

## **Dam Removal Funder Symposium**

Hosted by American Rivers and The Resources Legacy Fund

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 through Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Reservoir Center for Water Solutions

301 Water Street, SE, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20003

### **APRIL 30**

8:15am **Check-in starts**

9:00am **Logistics and Symposium Goals (Why We Are Here)**

*Shara Sparks, Resources Legacy Fund*

9:10am **Welcome and Opening Remarks on Dam Removal Goal-Setting and Needs**

*Tom Kiernan, American Rivers, and Avi Garbow, Resources Legacy Fund*

9:30am **Dam Removal, Climate Change, and Community Resilience: Importance of Dam Removal as a Multi-benefit Tool**

*Facilitated by Brian Graber, American Rivers*

Panelists: Utah State University (invited); Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (invited); Nez Perce Tribe (invited); National Dam Safety Program, FEMA (invited); and Erin McCombs, American Rivers

10:45am **BREAK**

11:15am **River Restoration as Tribal Restoration: Cultural Tradition, Sovereignty, and Self Reliance**

*Tom Kiernan in conversation with Nez Perce Tribe (invited)*

12:00pm **Guest Speaker**

12:15pm **LUNCH**

1:00pm **Leveraging Private Philanthropy and Public Funding to Invest for Meaningful Change: Klamath River Case Study**

*Facilitated by Hewlett Foundation (invited)*

Panelists: Hewlett Foundation (invited); Humboldt Area Foundation (invited); Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (invited); California Natural Resources Agency (invited); NOAA (invited)

2:15pm **BREAK**

- 2:30pm      **Leveraging Private Philanthropy and Public Funding to Invest for Meaningful Change: Eastern Perspectives**  
*Facilitated by Serena McClain, American Rivers*
- Panelists: R.K. Mellon Foundation (invited); Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration (invited); Michigan Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program (invited); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (invited); U.S. Forest Service (invited)
- 3:45pm      **Public-Private Funding Conversational Sessions**
- 4:45pm      **Day One Wrap Up**  
*Brian Graber, American Rivers*
- 5:15pm      **ADJOURN**
- 6:30pm      **Networking Reception**  
*TBD*

**MAY 1**

- 8:15am      **Coffee and light refreshments**
- 9:00am      **Welcome**  
*Brian Graber, American Rivers*
- 9:20am      **Braiding Public and Private Philanthropy Funding Case Studies**  
*Facilitated by Serena McClain, American Rivers*
- Panelists: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (invited); Native Americans in Philanthropy (invited); Resources Legacy Fund
- 10:00am      **Congressional Briefing Overview**
- 10:15am      **Next Steps: Where do we go from here?**  
*Facilitated by Brian Graber and Serena McClain, American Rivers*
- 11:30am      **Break for lunch and travel to the Hill**
- 1:00pm (TBD)      **Congressional Educational Briefing on the Hill**