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Bio

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Felicia Marcus has a long career as an organizational manager, a federal, state, and local government policymaker, and as a non-profit leader. She is currently the Landreth Visiting Fellow at Stanford University's Water in the West Program and is an elected Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and the American College of Environmental Lawyers. Felicia was most recently Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board after having served as Regional Administrator of the U.S. EPA Region IX and as head of the City of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works in addition to senior leadership in national non-governmental organizations (Trust for Public Land, Natural Resources Defense Council). She has experience as a private and public interest sector attorney and has worked on issues across the West spanning water supply, water rights, and water quality in addition to experience in other sectors like energy, toxics, and land use. She is also a member of the Water Policy Group, an international network of former and current high-level water official policymakers and is also one of the three US members of the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation in addition to serving on many boards and advisory committees. She also currently serves as a Board Member for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, which supports the reliability of the bulk electricity transmission grid for the western United States and parts of Canada and Mexico. Felicia graduated cum laude from Harvard College (East Asian Studies), has her JD from New York University School of Law, and attended Hong Kong University (Rotary Fellowship).

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Landreth Visiting Fellow, Water in the West

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- JD, New York University , School of Law (1983)
- AB, Harvard University , East Asian Studies, cum laude (1977)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Energy Policy in California and the West: CEE 263G, ENERGY 73, POLISCI 73, PUBLPOL 73 (Spr)

2025-26

- Energy Policy in California and the West: CEE 263G, ENERGY 73 (Spr)

2024-25

- Energy Policy in California and the West: CEE 263G, ENERGY 73, POLISCI 73, PUBLPOL 73 (Spr)

2023-24

- Building Alliances for Water Justice: Case Studies from California: EARTHSYS 166 (Spr)
- Energy Policy in California and the West: CEE 263G, ENERGY 73, POLISCI 73, PUBLPOL 73 (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Advancing Urban Water Resilience: Coproducing Knowledge through Civic-Academic Global Partnerships on Water and Climate** *BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY*
  Sharma, A., Kumar, K., Wadhwa, A., Mijic, A., Ignace, V., Negri, C., Marcus, F., Cherrier, J., Mathews, T., Deroubaix, J., Deutsch, J., Juran, I.
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