

**Emily Walsh**  
**Policy Advisor, Clean Energy**



Emily Walsh is the policy advisor in Nevada for Western Resource Advocates (WRA) and is helping move the region toward a clean energy economy and address climate change.

Walsh shapes state and local energy policy by ensuring the organization has the technical expertise to develop and advance equitable legislative, administrative, and policy solutions. As the state expert on clean energy issues, she works with regulators, policy makers, and other interest groups to move WRA's goals forward. Her passion for learning and sharing makes her an ideal fit for the role.

Before joining WRA in 2023, Walsh worked with a government affairs firm focused on energy, transportation, and conservation. She was instrumental as an analyst and gained valuable insights that she's putting to use for WRA, but she wanted to be more proactive about her impact on the region to ensure the state could transition away from carbon-based energy in a smart way.

A fourth generation Nevadan, Walsh knew from a young age how important the state's natural resources are. She spent her summers as a youth swimming in Lake Tahoe and camping in Plumas National Forest.

Spending time outdoors shaped her views on conservation and public lands, but it was her years studying abroad that served as a turning point in her career path. As Walsh pursued advanced education near a picturesque freshwater lake at the base of the Alps, she saw firsthand the impact of responsible management and better understood how other countries protect their lands and resources. It was invigorating and inspiring.

Walsh holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Affairs from the University of Nevada, Reno; Master of Arts in Politics and Public Administration from the University of Konstanz, Germany; and Master of Sciences in Political Science from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Today, Walsh resides in Reno with her spouse. She still visits Lake Tahoe as often as possible to camp, hike, and paddleboard. She also enjoys reading everything she can get her hands on. She's eager to grow into her role and positively impact WRA's work in Nevada.

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