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## **Erin Wilson awarded prestigious 2024 Aspinall Award**

*Presented by the Colorado Water Congress*

**Denver – Jan. 31, 2024-** The Colorado Water Congress awarded Erin Wilson, a life-long advocate of Colorado water issues, the 2024 Wayne N. Aspinall “Water Leader of the Year” Award.

The Aspinall Award is given annually in recognition of a career of service and contribution to Colorado’s water community. It is awarded to a person who has dedicated a significant part of his or her career to the advancement of the state and its programs to protect, develop and preserve the state’s water resources.

The previous Aspinall Award winners selected Wilson for this award.

### About Erin Wilson

Erin Wilson is a Colorado native with nearly 35 years of experience working on Colorado water issues. She has degrees in Geophysical Engineering from Colorado School of Mines and Civil Engineering from Colorado State University. Wilson is a Principal and the original founder of Wilson Water Group, a firm that works with clients in every basin of the state on a variety of water resources planning needs.

Erin has a long career as the trusted, technical advisor for her clients, including the state of Colorado, Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes, water conservancy districts, and water providers in developing and protecting their water resources. One of her greatest strengths is to clearly communicate technical analyses in a way that provides meaningful guidance, enabling her clients to confidently make policy decisions grounded in reality. She has been at the forefront of several efforts that were the first of their kind, including implementing future climate-adjusted conditions into statewide planning efforts and investigating the application of cutting-edge agricultural consumptive use methods at a basin-wide scale.

In addition to Wilson’s technical prowess, she is also well known for being an ardent mentor for young engineers and water professionals. She has mentored and served as a role model to many women in Colorado water resources. If not for women such as Erin Wilson, the landscape of the Colorado Water industry would not look as diverse as it does today.

### About the Wayne N. Aspinall Award

The Colorado Water Congress presents the prestigious Wayne N. Aspinall Award annually to a Coloradan who has long demonstrated courage, dedication, knowledge and leadership in the development, protection and preservation of Colorado water - those attributes possessed by Mr. Aspinall. The late Wayne Aspinall, a lawyer and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, remains one of the most influential water leaders in Colorado history.

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