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“The Voice of Water Quality in the Arid West”



Trevor Baggiore, P. E., Director, Water Quality Division, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Trevor Baggiore has directed ADEQ's Water Quality Division since February 2015. In this position, he helps advance the Water Quality Division's mission to protect and enhance public health and the environment by ensuring safe drinking water and reducing the impact of pollutants discharged to surface water and groundwater.

Mr. Baggiore served as deputy director of the Air Quality Division for four years before becoming the Water Quality Division's deputy director in September 2014. He was also a unit manager and section manager in the division for six years. Mr. Baggiore received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Arizona State University in 2001, the same year he joined ADEQ. He received his master's degree in business administration from ASU in 2006 and is a registered professional engineer in Arizona.

Cynthia Campbell, Water Resource Management Advisor, City of Phoenix

Cynthia Campbell is the Water Resource Management Advisor for the City of Phoenix, Arizona, a position she has held for two years. In her position, Cynthia is responsible for policy development and management of the City's water resource portfolio and works with City executive staff, the Director of Phoenix Water, the Mayor, and with members of City Council on a variety of water issues. Ms. Campbell also serves as the City's liaison with the Salt River Project, the Central Arizona Project and the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

Previously, Cynthia served Phoenix as an Assistant City Attorney for four years, representing the City's interests in water matters, including adjudication of the City's water rights claims. Prior to her tenure with Phoenix, Cynthia served the State of Arizona for eight years as the Water Quality Compliance Manager at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Enforcement Section. She has over two decades of experience in water resource and environmental matters and has practiced law in both Arizona and Illinois.

Cynthia is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Amanda Erath, Program Analyst, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, CO

Amanda Erath is a Program Analyst for the Bureau of Reclamation. Ms. Erath has worked in the Water Resources and Planning Division in Reclamation's Denver office for 7 years. She leads multiple Reclamation wide teams and manages the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program and the Basin Studies program. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State University in 2004 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver in 2008.



David W. Fitzsimmons, Tucson, AZ

Cartoonist, humor columnist and editorial writer for The Arizona Daily Star, Fitz is syndicated to over 800 newspapers around the world-- which is timely since there are only 800 newspapers left in the world today.

A one-time Pulitzer Finalist, his award-winning cartoons have drawn fire, death threats and praise since Geronimo was a paperboy way back in 1986. When David is not at his drawing board slinging ink or editorials, he is entertaining audiences with his "Fastest draw west of the Potomac" shtick. Fitz has performed his chalk talks in every casino, conference, resort meeting room, theatre, school, and clubhouse west of the San Pedro.

With 3 kids, a glorious dame on his arm, 2 cats and a dog with an IQ that rivals the overnight low in Flagstaff, this flaming moderate grandfather at the fringe of America's center is one snappy dresser. When Fitz is not reading hate mail from readers, he enjoys making his kids laugh, and cursing the television like a crazy person.

George P. Maseeh, P.E., BCEE, Senior Vice President, Carollo Engineers

George is a Senior Vice President with Carollo Engineers and has been providing leadership for the delivery of water resources projects to municipal clients throughout Arizona and the Southwest for 32 years. His experience includes all phases of planning, design, construction administration, startup, and operations assistance for a wide range of groundwater, surface water, and water reuse projects, including advanced treatment for potable reuse.

George is helping lead a team of engineers plan and develop what will become the first municipal direct-to-distribution potable reuse facility in the United States. El Paso Water's Advanced Water Purification Facility will further diversify the utility's portfolio of renewable water supplies and strengthen this arid Southwest metropolitan area's ability to thrive despite long-term drought conditions of the past two decades.

A graduate of the University of Arizona, George is a registered Professional Civil Engineer and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer. George was born and raised in Tucson, where he continues to reside with his family.

