



The Western Interstate Energy Board is very pleased to announce that Laura Rennick will assume the role of WIEB's Executive Director, as of July 1. Laura brings a tremendous skill set to this role, including deep experience in state government and excellent management and facilitative abilities. Her leadership will greatly assist WIEB and its family of Western regional energy planning and coordination bodies to build collective knowledge and forge solutions to the complex array of issues we face.

Laura has been WIEB's Director of State, Federal, and International Affairs for the past year. In this role she was responsible for supporting the WIEB Board of Directors and CREPC, coordinating with the Department of Energy, and collaboration efforts with other regional, national, and provincial partners. She has been serving as the Interim Executive Director of Policy since the beginning of April 2023 upon the departure of Maury Galbraith.

Laura has over 19 years' experience in the public sector and with nonprofits focused on natural resources management, energy policy, and coordination and collaboration. Laura's leadership is grounded in respect, embracing authenticity, and fostering the growth of the individuals she works with.

Prior to joining WIEB, Laura worked with the State of Montana for over 17 years, most recently as the Deputy Administrator for the Water Resources Division at the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, where she led operations, and managed a suite of programs and a team of 50 individuals dispersed throughout Montana.

Laura was the Director of the Montana Energy Office (MEO) from 2015 through 2019 where she led policy and program development, analysis, and administration. She grew the MEO's reputation and expanded offerings through strategic planning and effective implementation. Laura has been a champion of the inclusion of rural states in regional dialogues and promoted interstate coordination with the utility commission, legislature, and governor's office for projects like REV West and the State-Led Market Study. She was a Board Member of the National Association of State Energy Officials.

Laura served the Montana Watershed Coordination Council, Inc. in various roles on the Board of Directors from 2010-2014 providing foundational leadership and building the organization from an informal-volunteer networking community to a staffed, legal entity with growing membership, stable funding, a driving mission and clear priorities.

Laura holds a Masters of Science and Engineering Management from Montana State University, a dual Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and French from Carroll College, and an Associates of Science in Business Technologies from the University of Montana-Helena. She is based in Montana with her family where they enjoy chasing powder in the winter and time in the mountains and on the water in the summer, as well as road tripping around the West to visit family and enjoy the diversity of the region's landscapes and experiences.