

Radhika K. Fox

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Career Profile

- An accomplished and results-driven executive with over two decades of experience as a key advisor, problem solver, mentor, innovator, crisis communicator, and policy expert in the nonprofit and public sectors.
- Extensive public policy expertise in the areas of environmental protection, water resources, equity and environmental justice, sustainability, and infrastructure investment.
- A seasoned executive with a track record of managing the day-to-day operations of complex enterprises, including budgets, personnel, external affairs, and employee development.
- Expert facilitator and consensus-builder on complex environmental issues.
- Highly effective fundraiser with impeccable fiscal management skills for public sector and non-profit organizations.
- Nationally recognized thought leader and sought-after public speaker that is interviewed by local, regional, and national media outlets on a wide range of water issues.

Professional Experience

Biden-Harris Infrastructure Policy Committee | National Co-Chair

2020

Served as one of the Co-Chairs of the Biden-Harris Infrastructure Policy Committee focused on water, transportation, clean energy, and climate resilience.

- Facilitated a volunteer committee of 400 infrastructure subject matter experts including former Obama/Biden appointees; congressional staffers; heads of local and state water agencies; mayors; policy and regulatory specialists; and equity and environmental groups.
- Provide the Biden-Harris campaign with rapid response on policy questions; biweekly updates on major policy issues; and development of Day 1 and 100 Day actions for consideration.
- Provided leadership and oversight on the development of all water policy proposals that were developed by the Committee for consideration by the EPA, including: lead and copper rule, PFAs, water infrastructure investments vehicles (SRFs, WIFIA); smart water and utility modernization; workforce development; equity and environmental justice screening tools; rural water; water utility partnerships; and more.

US Water Alliance | Oakland, CA and Washington, DC Chief Executive Officer

2015—present

Leads the US Water Alliance, which is the only national, non-partisan network that unites diverse stakeholders—water utilities, environmental groups, equity advocates, the private sector, agricultural interests, and others—on common-ground solutions to our nation’s pressing environmental, water, and climate challenges.

- Sets the overall strategic, policy, financial, operational, and growth direction for the premier national network whose members provides drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater management to over 200 million people in America.
- Leads strategic planning and priority setting for the US Water Alliance, including development of the first ever strategic plan and impact framework for the organization.
- Oversees board management, human resources, personnel, employee development, budgeting, financial planning, and fundraising.

- Serves as trusted advisor and technical assistance provider to Mayors, Governors, local, state, and federal public officials on complex water management issues.
- Serves as the primary media spokesperson for the organization for print, tv, and radio outlets. A frequent commentator on a range of water and environment issues.
- Leads the engagement strategy for all stakeholders involved with the US Water Alliance, including water utilities, environmental organizations, community advocates, philanthropy, business community, and policymakers to advance innovative ideas and common-ground solutions to secure a sustainable water future for all.
- Leads the *Value of Water Campaign*, a national coalition of public and private water agencies, business and community leaders, and national organizations building public will for investment in water infrastructure and water resources.
- Designed and oversee *Imagine A Day Without Water*, the seminal national day of action that reaches millions of Americans a year.
- Serves on Steering Committee of *United for Infrastructure*, a bi-partisan effort that brings together American businesses, workers, elected leaders, and everyday citizens to call for smart infrastructure policy and investment.

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission | San Francisco, CA

2011—2015

Director of Policy and Government Affairs

Served on the senior management team and led policy development, government affairs, stakeholder engagement, and national partnerships for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission—a public agency of the City and County of San Francisco that provides drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and electric power services to over 2.6 million people in the San Francisco Bay Area.

- Set the strategic direction for the agency’s policy and regulatory agenda and designed the advocacy strategy. This included agency review and engagement on over 500 pieces of local, state, and federal legislation related to water, wastewater, energy, climate, infrastructure financing, and economic development.
- Managed strategic relationships with the Mayor’s Office, Board of Supervisors, state elected officials and agency staff, congressional representatives, federal agencies, and the White House.
- Lead stakeholder and community engagement strategies for agency-wide priorities including rate-setting, annual budget process, capital improvement plan, city/state policy measures and ballot initiatives, and the community benefits and environmental justice strategy.
- Oversaw staff, consultants, and state and federal lobbyists for the department.
- Managed the budget and all professional contracts for the department.
- Served as a Disaster Service Worker and participated in stakeholder management and crisis communications for major disasters as such at the 2014 Rim Fire.

