

Hannah Riseley-White

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EXPERIENCE

New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC)

Director, July 2023 to present

- Support the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission in all decision-making processes, including agency budget allocation for major initiatives, informational presentations, field trips and other engagements and partnerships
- Lead all agency activities including coordination with the Governor's office, the Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE), and other state agencies such as NMED, EMNRD, NMDA, IAD, NMDGF, DFA, NMFA, SLO and the NMDOJ
- Coordinate ongoing agency interactions with federal agency partners such as U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Lead efforts, in coordination with the Governor's office, to provide information to the NM State Legislature, and advocate for executive budget and policy priorities
- Lead ongoing support for and coordination with the NM Congressional delegation
- Ensure ongoing efforts to build staff capacity, including both technical capabilities and increasing collaborative efforts with critical partners and stakeholders

Deputy Director, June 2020 to July 2023

- Oversee all technical bureaus, including the Rio Grande, Colorado River and Pecos River Basin Bureaus, as well as all Canadian and Costilla River and Acequia Bureau activities
- Work closely with the NMISC Director and Program Administrator to:
 - Ensure staff have the resources needed to successfully carry out the mission of the agency
 - Prepare materials for Commission meetings, including ensuring Open Meetings Act compliance
 - Support oversight of agency budget, including administration of the Irrigation Works Construction Fund, Improvement to the Rio Grande Income Fund, the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund, the New Mexico Unit Fund and others
 - Prepare responses, as needed, to executive and legislative requests; support legislative session activities, including committee presentations, in coordination with the governor's office
- Support ongoing coordination with the NMOSE and state and federal agencies
- Maintain ongoing communication with major water users, including irrigation and conservation districts, municipalities and others
- Work closely with NMISC's planning team to implement state and regional water planning activities

Pecos River Bureau Chief, August 2016 to May 2020

Pecos Bureau Environment Lead / Staff Hydrologist, August 2014 to July 2016

- Managed all Pecos River Bureau activities including supervision of technical and field staff; directed all budget, asset and contractor oversight
- Led the NM team in a 2020 U.S. Supreme Court (USSC) victory in *Texas v. New Mexico No. 65 Original*
- Ensured NM's ongoing compliance with the Pecos River Compact, including:

- Data collection and stream flow accounting per the USSC's Pecos River Master Manual
- Implementation of the 2003 Pecos Settlement Agreement (Settlement), including ongoing coordination with the parties and development of additional creative management solutions
- Serving as Engineer Advisor to the Pecos River Commission (PRC) and supporting NM's commissioner Communications with the Texas Engineer Advisor to the PRC, other staff from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Attorney General's Office and the federal Pecos River Master

Green Guerillas, New York, NY

Program Director, January 2006 to March 2009 and January 2010 to August 2012

Community Organizer, March 2000 to December 2005

- Designed and implemented programming to support and strengthen New York City's public green spaces
- Provided educational and fundraising assistance and material resources to over 250 community and school gardens each year; supported the development of six neighborhood-based garden coalitions

Little Sisters of the Assumption, Family Health Services Inc., New York, NY

Garden Group Coordinator, January 2000 to March 2009

- Worked with 12 immigrant women and their families to produce approximately 1500 pounds of fresh organic vegetables each growing season in an East Harlem community garden
- Fostered leadership skills through gardening activities, field trips, nutrition education, and the creation of a buying cooperative and small farmers market

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara - Bren School of Environmental Science & Management

Master of Environmental Science and Management with a Water Resources Management specialization, 2014

University of California, Santa Cruz - Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems

Certificate in Horticulture, 2009

New York University

Bachelor of Arts in Politics, *magna cum laude*, 1999

AWARDS AND HONORS

New York Daily News, 2006 - *50 Unsung New York Heroes Award: Tribute to the City's Community Champions*

Audubon Society, 2011 - *Women in Conservation Honoree*

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Facilitation/Mediation: Completed a 40-hour mediation training at Collaborative Decision Resources Associates in Boulder, CO; member of the Association for Conflict Resolution - Environment and Public Policy Section

Hydrologic Modeling: Familiar with hydrologic modeling software including RiverWare, WEAP, HEC-HMS, HEC-RAS, WARMF, BASINS, and Ripple

Languages: Fluent in Spanish (written and spoken)