

## Murphy Bannerman Government Affairs Manager



As the Arizona Government Affairs Manager for Western Resource Advocates (WRA), Murphy Bannerman works with stakeholders throughout the state to promote conservation policies in the administrative and legislative spheres.

With a focus on building coalitions to support clean energy policies and programs, Bannerman builds relationships with elected officials, community partners, and the business community to advance WRA's vision in the region. As part of her role, she'll also serve on Arizona Forward's Central Regional Council, helping to inform the organization and its members on sustainability issues.

Before joining WRA in 2022, Bannerman worked in a variety of community organizing and advocacy capacities, with causes including voter access and reproductive rights. Additionally, she spent nearly a decade as a photojournalist, starting her career at the state's largest newspaper. She chronicled everything from sporting events and community gatherings to ground-breaking social movements.

Her long-held interest in addressing the ongoing climate crisis led Bannerman to WRA, where she's found she can have a substantial impact. She has long been passionate about being a good steward of the environment as much as she can personally. Now, pairing her individual efforts with her work at WRA, she's confident that we can leave a healthier environment for future generations to enjoy.

By pursuing sustainable growth and policies that harmonize differing needs from business, individual, and environmental needs, Bannerman has seen firsthand how creating secure ecosystems doesn't have to compete with other priorities in the West.

An accomplished community activist, Bannerman was named Emerge Arizona's 2017 Woman of the Year for her work leading the Women's March in Phoenix. Additionally, she played a key role in the creation of a civilian review board for City of Phoenix Police Department.

A native of Pennsylvania, Bannerman has called Arizona home for more than two decades. Today, she still resides there with her two dogs, Bennie and Blue. Though her home state may be landlocked, that doesn't stop her from scuba diving every chance she gets. She also enjoys running, and reading, especially about philosophy.

Bannerman earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Arizona State University.

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