



Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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ADAM JOKERST | Rocky Mountain Regional Director, WestWater Research

Adam Jokerst is the Rocky Mountain Regional Director for WestWater Research and leads the Colorado office in Fort Collins. He brings over 15 years of experience in water resources management and water development across the Western U.S. Has overseen long-range water supply planning, water acquisition, and water rights protection programs and has led development of large-scale reservoir and underground storage projects. Prior to joining WestWater he served as the Deputy Director of Water Resources at the City of Greeley. Adam holds a B.S. in biological engineering from the University of Arkansas and a M.S. in civil engineering from Colorado State University and is a licensed professional engineer in Colorado.

PATRICK MCMEEKIN | President of Land, Hartford Homes

Patrick began his real estate career in 2004 interning for Water Valley Land Company in Windsor, CO. In 2005, Patrick accepted a full-time position with Water Valley Land Company as the Director of Development. In this position, Patrick was responsible for the entitlement and construction of both residential and commercial projects located throughout Northern Colorado. In 2012 Patrick was promoted to Chief Operating Officer at Water Valley Land Company. In this role, Patrick helped negotiate numerous public/private partnerships with local municipalities for the construction of regional infrastructure and negotiated raw water dedications to municipalities to secure potable water sources for future projects. As COO Patrick oversaw the real estate and resource assets of the corporation. In 2016, Patrick joined Hartford Homes as the VP of Land Development. In 2020 Patrick was promoted to the President of Land. Patrick's responsibilities with Hartford entail managing the acquisition and entitlement of new development projects, overseeing horizontal construction, managing the HOA's/Metro Districts of the company, and management of the company's water rights portfolio. In his career, Patrick has entitled roughly 5,000 residential units. Patrick is a graduate of Colorado State University and enjoys skiing and golfing with his wife Kate and their 2 boys.

KRISTIN CANDELLA | Executive Director & CEO, Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity

Kristin Candella has served as Executive Director & CEO of Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity since 2012 and brings over 20 years of non-profit management experience.

Kristin holds a BA & MA in Political Science from Colorado State University and San Francisco State University respectively. She has additional training from the Harvard Business School, Georgetown University, Indiana School of Philanthropy, the Colorado Division of Housing, the Daniels School of Business, and the Disney Institute. She has also received the CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) credential.

She currently serves as a Board Member for the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce and Impact Development Fund and is a Member of the Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary Club.

LINDSAY ROGERS | Policy Manager for Municipal Conservation, Western Resource Advocates

Lindsay Rogers is the Policy Manager for Municipal Conservation at Western Resource Advocates. Rogers advances water conservation at the municipal level to bolster communities' water security and reduce pressure on Western rivers and streams. As climate change and population growth further strain Western waterways, she works closely with municipalities, water utilities, partners, and decision makers to improve water efficiency, boost local resilience, and protect rivers. By facilitating local and state-level policy development and providing direct project support, Lindsay helps communities and utilities pursue innovative and tailored water-saving strategies such as graywater ordinances, waterwise landscaping programs, and better integrated water and land-use planning. Previously, she spent five years as the Colorado Basin Program Manager at WaterNow Alliance, focused on advancing sustainable water policies and programs in the West by working directly with municipal water decision makers. Lindsay serves on the [Board] of Colorado WaterWise. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Studies and International Relations from Tufts University.

GREG PETERSON | Executive Director, Colorado Ag Water Alliance

Greg Peterson grew up in Littleton, CO, where he still lives after living around the world. He studied history and political economy. He has served at the Executive Director of the Colorado Ag Water Alliance for seven years. The past few years, Greg has been knee-deep in farmers and ranchers, learning more about water, agriculture, Colorado, and the digestive habits of cattle than he thought possible. He spends his free time growing vegetables on his small truck farm, learning to hate hail and bindweed.