



Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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LISA DARLING | Executive Director, South Metro Water Supply Authority

Lisa brings more than 25 years of experience in Colorado water resources to her role as Executive Director of South Metro Water. Prior to joining South Metro Water, she managed the South Platte River Program for Aurora Water, the state's third-largest water utility, where she was one of the key leaders who developed the Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) Project, a model in regional cooperation on water issues facing the region. She is also a leader in Colorado water planning as a member of Colorado's Interbasin Compact Committee and the Metro Roundtable. She serves on the Colorado Water Congress Board, the Metro State One World, One Water Center Advisory Council, and the Water Education Colorado Board of Trustees as President. Lisa has a BA from UC Davis and a MS from Troy University, AL.

TODD HANLIN | Water Resources Manager, City of Loveland

Todd Hanlin has served as Loveland's Water Resources Manager since December 2020. Originally, from Wyoming, he holds a Bachelor and Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming. Todd and his family moved south in 2000 fleeing Laramie's harsh winters. Todd's previous experience is all in the consulting world where he accumulated 35 years specializing in water resources engineering, infrastructure development and tribal water right settlement negotiations.

SHANE HALE | Town Manager, Town of Windsor

Shane is a fourth generation Coloradoan, a Navy veteran, husband, and father of two. He has been working in Colorado local government for 20 years, which includes time as an intern in Poncha Springs, Town Manager for the Town of Grand Lake, City Manager for the City of Cortez, and his current position as Town Manager in Windsor. With a lot of time working on the western slope and a passion for fly fishing, he works to balance the need to preserve water as a natural resource while realizing that water serves as one of the building blocks for economic prosperity.

TY BERESKIE | Deputy Director of Water Resources, City of Greeley

Ty Bereskie is the Deputy Director of Water Resources for the City of Greeley's Water & Sewer Department. In this role, he leads the City's Conservation, High Mountain Reservoir Operations, Non-potable System Operations, Water Resource Operations, and Water Resource Planning groups. Ty manages 25+ technical staff members and is responsible for a \$10M+ annual operating budget and \$90M+ 10-year water resources capital improvement project portfolio. Before joining Greeley, Ty spent 5 years at Denver Water, leading the utility's one water and non-potable strategic planning efforts.

Ty holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of British Columbia, an M.B.A. from the University of Illinois, an M.S. in Environmental Science Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines, and a B.S. in Environmental Sciences from the University of Vermont. He is a certified Project

Management Professional (PMP) and Professional in Business Analysis (PMI-PBA) and serves as an Adjunct Faculty Member at the University of Denver and on the Englewood, Colorado Water and Sewer Board.

MARIEL MILLER | Water Conservation Manager, City of Fort Collins Utilities

Mariel Miller is the Water Conservation Manager for the City of Fort Collins Utilities. She has spent the last 6 years developing and implementing programs, policies, and plans to manage water demand through efficiency and conservation and now oversees a team of water conservation professionals focusing on this work. Her diverse background includes over 15 years of work in local government where she has served in complimentary roles as a land use planner, sustainability coordinator and public works director. She received a Bachelor's in Environmental Science and a Master's in Public Administration

MEAGAN SMITH | Deputy Director of Public Works, Town of Wellington

Meagan Smith is the Deputy Director of Public Works at the Town of Wellington, where she oversees the Water and Wastewater Utilities, including the collection and distribution systems, as well as long term water supply planning. She has also been overseeing rate and fee setting for the Utilities. Meagan previously spent five years with the Water Resources Division at Fort Collins Utilities, where her work focused on assessing the impacts of climate change and other risks on the Utilities' ability to meet demands in the near and long-term future. Meagan has a B.S. in Biosystems Engineering from Oklahoma State University and an M.S. in Water Resources Engineering from Colorado State University

CHRIS PLETCHER | General Manager, Fort Collins-Loveland Water District

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