

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm (eastern time)

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Webinar Purpose: This webinar will share information about how states and water systems can benefit from including source water protection in asset management planning.

Description: Asset management is gaining attention and prominence as a great way to manage a utility’s overall physical assets and deliver service to customers. source water protection, which is intended to keep drinking water sources from becoming contaminated, is often forgotten as an integral part of the program. There may be several reasons for this, including: source water protection is a voluntary program, it often relies on green assets rather than gray assets, it falls before “the beginning” of the utility and may be overlooked, and it may require activities that are outside the direct control of the utility. This webinar will help you learn how source water protection can be blended into an overall asset management strategy and why you might want to do it.

Audience: State, interstate, tribal, and federal water programs, water utilities, technical assistance providers, and anyone else who would like to participate.

Agenda



Heather Himmelber is the Director of the Southwest Environmental Finance Center at the University of New Mexico. Heather will present “*Blending Source Water Protection into the Five Core Components of Asset Management.*” These five components are: Current State of the Assets, Level of Service, Criticality, Life Cycle Costing, and Long-Term Funding. If source water protection is blended into each of these components, a water utility can ensure that activities related to protecting its sources of drinking water will be considered along with all the other projects that need to be completed.



Barbara Jones is the Drinking Water Capacity Development Analyst with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Barbara will present “*Asset Management and Source Water Protection in Idaho,*” and share tools on the Idaho Public Water System Switchboard. These tools provide opportunities for asset management and source water protection, source water protection grants, and the state’s loan and grant form that gives rating points for source water protection plans. Barbara will also share some examples of how grant money was utilized for source water protection.



Amy Klei is the Chief of the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Amy will present, “*Integrating Source Water Protection into Ohio’s Asset Management Program,*” to provide an update on efforts in Ohio to integrate Source Water Protection into the state’s new required Asset Management Program and highlight early success and current/future challenges. Amy will share how the state is building the program, developing guidance, and considering a holistic SWAP approach for leveraging additional opportunities to promote planning and implementation, and address emerging contaminants.