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# **Water Law in the West**

## **A Panel Discussion with Patricia Mulroy**

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# Panel of Regional Experts

## Patricia Mulroy



Pat Mulroy oversees the operations of the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Las Vegas Valley Water District. Mulroy was a principal architect of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. As general manager of one of the country's most progressive water agencies, Mulroy is exceptionally active in regional and national water issues. She is president of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, for which she is the first woman and Nevadan to lead the association. Mulroy also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Water Resources Association, and on the Board of Trustees of the Water Research Foundation. Additionally, she was the first chairperson of the Western Urban Water Coalition and served on the Colorado River Water Users Association's Board of Directors. She

currently chairs the University of Nevada, Las Vegas College of Sciences Advisory Board, and she has served on the Nevada Public Radio Board of Directors. Mulroy also is actively involved with the Diocese of Las Vegas and Bishop Gorman High School. Her honors include the National Jewish Medical and Research Center's Humanitarian Award, the University and Community College System of Nevada Board of Regents' Distinguished Nevadan Award, and the Public Education Foundation's Education Hero Award. Mulroy has served as special assistant to the Clark County Manager and as Clark County Justice Court Administrator.



# Jeffrey Kightlinger



Jeffrey Kightlinger is general manager for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. As general manager, he is responsible for implementing the policy directives of the Board, including working with elected officials and member agencies to carry out Metropolitan's mission. The General Manager provides leadership and management of the water district's public policies and strategic initiatives, assets and resources, and all administrative, operational, and financial activities for Metropolitan. Prior to his appointment as general manager, he was general counsel for Metropolitan. He was responsible for directing Metropolitan's legal staff and consulting attorneys, leading the district's legal strategies in pending and potential litigation, and protecting Metropolitan's interests in all

legal matters. Before becoming general counsel, Kightlinger represented Metropolitan in environmental issues and water right matters. At Metropolitan he worked primarily on Colorado River matters, water rights issues and a number of the district's water transfer and storage programs.

# Michele Straube



Michele Straube is Director of the Wallace Stegner Center Environmental Dispute Resolution Program of The University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. Straube was a practicing lawyer for more than 15 years, representing private and public sector clients. She has extensive experience with administrative agencies in their regulatory and enforcement functions. For the past 15 years, she has focused exclusively on alternative dispute resolution, including mediation, facilitation, training, and collaborative problem-solving. Straube maintained a private mediation practice in which she designed and facilitated consensus-building processes and offers conflict management training. In addition to being on several national rosters for environmental third-party

neutrals, she conducted mediations for the U.S. Postal Service REDRESS program, and has been a long-term-care ombudsman for Salt Lake County. From January 2008 to August 2010, Straube directed Salt Lake Solutions, Mayor Ralph Becker's collaborative government initiative. Salt Lake Solutions projects model collaboration by engaging all segments of the community to address difficult public problems.

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