a team to complete the task.*

**Working With the Community Engineering Corps**

*Roundtable presentation on successful projects in Maryland.*

**Using Google Classroom for Training**

*This will be a brief demonstration on how to use Google Classroom to deliver online training. Google Classroom is a learning management system (LMS) that is accessible, flexible, user-friendly and, in most*

cases, free. We have used this program at Communities Unlimited with success and believe it could be a valuable tool across the RCAP network.

### **Why Community Economic Development is So Important**

*Pathways to Prosperity: Why CED is so important to RCAP's Mission.*

### **Drone Applications for Water and Sewer Condition Assessment**

*This session will identify the capabilities of the drone and its use in water and sewer condition assessment, specifically for inspections of a water tower, treatment plant imagery, smoke testing, and other condition management practices. You'll learn the added benefits that drones and GIS have on an asset management plan.*

### **EPA Climate Resilience Tool**

*US EPA's Creating Resilient Water Utilities - Strengthening Drinking Water and Wastewater Resilience to Climate Impacts.*

## **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | TAP Skills: Policy, \$, and TMF**

### **Fundraising is a Team Sport**

*This playful session will prioritize in-person connection and interaction to highlight key fundraising concepts under one core concept: fundraising is a team sport. This workshop will use examples and case studies to highlight successes and/or opportunities gone awry and share experiential learnings and best practices in organizational fund development. Basic improv-style games and team-building activities will get participants to interact and underscore overarching themes of the training—i.e., collaboration and communication. Participants will understand what goes into organizational fund development, how different roles within the organization contribute, key fundraising strategies, and an increased connection to their colleagues.*

### **Build Your Program and Better Serve Communities with Fee-for-Service**

*Fee-for-Service is a touchy subject among caring TAPs who want to do all they can for their systems. But, the Ohio program demonstrates its value to the organization and communities. Fee-for-Service and local community matches enabled Ohio to support 4-6 additional staff per year, serving far more communities than it could under traditional grant programs. It gained recognition among funding agencies and primacy agency staff, leading to more state contract opportunities. Fee-for-Service and local community matching funds were key to building a standout program, creating our GIS program, and enabling our collective programs to serve almost 300 different communities each year across the state. Join Sherry for this important discussion to think about Fee-for-Service from a new perspective.*

## **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | TAP Skills: Engagement**

### **Solid Waste: Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS) Considerations for Design**

*Presenting the basic concepts and the Guides for the design and operation of TDMS. The participants will learn about the most important consideration when planning for disaster debris management, based on the experiences learned after hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico. TAPs will discuss the process of evaluation for the TDMS. The TAP will be providing guidance about how to tailor the planning for their specific area.*

### **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | TAP Skills: Regionalization**

#### **Regionalization in Crisis**

*With the rise of natural disasters, and with an eye on climate change and its direct impact on resources, it is essential rural communities and tribal entities brace themselves when a disaster strikes. Regional collaboration is a tool small water and wastewater systems should consider in helping to achieve compliance, long-term sustainability, and resiliency. There are many examples of partnerships born out of crisis whether that is being part of a mutual aid agreement, having backup operations in case of COVID or other absences, or having an emergency interconnect between water systems. In this session, we will dig into some of these examples, and share real-world case studies, as well as resources to help implement these types of partnerships and programs in the communities TAPs, are working in.*

#### **Disaster & Resilience Paradise**

*RCAC has been working with the town of Paradise, California, devastated by wildfire in 2018, as they redevelop their primary infrastructure and housing stock, and are experiencing a variety of impediments for citizens coming back to town. In tandem with this technical assistance has been the development of a new program to help communities plan for and mitigate against disaster impacts before they happen. Join Alan Nazzaro, the new Disaster Recovery Services Program Manager, as we tell the story of the post-fire work going on in Paradise and the development of the new "Natural Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Planning Program" at RCAC.*

### **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | TAP Skills: Wastewater**

#### **Preparing for Treatment Works and Staying on Top of Wastewater**

*This presentation will be an overview of the wastewater world we live in today, including the needs and common problems TAPs encounter every day. We'll present case studies and experiences concerning centralized and decentralized wastewater as references for overcoming mounting wastewater challenges. Ultimately, we will share our vision for how we see wastewater in the future and RCAP's role in protecting the public and environmental health through our work. In this discussion, we will also share additional details and get feedback on the new Treatment Works (TW) program, better understand TAP and small, rural, and tribal community needs to inform future TW and EPA NPA2 proposals, and also share some highlights about the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunities related to the Clean Water SRF.*

#### **Treatment Works and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

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