

Tara M. Kinsey Resource Services Program Manager



Tara M. Kinsey is the Resource Services Program Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Missouri Basin Region. Kinsey is responsible for the nine-state region's water contracts, environmental compliance, land and resource services, water resources, planning, and hydrology.

Kinsey ensures compliance with environmental laws, regulations and policy, and provides oversight and management of the use of the region's lands, facilities, and waterbodies, including recreation and fire management, realty, special use permits, and water and power related contracts. Her office oversees Indian water right settlements, archaeology, cultural resources, endangered species, hazardous materials, environmental management systems, pest management, basin studies, water conservation, and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Kinsey also manages the hydrology group which studies the movement, distribution, and availability

of water throughout various Reclamation projects.

Kinsey graduated with high honors from Montana State University in 2001 with Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with majors in both Business Economics and Finance. She began her career with Reclamation as a student intern Economist in 1999. Most recently, Kinsey has served as the Supervisory of the Contracts and Repayments Division. Prior to that position, she has served as the region's Lead Repayment Specialist and Economist. She also served details as the Resource Division Manager for the Montana Area Office and as Supervisor of the Water Management and Development Group for the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office.

In 2022, Kinsey was honored for leading the Arkansas Valley Conduit contract negotiations which is the first of several contracts that will provide for the delivery of water to various communities and other water providers in Colorado that are currently contaminated with naturally occurring radionuclides.

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