

FUNDER BRIEFING ON FRESHWATER

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



David Beckman, President, Pisces Foundation

In his role, David is responsible for the Foundation's strategic direction, grantmaking, and overall management. David previously was director of the national water program at the Natural Resources Defense Council, one of the nation's largest environmental advocacy organizations, where he was also a senior attorney. David co-founded and managed the launch of the water program in 2008. Under his leadership the water program became one of NRDC's six national strategic priorities; substantially expanded its staff; and tripled its financial support. Over seventeen years at NRDC David litigated a number of precedent-setting water quality cases; drafted legislation that led to implementation of groundwater monitoring and water quality programs in California; and researched and wrote reports on a variety of environmental policy matters. For five years he served also as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at California State University, teaching environmental policy and law. David is a 1988 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and a 1991 graduate of Harvard Law School.

Susan Bell, Susan Bell & Associates

Susan Bell is Principal of Susan Bell & Associates and Senior Advisor to Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment. She provides strategic counsel to private philanthropies, non-profits, and faculty in addressing environmental and social issues, helping leaders develop goals and strategies, and building strong and effective organizations. Ms. Bell previously served as Vice President for The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation for fourteen years. At Hewlett she was also Senior Fellow for Energy and Climate, helping to launch the ClimateWorks Network in the United States, Europe, China, India, and Latin America. She is Vice Chair of the European Climate Foundation Supervisory Board, a board member of the National Audubon Society and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and sits on the Leadership Council of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University. She is a Duke University graduate, and resides in Menlo Park, California with her husband.



Margaret Bowman

Bowman Environmental Consulting, LLC

Margaret Bowman is a consultant working to promote sustainable water solutions in the American West, including developing impact-focused private investments to advance western water solutions. Margaret has over 25 years of conservation expertise, focusing primarily on freshwater systems but also including experience on marine and other domestic and international environmental issues. Previously, Margaret was Deputy Environment Program Director at the Walton Family Foundation, where she led the Foundation's work to ensure healthy river flows in the Colorado River. Margaret has also directed the Lenfest Ocean Program at The Pew Charitable Trusts where she supported policy-relevant scientific research related to sustainable fisheries. For over a decade, Margaret provided leadership at American Rivers, a group dedicated to protecting and restoring healthy, natural rivers. Margaret has also worked on international environmental issues and represented corporate environmental clients in a law practice. Margaret received a B.A. from Wesleyan University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.



Cathy Carlson, Consultant, Center for the Wild West

Cathy Carlson is a consultant on national, state and local policy initiatives to protect air and water resources, and has substantial expertise in energy policy, management of federal lands and water resources, mining policy, and state and local land use policies. She currently consults with a coalition of foundations and non-profit organizations dedicated to maintain water resources in the Colorado River. Prior to 2000, Cathy served as the Regional Director for the National Wildlife Federation's office in Boulder Colorado and was a lobbyist for the National Wildlife Federation in Washington DC. When she is not thinking about the environment, Cathy pursues strategies to get more women elected to political office. She serves on Hillary Clinton's National Finance team, works to help women win U.S. Senate races, and started an initiative in Colorado called Blueflower Action in 2015 to support women candidates running for state, county and local office. Cathy serves on the Board of Rachel's Action Network, a national organization of philanthropic women that endorse and support candidates for the U.S. House and Senate, and on



the Board of Earthworks, a national environmental organization that protects communities and the environment from the adverse impacts of energy and mineral development.



Chante Coleman, Deputy Director, Choose Clean Water Coalition

Chante Coleman is the Deputy Director for the Choose Clean Water Coalition. The Coalition is an organization of over 215 non-profits advocating for the restoration of the thousands of the Chesapeake Bay. Chante coordinates policy and serves as the on-the-ground leader for the Coalition's public campaigns. Chante spearheads the Coalition's environmental justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion work. Previously, Chante worked as a Field Organizer for the California Democratic Party in an effort to re-elect Congressman Scott Peters. Prior to that, she attended California Western School of Law where she graduated Cum Laude and completed a one year internship in the legal clinic at San Diego Coastkeeper focusing on public health harms; the Clean Water Act/water pollution; threats to species in San Diego; expanding enforcement in marine protected areas; and water recycling/drought initiatives. Chante has her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Princeton University. A San Diego native, Chante enjoys surfing, scuba diving, and traveling.

