



Dam Removal Funder Symposium

Tuesday, April 30, 2024, through Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Reservoir Center for Water Solutions
301 Water Street, SE, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20003

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- 8:15 am **Check-in Begins**
- 9:00 am **Logistics and Symposium Goals (Why We Are Here)**
Shara Sparks, Resources Legacy Fund
- 9:10 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks on Dam Removal
Goal Setting and Needs**
Tom Kiernan, American Rivers, and Avi Garbow, Resources Legacy Fund
- 9:30 am **Dam Removal, Climate Change, and Community Resilience:
Importance of Dam Removal as a Multi-benefit Tool**
Facilitated by Brian Graber, American Rivers
- Panelists:
Kayeloni Scott, Columbia/Snake River Coalition
Erin Singer McCombs, American Rivers
Dr. Sarah Null, Utah State University
Kayed I. Lakhia, National Dam Safety Program, FEMA
- 10:30 am **BREAK**
- 10:45 am **Case Studies: Hearing from Dam Owners Directly**
Facilitated by Brian Graber, American Rivers
- 11:00 am **Dam Removal and Sovereign Power of Tribal Nations in the
Pacific Northwest**
Facilitated by Tom Kiernan, American Rivers
- Panelists:
Chairman Shannon Wheeler, Nez Perce Tribe
Joe Blodgett, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- 12:00 pm **Keynote**
Jaime Pinkham, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Public Works

- 12:20 pm **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm **Plenary Session**
Dr. Leslie King, Commissioner Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 1:20 pm **Achieving Transformational Results by Scaling Dam Removal: Strategies and Tactics from the Dam Removal Community of Practice**
Facilitated by Serena McClain, American Rivers
- Panelists:
Meghan Quinn, American Rivers
Nat Gillespie, U.S. Forest Service
Beth Styler Barry, The Nature Conservancy
Tom O’Keefe, American Whitewater
- 2:15 pm **Leveraging Private Philanthropy and Public Funding to Invest for Meaningful Change: Part I**
Facilitated by Serena McClain, American Rivers
- Panelists:
Michael Scott, Resources Legacy Fund
Beth Lambert, Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration
Shannon Boyle, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Jessica Edwards, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- 3:30 pm **BREAK**
- 3:45 pm **Public-Private Funding Conversational Sessions**
- 4:45 pm **Day One Wrap Up**
Brian Graber, American Rivers
- 5:00 pm **Speaker and Sponsor Reception**
Bluejacket Brewery
300 Tingey St. SE #160, Washington, DC 20003
- 6:30 pm **Reception Ends**



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8:15 am **Coffee and Light Refreshments**

9:00 am **Welcome**
Shara Sparks, Resources Legacy Fund

9:20 am **Plenary Session**
Siva Sundaresan, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

9:40 am **Leveraging Private Philanthropy and Public Funding to Invest for Meaningful Change: Part II**
Facilitated by Andrea Keller Helsel, Hewlett Foundation

Panelists:

Bryna Lipper, Humboldt Area Foundation

Richard Whitman, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

Luis Neuner, Humboldt Area Foundation

Thomas Gibson, California Department of Water Resources

10:55 am **BREAK**

11:10 am **Next Steps: Where Do We Go From Here?**
Facilitated by Brian Graber and Serena McClain, American Rivers, and Shara Sparks, Resources Legacy Fund

12:30 pm **Adjourn**