PolicyLink | Oakland, CA, and Washington, DC

2000—2011

Federal Policy Director (2009-2011, promoted from prior positions)

*Served as a senior staff member at PolicyLink, a national research and action institute advancing racial and economic equity by *Lifting Up What Works*.®*

- Set the vision, strategic direction, and advocacy strategy to advance the organization’s policy agenda on a wide array of issues including infrastructure investment, transportation, sustainable communities, access to healthy food, education, and workforce development.
- Served as primary liaison to Congress, White House, and federal agencies for all PolicyLink priorities.
- Effectively shaped and supported the implement of key Administration and Congressional priorities consistent with PolicyLink positions, including: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, federal Transportation reauthorization, HUD-DOT-EPA Sustainable Communities Initiative, Healthy Food Financing Initiative, Promise Neighborhoods, and Choice Neighborhoods.

- Created the Equity Caucus at Transportation for America, a coalition of civil rights, housing, community, economic justice, faith-based, health, labor, tribal, and transportation organizations.
- Managed fundraising, budgets, staff, and consultants.

Education

M.A. City and Regional Planning University of California, Berkeley	May 2000
B.A. Religion/Philosophy Columbia University	May 1995

Volunteer Service

Aspen Institute Delegate, India-U.S. Track II Dialogue on Climate Change and Energy	2020—present
Water Solutions Network Advisory Council	2019—present
Jobs to Move America Board of Directors	2018—present
PolicyLink Board of Directors	2015—present

Recent Honors and Recognition

Great Lakes Leadership Award Great Lakes Protection Fund <i>Awarded the Great Lakes Leadership Award for excellence in communications on the value of water.</i>	October 2020
Water Equity and Affordability Honoree Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission <i>Recognized as a water equity champion, alongside Senator Ben Cardin, by the largest public water agency in the state of Maryland.</i>	October 2019
President’s Award for Excellence WateReuse Association <i>Co-founded the National Blue Ribbon Commission for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems, a coalition of water utilities and public health agencies creating and advancing new policies at EPA and in over 16 states.</i>	September 2019
Water Innovators Cohort Spring Point Partners	2018—present

Select Press Clips and Speeches

Sept 16, 2020: American Public Media, Podcast: In Deep
<https://www.indeep.org/episode/2020/09/16/well-well-well>

July 26, 2020: Urban Milwaukee, Oped: More Water Infrastructure Funding Needed
<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/07/26/op-ed-more-water-infrastructure-funding-needed/>

July 21, 2020: The Atlantic, Event: Water Summit
<http://watersummit.theatlantic.com/>

June 11, 2020: POLITICO, Event: America's Environmental Future: The Water Solution (no link available)

May 4, 2020: Crain's Chicago Oped: Water Must Be Part of Our COVID Recovery (also ran in Crain's Detroit and Cleveland)
<https://app.box.com/s/ol3bnhahtfvb2ekiduyt4pkebz1prshd>

December 11, 2019: Washington Post, Article: It's Almost 2020 and 2 Million American's Still Don't Have Running Water, According to New Report
https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/its-almost-2020-and-2-million-americans-still-dont-have-running-water-new-report-says/2019/12/10/a0720e8a-14b3-11ea-a659-7d69641c6ff7_story.html

September 20, 2019: Dallas Morning News, Oped: Texans Must Treat Every Drop of Water As Precious
<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2019/09/30/texans-must-treat-every-drop-of-water-as-precious/>

October 16, 2018: National Geographic, Event: Environmental Justice: Running Dry (no link available)

September 20, 2018: Event: Cleveland Sustainability Summit (no link available)

July 2018: Event: Aspen Big Ideas Festival, Building A Secure Water Future
<https://www.aspenideas.org/speakers/radhika-fox>