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Water as an Economic Engine: Federal Partnerships, Local Impact

April 15, 2026 | 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

SENATE VISITORS CENTER (SVC 202)
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This panel discussion will provide an overview of how federal investments in water infrastructure can generate compounding economic returns by safeguarding public health, keeping services affordable, and supporting stable, well-paying jobs that strengthen regional workforces.

Representatives from state and local governments, public water utilities, and rural nonprofit organizations will discuss local solutions to water affordability, the role of utilities as anchor institutions to maintain economic stability, the impacts of LIHWAP, and how federal funding can address aging infrastructure and public health risks.

Panelists

- **Irma Esparza Diggs**, Senior Executive and Director of Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities (NLC)
- **Jacqueline Ponti-Lazaruk**, Director of Government Affairs, Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)
- **Tony Parrot**, Executive Director, Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District

RSVP Here to Attend!

Refreshments will be provided. This event is in accordance with House and Senate ethics rules.