Peter D. Nichols, Esq., Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP

Peter Nichols serves as lead counsel for western water users defending federal deference to state water law under the Clean Water Act and EPA's Water Transfers Rule, and as Special Assistant Attorney General to Colorado and New Mexico and co-counsel to other the western States in the same matters, from the seminal case of *Miccosukee Tribe of Indians v. So. Fla. Water Mgmt. Dist.*, 541 US 95 (2004) to *Catskills Mtns. Chap. of Trout Unltd. v. U.S. EPA*, No. 14-1823 (2nd Cir., 2017), which reinstated EPA's Rule.

Mr. Nichols is a partner of Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti LLP, Boulder, Colorado, practicing water, environmental, conservation, and related law, while continuing his career as an occasional international mountaineering guide.



Peter is a member of the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, the First, Second, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal, the U.S. District Court for Colorado, and the Colorado, and Wyoming bars. He earned his JD from the University of Colorado School of Law; he also holds an MPA from CU and a BA from Colorado College.

Kris Polly, President, Water Strategies, LLC

Kris Polly is President of Water Strategies, LLC, a firm he began in February 2009 that provides government relations, marketing, and publishing services to water related organizations and entities throughout the United States. His clients include, among others, Desert Water Agency, Washington State Water Resources Association, Upper Missouri Water Resources Association, Northwest Pipe Company, Rubicon Water, Diamond Plastic, HDR Engineering, and the National Water Resources Association.

Kris is also the editor-in-chief and publisher of *Irrigation Leader* magazine, a publication he began in October of 2010. Hard copies of *Irrigation Leader* are mailed to the 600-plus irrigation district general managers and their respective boards of directors in the 17 western states, Reclamation officials, every Member of Congress, every western state legislator and governor's office, a variety of western water-related organizations, engineering firms, and a growing list of individuals. Since the debut issue, circulation has grown from 4,000 to nearly 12,000 people.

Additionally, he is also the editor-in-chief and publisher of the new *Municipal Water Leader* magazine. This publication is sent to over 700 municipal water entities with annual budgets of \$10 million or greater, every member of congress, governor, and state legislators in the United States. The circulation is nearly 12,000 as well.

Prior to Water Strategies, Kris served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science of the U.S. Department of Interior from August 2008 until the end of the Bush Administration. During that time, he was responsible for advising and assisting the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science in overseeing the Bureau of Reclamation and managing and directing programs that support the development and implementation of Western water policy. Before his Deputy Assistant Secretary position, Kris served as the Deputy Commissioner for External & Intergovernmental Affairs for the Bureau of Reclamation, beginning in November 2007. As Deputy Commissioner, he was responsible for Reclamation's Congressional Affairs and Public Affairs offices.

Prior to Reclamation, Kris was the Vice President for Government Relations of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) where he began working as a Legislative Assistant in 1992.

Kris is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and a native of Wauneta, Nebraska, where his family has farmed for five generations. He and his wife Laura live in Arlington, Virginia, with their two children, Caroline and William.

Emily Rimmel, J. D., Director of Regulatory Affairs, National Association of Clean Water Agencies

Emily Rimmel is the Director of Regulatory Affairs with the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) where she works on a variety of stormwater, water reuse, and water quality issues. Emily received Bachelor's and Master's of Science Degrees in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma where she researched a super exciting ecological phenomenon occurring in Oklahoma between an invasive marine algae and the herbivores of freshwater – daphnia!



Emily continued her passion for water resources at Vermont Law School where she received a Juris Doctorate as well as a Certificate in Water Resources Law. Emily loves to write and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law. While there, she was also part of the Water and Justice Program that focused on sustainability, the public trust doctrine, and the right to water.

In her free time, she teaches two online undergraduate courses at the University of Oklahoma in Water Law and Water Resources Advocacy. In her extra free time in D.C., she loves to read, hike, and drink craft beer with her husband, Jeff.

Phil Rosentrater, General Manager/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority

Phil Rosentrater serves as the General Manager/Executive Director for the Salton Sea Authority. The Salton Sea Authority (SSA) is a Joint Powers Authority created in 1993 to oversee the revitalization of California's largest inland Sea. The SSA is comprised of two counties, two large water agencies and a tribal sovereign nation: Riverside and Imperial Counties, Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District and Torres Martinez Tribe.

