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WATER EQUITY NETWORK

Facilitated by the US Water Alliance, the Water Equity Network (WEN) includes anchor water and wastewater utilities, community-based organizations, resident leaders, environmental justice advocates, philanthropic partners, and more. Organizations committed to advancing water equity join the Water Equity Network to build community, learn from peers, and drive solutions locally.

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The Water Equity Network provides three tiers of engagement:

LEARN & EXCHANGE

Through **virtual and in-person networking and peer exchanges,** members learn from water equity leaders across the country and share information on best practices and the latest innovations. Activities include:

→ **Water Equity Network Virtual Peer Exchanges:** Bimonthly sessions for WEN members featuring presentations, best practices, and large-group peer discussions centered around water equity challenges and solutions.

→ **WEN Community Connections:** A centralized platform for WEN members to collaborate, share updates on water equity initiatives, and strengthen connections across the network.

→ **US Water Alliance Webinars:** Quarterly virtual events offering insights on foundational water equity and One Water topics. Open to the public.

→ **One Water Leadership Institutes:** Priority, no-cost access to skill-building sessions for WEN members. Institutes are typically two-day, expert-led events focused on key Alliance priorities. Open to all US Water Alliance members.

→ **Industry and Community Insights:** Information and resources for WEN members that help accelerate water equity at the local, regional, and national scales.

→ **Networking Opportunities:** Invitations for WEN members to join Alliance-hosted networking events, often alongside key water sector convenings—opportunities to connect with other water equity leaders.

EXPLORE & IMPLEMENT

Action Taskforces are designed to support WEN members in turning learning into action through programming and networking. Each Taskforce includes up to seven community teams consisting of community leaders, staff from utilities and city governments, as well as local foundations and organizations.

Currently, WEN convenes five Action Taskforces:

— **2024-2026 Taskforces** —

Water Affordability

Workforce Development

Racial Equity and Authentic Community Partnerships

— **2026-2028 Taskforces** —

Nature-Based Solutions

Community-Centered Planning

Each Taskforce includes three phases:

1. **Build and Explore.** WEN members form local teams to explore concepts related to their designated topic, tailor them to their community, and collaborate with other Taskforce teams to develop a shared vision for both their location and the broader Taskforce.

2. **Implement and Iterate.** Teams will develop local actions to pilot. Each community team will receive direct facilitation and guidance from Alliance staff, subject matter experts, and Taskforce peers to support progress.

3. **Share and Inspire.** The Taskforce and the Alliance will present their efforts to external audiences at virtual webinars and Peer Exchanges.

DEFINING WATER EQUITY:

Water equity occurs when all communities and households have access to safe, clean, affordable drinking water and wastewater; are resilient in the face of floods, drought, and other climate risks; have a role in decision-making processes related to water management in their communities; and share in the economic, social, and environmental benefits of water systems.

PILLARS OF WATER EQUITY:

1 Ensure all people have access to clean, safe, affordable water service

2 Maximize the community and economic benefits of water infrastructure investment

3 Foster community resilience in the face of a changing climate

CREATE NATIONAL IMPACT

WEN members are provided additional opportunities to showcase their successes and best practices for advancing equity through the US Water Alliance's national platform and beyond. This includes opportunities to present at WEN Peer Exchanges, the Alliance's One Water Summit, One Water Leadership Institutes, webinars, conferences, and other sector-wide events.

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