

Andrew J. Colosimo



PROFILE/QUALIFICATIONS

Nearly 30 years of professional experience focusing on public policy matters at the local, state and federal levels of government. Strong understanding of environmental law and the legislative process, with emphasis on water, energy and natural resource matters. Respected by elected officials and trade associations for integrity and honesty on public policy matters.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Colorado Springs Utilities, Government Affairs Manager (2002 – Present)

- Manage and coordinate the government affairs department including staff and legislative activities of Colorado Springs Utilities, a municipally owned utility that provides water, electricity, natural gas and wastewater services to 470,000 residents in Colorado Springs.
- Provide strategic analysis on key projects, initiatives, legislation and regulatory compliance including direct consultation with policy makers to ensure that projects proceed in alignment with stated objectives.
- Advise Colorado Springs Utilities Board (Colorado Springs City Council), Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management on state and federal legislative matters. Direct internal and external efforts on formulating and communicating positions on legislative matters.
- Manage political and legislative activities on key capital projects, including water delivery projects, electric supply and delivery projects and environmental permitting efforts. Assist in long-term planning and risk management efforts and manage the department budget.

United States Senator Wayne Allard, Legislative Assistant (1999 – 2001)

- Responsible for all aspects of legislative coverage of Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee; Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; and Senate Indian Affairs Committee.
- Worked to successfully pass legislation creating the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, the Spanish Peaks Wilderness Area and the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Endangered Fish Recovery Program.

United States Senator Wayne Allard, Area Director (1997 – 1999)

- Maintain regular contact with local and state elected officials, organizations, and media outlets in 16 Western Colorado counties. Identify and monitor key legislative and regulatory issues which included energy development, proposed wilderness, land exchanges, endangered species, clean air and clean water.

Colorado Farm Bureau, Assistant Director of Public Affairs/Regional Manager (1991 – 1996)

- Administer the public relations program, including press releases, newsletters, interviews and media tours. Assist in implementing the Colorado Farm Bureau board directives including legislative briefings and program development.
- Lobbied at state and federal levels on farming, ranching and other agricultural issues. Assist the volunteer leaders in planning, budgeting, developing and implementing programs and activities to carry out the policies and objectives for the organization.

United States Senator Bill Armstrong, Correspondence Director/Senior Legislative Correspondent (1988 – 1990)

- Supervise staff of eight for Senator's constituent correspondence. Interview, hire and train new legislative correspondents. Conduct research and analysis of proposed agriculture and water legislation.

AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Water Congress – Past President, Board of Directors and Federal Affairs Committee Chair
- National Water Resources Association – Board of Directors and Environmental Task Force Chair
- Western Urban Water Coalition
- Large Public Power Council – Past Liaison to Environmental Task Force
- American Public Gas Association – Past Chair of the Legislative Subcommittee
- American Public Power Association
- Colorado River Advisory Council

EDUCATION

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

Bachelors of Arts in Political Science, June 1988

REFERENCES

Available upon request