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Subject: Clean Water Funding Network -- Please Distribute

I am writing to ask your assistance in informing members of the Hawai'i Water Environment Association about the Clean Water Funding Network, a free information and networking service for water professionals. The Network is sponsored by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). I have been hired to help NACWA organize and promote this service.

Through our Web site at www.cleanwaterfunding.org and monthly conference calls, we keep water professionals informed about clean water funding developments, both in Washington and at the state and local levels. We also provide tools that members can use to reach out to their Congressional representatives on the need for a sustainable federal-state-local partnership for clean water.

Our next conference call will be Tuesday, August 18, at 2 p.m. EDT (11 a.m. PDT). Our guest speaker will be Erin Allweiss, communications director for Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.), who drafted and introduced the *Water Protection and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (H.R. 3202). This legislation, which would create a national Clean Water Trust Fund, was introduced on July 14. NACWA and other advocates are now concentrating on obtaining bipartisan support and sponsorship of this bill.

Beyond the Clean Water Trust Fund, the Clean Water Funding Network is also tracking issues such as appropriations for the State Revolving Fund program, federal stimulus spending and proposals to create a national infrastructure bank.

Here's the call-in number and passcode for the August 18 call:

Call-in Number: (877) 394-0659
Passcode: 371972#

There is no fee to join the network. All utilities and water professionals are invited to log in to www.cleanwaterfunding.org to join the network and participate in our conference calls and discussion blog.

Please pass this information along to your members. If you have any questions, please contact me at this email address or phone number below.

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