



## River Rally 2020 | San Antonio, TX | May 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Do you have practical knowledge and experience related to one of this year's [River Rally themes](#)? Could your knowledge help someone working on similar challenges in another setting, geography, or organization? **If so, we need you!**

We are looking for workshop proposals that include a combination of instruction and hands-on training, that leverage lessons learned and proven approaches, and involve engaging speakers. We seek to accelerate the pace of progress toward a sustainable and equitable water future through River Rally's learning opportunities.

The River Rally audience is diverse in age, ethnicity, geography, educational background, and experience. Attendees typically include conservation professionals and water advocacy champions who work for or are affiliated with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, tribes, utilities, foundations, consultancies, academia, and the corporate sector. We create an active space where uncommon conversations can and do take place.

### Workshop Criteria & Proposal Guidelines

- **Relevance:** All workshop proposals must relate to one or more of this year's [River Rally themes](#). We are also looking for proposals that relate to these themes and intersect with diversity, equity, inclusion and justice.
- **Format:** Workshops are typically either 90 minutes in length and may include up to three co-presenters or are 15 minutes in length for our fast-paced "lightning" sessions involving just one presenter. We typically have 60-70 workshops offered during seven concurrent time blocks spread across three days at River Rally.
- **Size:** While we cannot predict how many people will attend each workshop, audiences typically range from 10 to 50 people.
- **Competition:** We typically have many more submissions than spaces in our program. Because of this degree of competition, we encourage everyone to provide a thorough and engaging summary during the submission process that helps the subject matter come alive.
- **Selection:** The open call for workshops ends on October 1 with workshop selections by October 31 followed by final commitments from all speakers by November 15.
- **Registration:** Presenters involved with accepted proposals must register online to attend the conference by April 1, 2020.
- **Financial support:** While presenters are responsible for their own travel, lodging expenses, and registration fees, we typically offer discounted registration to speakers and all speakers are also eligible to apply for scholarship support. However, our ability to offer these discounts is

dependent on our early fundraising success. We will have a more complete picture of discounts available to speakers and scholarship opportunities in early January.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

**The deadline for all workshop proposals is October 1, 2019. Workshops will be selected by October 31, 2019 with final confirmations by all speakers completed by or before November 15, 2019.**

**Every workshop at River Rally will be in a room with a projector and a screen, a flip-chart and markers, an easel, and wireless internet connectivity as needed. All presenters are required to bring their own laptop if one is needed.**

### **Presenter Information**

1. Lead Presenter First Name:
2. Lead Presenter Last Name:
3. Lead Presenter Title:
4. Lead Presenter Organization:
5. Lead Presenter Street Address:
6. Lead Presenter Street Address 2:
7. Lead Presenter City/Town:
8. Lead Presenter State/Province:
9. Lead Presenter ZIP/Postal Code:
10. Lead Presenter Country:
11. Lead Presenter Email:
12. Lead Presenter Phone Number:
13. Lead Presenter's Bio: (150 word max)
14. Have you presented at River Rally before?

Yes / No

- If yes, please tell us which year(s)...if you remember:

15. Do you plan to have co-presenters for this workshop?

Yes / No

### **Co-Presenter Information**

16. Co-Presenter #1 Name:
17. Co-Presenter #1 Title:
18. Co-Presenter #1 Organization:

19. Co-Presenter #1 Email:
20. Co-Presenter #1 Phone:
21. Co-Presenter #1 Bio: (150 words max)
22. Co-Presenter #2 Name:
23. Co-Presenter #2 Title:
24. Co-Presenter #2 Organization:
25. Co-Presenter #2 Email:
26. Co-Presenter #2 Phone:
27. Co-Presenter #2 Bio: (150 words max)
28. Co-Presenter #3 Name:
29. Co-Presenter #3 Title:
30. Co-Presenter #3 Organization:
31. Co-Presenter #3 Email:
32. Co-Presenter #3 Phone:
33. Co-Presenter #3 Bio: (150 words max)
34. Proposed Length of Workshop:

90 minutes (Traditional)

15-20 minutes (Fast-paced)

35. Workshop Title: (50 characters max)

36. Full Workshop Description:

Please provide a detailed description of your workshop proposal for review by the selection committee. It should provide an overview of the session and clearly state learning objectives and relevance. (250 words max)

37. Workshop Summary Description:

Please provide a brief overview of the proposed topic and what participants can expect to learn. Be specific, accurate, and enticing. This is the description that will be used in the River Rally brochure, on the River Rally website, and in our printed program if selected. (50 words max)

38. Workshop Themes: Each year River Rally organizes workshops around a set of relevant themes. Please check the one theme that you think best fits your proposed workshop.

- a. **Working with Farmers & Ranchers**
- b. **Building Resilient Cities & Communities**
- c. **Pursuing Safe, Clean, & Affordable Drinking Water**
- d. **Advancing Robust & Effective Water Laws & Policies**
- e. **Civic Participation & Our Water Future**
- f. **Expanding Impact Through Science, Technology, and Monitoring**
- g. **Addressing Climate Risk for Greater Water Security**
- h. **Sustaining Strong Leaders, Organizations, & Coalitions**

**i. Becoming a High-Performance Board of Directors**

39. If your proposal intersects with water equity, inclusion, diversity, or climate justice, please explain here:

40. Workshop Level:

- Introductory
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- All levels welcome

41. Target Audience:

- Anyone/Everyone
- Board Members
- Development Staff
- Executive Directors
- Program Staff
- Tribal Representatives
- Agency Representatives
- Volunteers

42. Most workshop rooms will be set up theater style, to maximize the number of participants we can accommodate in each room. If you would like a different room layout, please note that here:

43. Other special requests?

44. Please enter contact information for a professional reference who has attended a presentation you have given.

Reference Name:

Reference Email:

Reference Phone: