

Stacy Tellinghuisen Deputy Director of Policy Development, Clean Energy



Stacy Tellinghuisen is the deputy director of policy development at Western Resource Advocates (WRA). In her role, she advances climate policies that support clean energy across the organization's seven-state region and ensures there are equitable benefits for the region's diverse residents.

Using the most up-to-date data and cutting-edge research, Tellinghuisen collaborates closely with other state agencies, environmental organizations, consumer advocates, and industry representatives to identify solutions to the urgent climate crisis. She represents WRA in state regulatory commissions, developing analyses and testimony to advocate for policies that can achieve science-based climate goals. In addition, she works with partners to develop legislation to catalyze the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Tellinghuisen joined WRA in 2008 as an energy/water analyst, drawn by WRA's pragmatic approach to water and energy issues. She quickly grew in the role and eventually advanced to oversee climate policy for the organization.

Prior to her work at WRA, Tellinghuisen was an energy/water analyst for the California Sustainability Alliance, where she researched the energy intensity of Southern California's water supplies. She also taught natural history to high school students, which included leading canoeing expeditions on the Colorado River. Tellinghuisen already had a love of the outdoors and science, but it was these trips that solidified her desire to become part of movement to preserve these incredible landscapes for future generations.

Driven by the knowledge that healthy lands and healthy people go hand-in-hand with strong economies, she creates compelling arguments for climate solutions. And her talent for doing that has resulted in some big successes. In one effort, she provided testimony that was key to securing the addition of the social costs of carbon in reporting by Colorado's major utility. In another win, she played a key role in a settlement that would commit a Colorado-based electric utility to reduce emissions by 80% over eight years. She also guided an effort in Arizona to deter a major utility from acquiring additional gas plants and instead invest in cleaner energy sources.

Tellinghuisen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geology from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and a Master of Environmental Science and Management from the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

She lives in Colorado with her husband and young daughter, along with their pet dog. In her free time, she enjoys skiing, hiking, rafting, camping, cooking, and travelling. Tellinghuisen is also a novice gardener. She's no expert, but recently grew an 80-pound pumpkin!

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