Erin has 25 years of experience in engineering consulting, specializing in basin-wide water resources planning and modeling. Erin started Wilson Water Group in 2012 with two other engineers and has grown the company to ten employees with offices in Lakewood and Glenwood Springs. She has a strong background in water rights investigation, water resource planning, consumptive use modeling, and surface water allocation modeling. Erin leveraged her expertise in demand planning and supply analysis to represent a coalition of Colorado’s east and west slope water users in various projects investigating Colorado River Compact issues. She is honored to serve as professional engineer representation on the Colorado Water Congress Board and as a Colorado Water Trust Board member.

**Abstract:**
Choosing private consulting for a career path has sometimes been challenging, but it has been rewarding beyond my wildest expectations. The variety and complexity of projects was my initial draw to consulting, and in any given week my staff and I are likely to work on projects in every river basin in Colorado. However, the most satisfying aspect of consulting is the ability to help clients solve their important water issues. I plan to “brag” a bit about some of the exciting projects I am involved with and provide insight into the characteristics and skill sets consulting firms look for in new hires. I will wrap up with the training, mentoring, and leadership opportunities unique to consulting.