



AGENDA

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

8:00 - 8:45 Breakfast and Registration

8:45 - 9:00 Welcome

9:00 - 9:30 Keynote: Why Water, Why Now?

- Introduced by **Beth Conover**, Gates Family Foundation
- **Jim Lochhead**, CEO/Manager, Denver Water

9:30 - 9:45 Coffee and Communications Break

9:45 - 10:15 Lessons from Case Studies

- **Mary Kelly**, Culp & Kelly LLP
- **Margaret Bowman**, Bowman Environmental Consulting
- **Adam Harms**, Environmental Grantmakers Association

10:15 - 11:30 Panel: Solving Water Challenges at Scale

This panel will cover successes, challenges, and lessons learned from system-scale and national water efforts. The panel will be moderated by **Sam Tucker** of the Colorado River Sustainability Campaign, and will include:

- **Amy Cordalis**, Yurok Tribe (Klamath River)
- **Chante Coleman**, Choose Clean Water Coalition (Chesapeake Bay)
- **Taylor Hawes**, The Nature Conservancy (Colorado River Basin)
- **Jon Devine**, Natural Resources Defense Fund (Clean Water Rule)

11:30- 12:30 Panel: Forging Change at the State Level

This panel will explore experiences addressing water issues at the statewide level. The panel will be moderated by **Sarah Richards** of the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation, and will include:

- **Susan Kaderka**, National Wildlife Federation (Texas Living Waters)
- **Andrew Fahlund**, Water Foundation (California groundwater)
- **Amy Panek**, Park Foundation (New York fracking)

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch and Local Watershed Success Stories: What Works and Lessons Learned
Participants will have the opportunity to sit at regionally-organized lunch tables. We will hear about local watershed success stories from **Nicole Silk** of River Network and then engage in table discussions about regional experiences and strategies

2:00 - 3:00 Panel: Funder Coordination on Water
This panel will explore lessons from several funder collaborations on different water issues. The panel will be moderated by **Ernest Tollerson** of the Hudson River Foundation and will include:

- **Susan Bell**, Susan Bell & Associates (Water Funder Initiative)
- **Diane Schrauth**, the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities (Stormwater Funders' Group)
- **Verna Harrison**, Verna Harrison & Associates (Clean Water Rule & Chesapeake Bay Funders Network)

3:00 - 3:15 Beverage and Communications Break

3:15 - 4:15 Journalists and Strategic Communications Roundtable
This roundtable will explore the opportunities and challenges in covering water, and how NGOs and funders can be better communicators. This discussion will be moderated by **Justin Kenney** of the Walton Family Foundation and will include:

- **Brett Walton**, Circle of Blue
- **Brentin Mock**, CityLab, The Atlantic
- **Annie Snider**, Politico

4:15 - 4:50 Special Presentation: Remarks from Standing Rock Water Protectors

- **Judith LeBlanc**, Native Organizers Alliance
- **Dave Archambault, Sr.**, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

4:50 - 5:20 Closing Thoughts. Mary Kelly, moderator
A town hall-style open dialogue for all participants to share their experiences and reactions to the issues raised throughout the day.

5:20 - 6:30 Free Time

6:30 - 8:30 Cocktails and Dinner
Speaker: **Alberto Rodriguez**, Duwamish Valley Advisor, City of Seattle

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

7:30 - 8:00 **Breakfast**

8:00 - 8:15 **Introduction to the day**

8:15 - 9:15 **Panel: The New Federal and State Outlook**

This panel will reflect on the results of the November elections and its implication for water issues. The panel will be moderated by **David Beckman** of the Pisces Foundation; speakers include:

- **Steve Moyer**, Trout Unlimited
- **Cathy Carlson**, Center for the Wild West
- **Craig Hughes**, Hilltop Public Solutions

9:15 - 9:25 **Emerging Opportunity Flash Talk: Organizing for Defense**

Speaker: **Margaret Bowman**, Bowman Environmental Consulting

9:25 - 9:35 **Emerging Opportunity Flash Talk: Impact Investing**

Speaker: **Ted Kowalski**, Walton Family Foundation

9:35 - 9:50 **Coffee and Communications Break**

9:50 - 10:50 **Panel and Discussion of Emerging Opportunities**

This panel will provide a brief overview of several emerging water topics. An open discussion will provide opportunities for the audience to explore additional emerging topics. This panel will be moderated by **Rachel Leon** from Environmental Grantmakers Association, and speakers will include:

- **Nancy Stoner**, Pisces Foundation (infrastructure & source water protection)
- **Jumana Vasi**, C.S. Mott Foundation (drinking water)
- **Ella Delio**, Greater New Orleans Foundation (stormwater)

10:50 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:30 **Funder-Only Wrap Session: Next Steps for Philanthropy**

Margaret Bowman will facilitate a discussion for funder participants about what was heard at the meeting, what are the take home lessons and what are some next steps.

12:30 **Lunch and Adjourn**