



Expanding the Toolbox: Using Markets for Water Resource Management

Markets are increasingly being considered as a means for reaching environmental goals for water quality and quantity. Are water quality trading programs effective? Are private markets now part of public resource management policy? Learn about the tools, governance and success of water markets today.

Thursday, March 3, 2016

5:30 pm Registration and sandwich buffet; 6:15 Presentations and Discussion; 7:30 Wrap Up

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Speakers:

Leonard A. Shabman, Resident Scholar, Resources for the Future

Marc Ribaldo, Senior Economist, Economic Research Service, USDA

Mindy Selman, Senior Analyst, Office of Environmental Markets, USDA

Leonard A. Shabman became Resident Scholar at Resources for the Future in 2002. Previously he was on the faculty at Virginia Tech in the Department of Applied Economics and served as Director of the Virginia Water Research Center. He has a long-standing research interest in design of market-like programs for wetlands and for water quality management, and has written extensively on the design and effectiveness of water quality trading programs. His recent work with cattle ranchers, agencies of the state of Florida, USDA and other federal agencies created the "unique in the nation" Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services Program.

Dr. Marc Ribaldo is a senior economist with the USDA's Economic Research Service. Dr. Ribaldo has worked primarily on water quality issues related to agriculture, including the water quality impacts of agricultural and conservation programs, the impacts on agriculture of policies for protecting water quality, and the design of policies for reducing nonpoint source pollution. He has led projects that examined the role of private markets in supporting conservation measures on farms and on policy options for improving nitrogen management and for addressing agriculture's role in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. He is currently leading a project to assess policy options for reducing nutrient loads to the Gulf of Mexico.

Mindy Selman is a senior analyst with USDA's Office of Environmental Markets (OEM) and a specialist in water quality trading. She is working to develop nation-wide tools to estimate on-farm pollution reductions and tools to register and track credits. Prior to joining OEM, Ms. Selman worked with market-based mechanisms for improving water quality and on water quality trading issues tied to the Chesapeake Bay. She led the development of NutrientNet and the Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Tracking Tool and a Chesapeake Bay-wide water quality trading registry. Ms. Selman is the author of several publications on water quality trading and was a contributing author to the National Network's recent publication, "Building a Water Quality Trading Program: Options and Considerations."

REGISTRATION is only \$10 for members and students; \$15 for all non-members. Please register by Monday, February 29th at <http://www.awrancrs.org/events.html>, or email Mathini Sreetharanat/Membership Chair at natcapawra@gmail.com and pay at the door. (Make checks payable to AWRA-NCR Section). Become a member at <http://www.awrancrs.org/membership.html>.