

DuPage Water Commission 2013 Water Management Workshop Series

Workshop 4: Water Rates and Revenue

August 28, 2013, 8:30am-Noon

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Agenda

Introductions

Overview of today's workshop and key takeaways, *Terry McGhee, DuPage Water Commission*

Financing options for water infrastructure investments

Non-traditional options, *Ted Hamer, KPMG*

Traditional options, *Gerry Bakker and Andy Bielanski, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

Break

Role of rates and full-cost pricing in conservation and water supply management, *Margaret Schneemann, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant/Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning*

Effects of conservation on revenue, savings from avoided costs and implementing new rates

Interactive discussion: attendees bring in water rates, pumpage by user by month and capital improvement plans

Additional tools for saving water and money

Performance contracting, *Ben Disney, Ameresco*

H2Oscore, *McGee Young, Marquette University*

Discussion: Internal and external communications and outreach strategies and existing resources, *Abby Crisostomo, Metropolitan Planning Council and Margaret Schneemann, IISG/CMAP*

Wrap-up, questions, announcements, feedback/evaluation

Key Takeaways

1. Understand the relationship between water rates and utility revenues, including the effect of water conservation.
2. Design water pricing mechanisms that fit utility goals, customer types and effective management.
3. Learn about opportunities for financing water infrastructure investments from both traditional sources, as well as from emerging sources.