Ella Delio, Director of Environmental and Regional Initiatives, Greater New Orleans Foundation

Elaine "Ella" Delio joined the staff of the Greater New Orleans Foundation as director of Environmental and Regional Initiatives in September 2014. Previously, she was executive vice president and managing partner at Savior Media, a Boston-based strategic communications firm. Prior to that role, Ella worked in Washington, D.C., at the World Resources Institute, an environmental think tank, where she served as Global Director of the New Ventures program. In that role, she provided business development and investment facilitation services to innovative environmental enterprises in Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, and Mexico. Ms. Delio received her MBA and MPA degrees from the Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School and her Management Engineering and Economics degrees from the Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines. She was awarded the Don K. Price Award by the Harvard Kennedy School for academic distinction and leadership in public service.



Jon Devine, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council



Jon Devine leads NRDC's Federal Water Policy team. His work focuses on implementing, defending, and strengthening the core programs under the Clean Water Act. Devine's areas of expertise include curbing runoff pollution through the development of green infrastructure, increasing the water quality of the Mississippi River Basin by decreasing pollution, and restoring safeguards for streams, wetlands, and other bodies of water. Prior to joining the Water program, he worked with NRDC's Health & Environment program for four years. Previously, he served as an attorney-adviser in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of General Counsel and also worked as an environmental specialist in Maine's Department of Environmental Protection. Devine graduated from Bowdoin College and received his JD from Georgetown University. He is based in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Fahlund, Program Officer, Water Foundation

Mr. Fahlund serves as Program Officer for the Water Foundation, an innovative collaboration of philanthropies dedicated to sustainable management of water resources. Mr. Fahlund directs grantmaking efforts for several program areas to reform water policies and practices in the West. Previously, Mr. Fahlund served as Executive Director for Stanford University's Water in the West program, which improves freshwater policy and practice throughout the American West by engaging in interdisciplinary, applied research projects and convening diverse stakeholders in collaborative dialogues. Mr. Fahlund also served as Senior Vice President for Conservation with American Rivers. Mr. Fahlund received his M.S. in Natural Resource Policy from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment with honors and his B.A. from Colorado College in Anthropology. When he is not at work, he can often be found paddling, fly fishing, or exploring surrounding environs with his wife Jill, son Zach, and dog Sophie.



Verna Harrison, Verna Harrison & Associates

Verna Harrison is principal of Verna Harrison Associates, LLC, a consulting and philanthropic advising firm, specializing in organizational development and living resource protection. Between 2003-2010, as the first Executive Director of the Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment, she guided the establishment of the Foundation and managed the development and execution of its \$65 million grantmaking in the Chesapeake region. She was co-founder and co-chair of the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network. For the previous 20 years she served as Assistant Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, with responsibility for Maryland's Forest, Park and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Police, Maryland Environmental Trust, and Tidewater Administration. Earlier in her career she was Assistant Legislative Officer for the Governor of Maryland, Legislative Officer of the Maryland Department of Transportation and staff of the Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

**Taylor Hawes, Program Director, Colorado River Program, TNC**

Taylor serves as the Colorado River Program Director for The Nature Conservancy. The Program's goal is to conserve the freshwater biodiversity of the Colorado River Basin while also meeting community needs for water. Her responsibilities include coordinating TNC's freshwater conservation efforts across the Colorado River Basin, implanting priority strategies, and working with key stakeholders who are critical to conservation success across the Colorado River Basin.

Taylor has worked on Colorado River issues for more than nineteen years. She practiced water, local government, water quality, and land use law on Colorado's Western Slope before joining the Conservancy. Taylor currently serves as a Governor appointee to Colorado's Inter-basin Compact Committee and on the Murray-Darling Basin Balanced Water Fund Advisory Board in Australia. Taylor

received a B.A. in political science from University of North Carolina and her Juris Doctorate degree from Vermont Law School.

**Craig Hughes, Partner, Hilltop Solutions**

Craig is a Partner at Hilltop Public Solutions, managing the firm's Colorado operation. Hughes is one of the pre-eminent strategists and managers of political and issue campaigns in the country. Called "one of the five most influential Democrats in Colorado" by *Campaigns and Elections*, Hughes has been involved in the design and management of dozens of high level issue and candidate campaigns throughout the United States. In fact, he has worked on four victorious presidential races alone. Most recently, he served as Senior Advisor for Barack Obama's Colorado campaign, which resulted in a resounding 5.3% victory in this battleground state. This was a repeat engagement for Hughes, who also served as Senior Advisor for the 2008 Obama campaign in Colorado. Craig lives in Jefferson County, Colorado with his wife and three children.

**Susan Kaderka, Regional Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation**

Susan Kaderka is the Regional Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation's South Central Region, a 12-state area that includes the Texas and the rest of the Gulf coast. Since 1999 she has overseen NWF's conservation and education initiatives in the region, with particular focus on the protection and restoration of water resources. In 2001, she helped launch NWF's Texas Living Waters program, a collaborative effort that advances more sustainable water management and use in Texas and that secured a major change in Texas water law in 2007. Since 2003, Susan has developed and overseen NWF's advocacy on behalf of the restoration of the Mississippi River Delta, and in the wake of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil spill, she has championed Gulf of Mexico restoration. Susan has more than 20 years of experience in environmental program management in both the non-profit and state government sectors. She received a Master's degree in Journalism and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Justin Kenney, Senior Communications Officer, Walton Family Foundation**

Justin directs communications for the Walton Family Foundation's environment program. He has worked on environment communications for 25 years in the Clinton and Obama administrations, the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Pew Oceans Commission.





Ted Kowalski, Senior Environment Program Officer, Walton Family Foundation

Ted leads the Colorado River basin initiative, which pursues innovative solutions to address the basin's water quantity issues against a backdrop of ongoing drought, increasing demand for water and insufficient water management policies. Kowalski has dedicated his career to working on issues of water in the West. He started his career in the Colorado Attorney General's office working on water rights. From there he moved to the Colorado Water Conservation Board first working on instream flow issues before moving to deal with interstate issues. Most recently he was chief of the interstate, federal and water information section, where he served as a senior negotiator on federal, interstate and international issues related to the Colorado River. Kowalski has testified before the U.S. Congress and before the Colorado General Assembly. Kowalski has a law degree from the University of Colorado and an undergraduate degree from Cornell University.

Rachel Leon, Executive Director, Environmental Grantmakers Association

Rachel Leon joined EGA as Executive Director in August 2009. As a senior program manager with the JEHT Foundation in New York City, Rachel previously oversaw the foundation's Fair and Participatory Elections Program. Prior to her work with JEHT, Rachel served as executive director of the New York State Common Cause, an organization dedicated to strengthening democracy by encouraging the public to take action on critical policies. Rachel served on transition teams for both former NYS Governor Eliot Spitzer and current NYS Attorney General Andrew Cuomo. She worked closely with numerous environmental organizations while at the helm at NYS Common Cause and published several studies that highlighted the role of money in politics and its impact on environmental issues. With a background in anti-poverty and anti-hunger issues, Rachel also has significant experience assisting foundations with program development and strategic planning. Rachel currently lives in Croton on Hudson, New York with her husband, two children, and dog.



Jim Lochhead, CEO/Manager, Denver Water

Jim was appointed Denver Water's CEO/Manager in 2010. He currently serves on the boards of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, the Water Research Foundation, the Western Urban Water Coalition, the Water Utility Climate Alliance, the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Metro Denver Economic Development Council. He is on the advisory board of the Dividing the Waters Program at the National Judicial College. Prior to joining Denver Water, Lochhead was a shareholder at the Denver law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, where he worked on a wide variety of water resource issues both nationally and internationally. He served as executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources from 1994 to 1998. Lochhead received his bachelor's degree in environmental biology from the University of Colorado, and his law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law.

