

## Jennifer Bowles - Water Education Foundation

A veteran journalist, Jennifer Bowles serves as the executive director for the Water Education Foundation, based in Sacramento, Calif. She directs the development of *Western Water* news, the Layperson's Guide series on key water topics, the Colorado River project, poster maps and tours, and various workshops and conferences. In addition, she oversees the <u>Water Leader programs</u> and leads fund-raising, external communications, and website and social media efforts.

For much of her career, Jenn was an award-winning journalist who covered water issues across California and the West along with renewable energy, endangered species, public lands and other natural resources.

Prior to joining the Foundation in 2014, Jenn served as a writer and communications strategist at Best & Krieger LLP where she worked with some of California's leading water rights attorneys. Previously, she worked as the environmental/water reporter at The Press-Enterprise based in Riverside and as a reporter and editor at The Associated Press in Los Angeles.

Jenn received her bachelor's degree in journalism and history from the University of Southern California, and completed the yearlong Ted Scripps Fellowship for Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she focused her studies on water and environmental law and policy.