PROTECT THE WEST’S LAND, AIR & WATER
Western Resource Advocates’ Highlights from 2018

Working with Utilities to Plan for a Renewable Future

WRA successfully advocated for Xcel Energy’s Colorado Energy Plan. Xcel Energy-Colorado will retire two aging coal-fired power plants in Pueblo and replace them with $2.5 billion in renewable energy investments. By 2026, at least 55% of the energy generated by Xcel in Colorado will come from zero-emission clean energy resources.

Protecting Wilderness from Unnecessary Dams

WRA helped protect the Maroon Bells in Colorado from proposed dams on Maroon and Castle creeks. WRA opposed the dams, and now is working with the city of Aspen on smart alternatives that will ensure Aspen has a sustainable supply of water for its residents.

Opposing the Reduction of National Monuments

WRA opposes the Trump Administration’s decision to shrink Utah’s Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. WRA is working with Conservation Science Partners to document the irreplaceable ecological resources at risk due to the administration’s actions. The report will be part of the legal challenge being made in federal district court in Washington.
Working Together to Find Water Management Solutions of the Future

As a member of WateReuse Colorado, WRA partnered with Carollo Engineers and Denver Water to demonstrate a new approach to water reuse – one that can transform the way we view water altogether. The PureWater Colorado Demonstration Project project takes water that’s been used in our homes and businesses, cleans it at a wastewater plant so it is safe to reintroduce back into the environment, and purifies it to levels that are safe to drink.

More Momentum for Clean Energy in the West

WRA’s advocacy led the Arizona Corporation Commission to take the unprecedented step of imposing a nine-month moratorium on new natural gas development by utilities – and urging those utilities to invest in a clean, modern, efficient electric grid.

What They’re Saying About WRA

“WRA’s collaborative leadership and innovative approach to the most pressing environmental issues facing the West is an example to all of us how these complex issues can be solved.”

-Kim Miller, SCARPA North America CEO

“WRA has stepped up to lead an unprecedented transformation in the way we generate and use energy across the West. While challenges remain, this scale and pace of accomplishment gives me great hope.”

-Eli Feldman, WRA Board Member