**Southwest Central Regional Meeting**

The Southwest Central Region includes Brown, Clay, Greene, Putnam, Monroe, Owen, Sullivan, Vigo counties but open to all drinking water and wastewater utilities and elected officials who wish to participate. Certified operator CEUs will be available.

When: August 30, 2022, 1:00-3:00pm local time/EDT

Location: Sullivan Civic Center (344 N. Main St. Sullivan, IN 47882)

Registration: there is no cost to attend, but registration is appreciated. Register here:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6884171/August-30-2022-Southwest-Central-Regional-Planning-Meeting>

A special note from the City of Sullivan Director of Public Works: Be sure to bring your walking shoes!

We have a beautiful trail - half mile through the downtown area, to the library, up Lovers Lane, and back to the Civic Center.

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Agenda:

1. **Welcome from City of Sullivan (5 min.)**
2. **Individual Introductions (10 min.)**
	1. Name, utility, title, professional experience (how long have you been in your role?)
	2. What would you like to get out of your participation in this group?
3. **IFA updates (15 min.)**
	1. IFA financial recipients to describe their projects – reason for the project and what is proposed
	2. Bipartisan infrastructure Law (“BIL”)/infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”) funding updates
4. **Roundtable Discussions (80 min.)**
	1. Employee Recruitment and Retainage
		1. Does your utility do a “salary survey” to set competitive wages?
		2. Does your utility offer OTJ training opportunities? Certified Operator or CDL, for instance?
		3. Does your utility have career paths/opportunities for upward mobility?
		4. Alliance Apprenticeship program?
		5. Exam Cram classes at Ivy Tech?
		6. Recruitment ideas – veterans?
		7. Vocation schools – high school and post-secondary options?
	2. Planning
		1. Supply chain issues?
		2. Drought planning?
		3. Planning for potential rolling blackouts?
		4. Asset Management and mapping efforts?
	3. Customer relations:
		1. Participating in IHCDA Energy and Water Assistance programs?
	4. Capital improvement projects (“CIPs”):
		1. Does your region have a grant administrator?
		2. How does your utility fund its CIPs?
		3. Any CIP “lessons learned” to share?
	5. Stormwater
		1. Do you work with Surveyor and County Drainage Board?
5. **Debrief (5 min.)**
	1. What went well?
	2. What can we do different?
6. **Next Meeting (5 min.)**
	1. Oct/Nov/Dec, Cordy Sweetwater Conservancy District (Nineveh), Brown Co., TBD
	2. Jan/Feb/Mar, City of Bloomington, Monroe Co., TBD
	3. Apr/May/Jun, BBP Water Corp (Spencer), Owen Co., TBD
	4. Jul/Aug/Sept, Town of Cloverdale, Putnam Co., TBD
	5. Suggestions on Future Topics
	6. Does anyone want to review/give feedback on next agenda?
7. **Adjourn**