Before assuming the GM responsibilities at SSA, Phil split his time with other duties at Riverside County Economic Development Agency in addition to providing advocacy support for SSA in coalition building and development of policies and funding necessary to expedite progress at the Sea. Prior to his current position, Phil also provided direction for EDA Divisions of Aviation (five regional airports), Office of Foreign Trade, Energy Division (Water and Power), Economic Development, Office of Film & Television, Business Solutions, and EDA Marketing.

Phil's primary charge is now intensely focused on revitalizing the Salton Sea before massive water transfers deliver a series of environmental and economic shock waves to this region.

Before working on the Salton Sea, Phil served as External Affairs Director for Western Municipal Water District. Under Phil's leadership, Western's legislative advocacy efforts were recognized by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). Respected statewide as a creative and tireless advocate for local government, Phil was also honored as Outstanding Legislative Advocate of the Year by the California Special Districts Association.

Phil currently serves on the Board of Directors for Cal Desal and on the Energy Committee for ACWA. He also serves as a representative to ACWA Region 9 Board of Directors for ACWA Region 9, covering Imperial, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Previously, Phil has served on the state legislative committees for the Groundwater Resources Association (GRA), Association of California Water Agencies, (ACWA), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), and California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA). In addition, Phil earned a reputation as an effective defender of ratepayers and taxpayers in his service on the Legislative Task Force for the Southern California Water Committee. Phil serves on the Colorado River Task force for the SCWC. He is a founder of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC) and served on its legislative committee plus the Association of GroundWater Agencies (AGWA). As Chairman of the ACWA Outreach Committee for three years, Phil was responsible for building strong interagency alliances needed to deal with the most serious challenges facing water communities across California.



Christopher Scott, Ph. D., Director, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona

Christopher Scott is Director of the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, an RDI (Research, Discovery & Innovation) research center at the University of Arizona. He has shared-FTE appointments as Professor of Geography & Development and as Director of the CAZMEX Consortium for Arizona-Mexico Arid Environments. He also has an adjunct professor appointment in SWES plus seven other UA units and graduate interdisciplinary programs.

His research and outreach are transdisciplinary, addressing river-basin water security, the water-energy-food nexus, water reuse, climate adaptation, and social-ecological systems resilience. In collaboration with colleagues in the UA Colleges of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Agriculture & Life Sciences, Engineering, and RDI centers and institutes, he leads projects funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation and the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, and co-leads a project funded by the Lloyd's Register Foundation.

Chris received his B.S. in Engineering and B.A. in Asian Studies from Swarthmore College and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Hydrology from Cornell University. Prior to starting at UA in 2006, he worked as Senior Scientist coordinating the U.S. National Weather Service's international collaboration; and for close to a decade, he served as Asia Regional Director for IWMI (the International Water Management Institute, IWMI Mexico Program Leader, and IWMI seconded-staff at the U.S. Agency for International Development

Morgan Snyder, Program Officer, Colorado River Initiative, Walton Family Foundation

Morgan Snyder is a Program Officer for the Walton Family Foundation's Colorado River Initiative. He joined the Foundation in 2010 and is based in Washington, DC. In his role, he develops and refines internal strategy, identifies grantees, makes resource decisions, and supports program evaluation. The goal of the Initiative is to ensure healthy rivers throughout the Colorado River Basin by addressing the region's water overuse, creating a more flexible market-based water management system that rewards efficiency, and implementing river flow and riparian habitat restoration in targeted tributaries.

Mr. Snyder's content expertise in western water issues include policy, governance, markets and environmental flows. Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr. Snyder worked on restoring instream flows to tributaries of the Columbia River through voluntary water transactions at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. He received a Master's degree from Uppsala University's Peace and Conflict department with a focus on international freshwater policy and a Bachelor's degree from Sonoma State University in environmental conservation and restoration. He grew up in Santa Cruz, California.