Government to Nonprofit Sector on the Colorado River

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**Biography:**

Taylor serves as the Colorado River Program Director for The Nature Conservancy (TNC). The program’s goal is to conserve the freshwater biodiversity of the Colorado River Basin while also meeting human demands for water. Her responsibilities include coordinating TNC’s freshwater conservation efforts across the Colorado River Basin, synthesizing priority strategies, working with key stakeholders who are critical to conservation success across the Colorado River Basin, and fundraising. Taylor has worked on Colorado River issues for more than 18 years. She practiced water, local government, water quality, and land use law on Colorado’s Western Slope before joining TNC. She currently serves as a Governor appointee to Colorado’s Inter-basin Compact Committee and is the co-chair of the Colorado River Basin Study’s Environmental and Recreational Flows Workgroup.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Taylor received a B.A. in political science from the University of North Carolina and her Juris Doctorate degree from Vermont Law School.