Brentin Mock, Staff Editor, CityLab

Brentin Mock currently serves as a staff editor at CityLab. Before this position, Mock worked as justice editor at Grist. Previously, he covered national politics for Colorlines and served as lead reporter for Voting Rights Watch 2012, covering the challenges presented by new voter ID laws, suppression of voter registration drives and other attempts to limit the electoral power of people of color. Brentin is also a contributor for Demos' blog PolicyShop, where he covers voting rights and civil rights; and blogged for Grist.org, where he writes about environmental justice. You can read some of his other work at Next American City, Facing South, The Root, In These Times, American Prospect, and The Washington Post.



Steve Moyer, Vice President for Government Affairs, Trout Unlimited

Steve serves as TU's senior advocate on Capitol Hill and with the federal agencies. He works with TU's local chapters and state councils to help them with their state and local advocacy efforts and develops and implements TU grassroots advocacy campaigns. He has worked for TU for 19 years. Prior to joining TU, Steve led advocacy efforts at the National Wildlife Federation on behalf of fisheries, and wetlands, and related appropriations legislation. He holds a B.S. in Wildlife Management from the University of Maine and an M.S in Fisheries from Virginia Tech.

Amy Panek, Program Officer, Park Foundation

Amy Panek serves as the Program Officer for the Park Foundation's Environment Program, with its grant-making focused on ensuring drinking water in the United States is clean, affordable and accessible, and is protected and managed as a public good. The Foundation supports organizations working nationally or regionally in the Eastern United States, with state level support primarily focused on New York and North Carolina. She also manages the Foundation's Animal Welfare Program, which supports nationally-significant efforts to ensure the humane treatment, care and well-being of domestic animals and the protection of endangered wildlife and wildlife in captivity in the U.S. Amy joined the Foundation in March 2009, and previously worked at the Kendall Foundation in Boston on addressing climate change and promoting energy efficiency in New England. She also worked for various Massachusetts state government agencies covering such issues as renewable energy, smart growth, and public health emergency preparedness.

**Alberto Rodriguez, Duwamish Valley Advisor, City of Seattle**

Originally from Honduras, Alberto moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2010 after getting his degree in Biology and working on several environmental conservation and research projects in Honduras and Guatemala. In the U.S., his work has focused on community-led environmental conservation, with an emphasis in advancing environmental justice and racial equity. In June 2016, he joined the City of Seattle to lead the new Duwamish Valley Program, a place-based effort to advance environmental justice, address racial and neighborhood-level disparities, reduce health inequities, and create stronger economic pathways. Previously, Alberto was appointed by Mayor Edward Murray to a 16-person committee that developed the city's Equity & Environment Agenda. Alberto's work has been recognized with several awards: Sustainable Path Foundation (2012), South Park Neighborhood Association (2013), International River Foundation, and International Water Centre Alumni Network (2014). Alberto is also a volunteer and member of the Leadership Team of the Seattle Chapter of the Environmental Professionals of Color as well as an Executive Committee member of the Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Diane Schrauth, Program Consultant, Funders Network for Smart Growth & Livable Communities

Diane is a consultant working on water and sustainability issues. She coordinates the Stormwater Funders' Group, an issue-based working group of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, and the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network's Stormwater Work Group. Other recent clients include Philadelphia Water and the Pisces Foundation. Diane worked for more than 15 years at the William Penn Foundation where she led the Foundation's efforts to protect and restore water resources in the Philadelphia region, focusing on stormwater and green infrastructure issues and the impacts of natural gas development. Diane is a founding member and current chair of her community's Green Team, Sustainable Haddonfield, which was awarded silver-level certification from Sustainable Jersey. She has bachelor degrees from Vanderbilt University in Anthropology and Geology and a Masters of Regional Planning with a focus on environmental and land use planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Nicole Silk, President, River Network**

Understanding how people relate to water and what water needs to remain healthy has been a central tenet of Nicole's professional career for more than 25 years. She believes strongly in the role of local caretakers in creating a future of clean and ample water for people and nature. As President of River Network, a nonprofit with national reach, she is responsible for guiding River Network toward its mission in collaboration with staff and board members and engaging supporters and partners. Prior to joining the River Network, Nicole worked at The Nature Conservancy for 19 years, during which, she served as Managing Director of the Global Freshwater Team, guiding a team of technical experts for freshwater conservation. She holds a J.D. from the University of California, Davis and a B.A. in economics and ecology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Nancy Stoner, Water Program Director, Pisces Foundation

