

## Feb 8- Health and Environment Net Blue Presentation: Water Neutral Community Growth

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### **SPEAKERS:**

**Gayle Killam** has been training and supporting citizens across the country to improve implementation and enforcement of the Clean Water Act since 1998. A significant focus of that training and policy work has been the development and implementation of state and federal stormwater programs. Over the last few years she has been working at the local level managing watershed-based restoration and green infrastructure projects that involve local relationship-building and management of technical contractors. The goals for these projects are to restore historic hydrology, improve riparian habitat and to revitalize and reconnect urban communities to the waterways that flow through them.

Gayle was the editor and principal author of the second edition of River Network's "The Clean Water Act Owner's Manual." She originally created River Network's online [Clean Water Act course](#) and co-authored "Tracking TMDLs, a Field Guide for Evaluating Proposed Watershed Restoration Plans," and "Permitting an End to Pollution, How to Scrutinize and Strengthen Water Pollution Permits in your State."

Gayle received her Masters' degree in resource economics and policy from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences and her Bachelors' degree in economics from Yale University.

When Gayle is not working, she enjoys time with her husband Scott, their son, Brennan, and their dog Maddie. Her favorite activities with family and friends are river trips, running, biking, hiking, backpacking, backcountry skiing and gardening.

**Mary Ann Dickinson** is the President and CEO of the Alliance for Water Efficiency, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the efficient and sustainable use of water in the United States and Canada. Headquartered in Chicago, the Alliance works with nearly 400 water utilities, water conservation professionals in business and industry, planners, regulators, and consumers. In 2014 the Alliance won the U.S. Water Prize in the non-profit category for its work.

Prior to joining the Alliance in July of 2007, Mary Ann was Executive Director of the California Urban Water Conservation Council, a non-profit organization composed of urban water supply agencies, environmental groups, and other entities managing statewide water conservation in California and implementing the nation's first set of Best Management Practices.

Mary Ann has over 40 years of experience, having worked at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. A graduate of the University of Connecticut with a degree in environmental planning, Mary Ann has authored numerous publications on water conservation, land use planning, and natural resources management, and has co-produced two films which have aired on public television and community cable stations. Mary Ann is currently Chair of the Efficient Urban Water Management Specialist Group for the International Water Association, past Chair of the American Water Works Association National Water Conservation Division, past President of the California Irrigation Institute, past President of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, and currently serves as a Board member of the Green Building Initiative, Texas Water Foundation, and River Network. Mary Ann has presented numerous papers on water conservation internationally and all across the United States and Canada.

**Bill Christiansen** has been in the water industry since 2002. He got his start working for Planning and Management Consultants, Ltd. in Carbondale, IL which was later acquired by CDM Smith. In 2007 Bill joined the Alliance for Water Efficiency where he worked for 9 years.

Bill's work has included research related to many facets of water resource management, policy analysis, water conservation program planning and evaluation, benefit-cost analysis, GIS, drought planning, and water rate evaluation. He has worked with water utilities throughout the United States and Canada and has traveled to the countries of China and Jordan on work related adventures.

Bill has extensive experience with public speaking and has provided several workshops on topics such as water conservation program planning and water rates.

**Adam Schempp** joined Environmental Law Institute as a Staff Attorney in 2007. He leads the Institute's work on water allocation and use in the U.S. Much of Mr. Schempp's research focuses on water resource management, specifically identifying opportunities to meet conservation and sustainability objectives through existing laws and potential legal developments. Mr. Schempp also has worked extensively on other topics, including TMDLs and CWA 303(d) listing under the Clean Water Act, marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management of marine resources, and routine program changes under the Coastal Zone Management Act. Prior to joining ELI, Mr. Schempp clerked in the legal department of the Denver Water Board and for the Native American Rights Fund.