Nancy is the Director of the Water Program and a senior fellow at the Pisces Foundation. Nancy is based in Washington, D.C. and regularly spends time at the Foundation's office in San Francisco. Nancy most recently served as Acting Assistant Administrator for U.S. EPA's Office of Water. As a top EPA policymaker on water over the last three years, Nancy was responsible for protecting surface water resources and ensuring the safety of tap water across the United States. She is exceptionally knowledgeable about water and has visited every corner of the country to see new



technology, cutting-edge programs, and innovative partnerships first hand. Prior to serving in the EPA, Nancy was the Co-Director of the NRDC Water Program, promoting sound water resource management nationally and in specific watersheds. Nancy also worked as Director of the Office of Planning and Policy Analysis in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Nancy is a graduate of Yale Law School and the University of Virginia.

Ernest Tollerson, Trustee, Hudson River Foundation



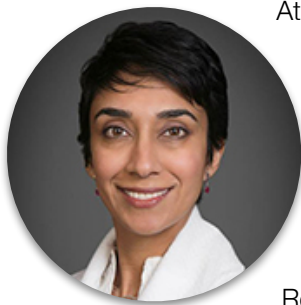
In 2014, Ernest rejoined the Nathan Cummings Foundation - this time as interim president and CEO, and served as NCF's interim leader until mid-November 2015. From 2004 to 2013, he served as a NCF trustee, including one three-year term as chair of the board of trustees. Because of his deep, longstanding commitment and connection to the NCF's mission and his own work on climate policy, the board invited him to lead the foundation and guide the development of two new sets of grantmaking guidelines, one for a program focused on climate and one for a program focused on inequality. Currently, he is a trustee of the Hudson River Foundation, EGA, the New-York Historical Society, the South Street Seaport Museum and Riverkeeper. Ernest spent nearly 25 years as a journalist. He worked as a reporter and editor for a number of newspapers including the Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Newsday, and the New York Times, where he was a member of the editorial board.

Sam Tucker, Director, Colorado River Sustainability Campaign

Sam Tucker is also a senior advisor for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, with a focus on its Colorado Plateau strategy. In recent years he has served as an independent consultant, assisting environmental foundations and nonprofits craft innovative solutions to conservation challenges. Previously, he managed the Alaska and British Columbia environmental grantmaking portfolio for the Wilburforce Foundation in Seattle. He also spent six years at RealNetworks, Inc. Among several positions there, he was business development manager for Reallmpact, a division delivering Web strategy needs to progressive nonprofits. Other professional endeavors included raising butterflies in Costa Rica, and serving as program associate at the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity in New York. Now living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Sam is a native New Englander who graduated from Colby College with a degree in biology and environmental science.



Jumana Vasi, Environmental Program Officer, CS Mott Foundation



At the C. S. Mott Foundation, Jumana's grantmaking responsibilities, which are focused primarily in the Great Lakes basin, aim to build the organizational capacity of nonprofits engaged in the conservation of freshwater resources, influence selected public policy issues, and promote site-based conservation activities. Prior to joining the Mott Foundation, Jumana served as the Director of Development at Enlace Chicago, a community-based Latino organization. Jumana's professional experience also includes working on environmental justice projects at the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Aviation Administration. Jumana holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Business from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Policy from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment. Jumana speaks several languages including French, Gujarati, Urdu, and Wolof.

Brett Walton, Reporter, Circle of Blue

Brett writes about agriculture, energy, infrastructure, and the politics and economics of water in the United States. He also writes the Federal Water Tap, Circle of Blue's weekly digest of U.S. government water news. He is the winner of two Society of Environmental Journalists reporting awards, one of the top honors in American environmental journalism: first place for explanatory reporting for a series on septic system pollution in the United States (2016) and third place for beat reporting in a small market (2014). Brett lives in Seattle.

