

Sarah Kirkle

Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs

Sarah Kirkle joined the Texas Water Conservation Association in January 2020 and directs TWCA's policy and legislative efforts. She works with members to develop policy positions through TWCA's legislative committees and to subsequently advance those policy initiatives through education and advocacy at the Texas Legislature. She also oversees engagement in federal water issues, contributes to various communication efforts, directs conference programming, and serves as a resource for members and policymakers.

Sarah was most recently Director of Policy and Planning at Texas 2036, a think tank focusing on long-term policy changes needed to maintain the state's economic prosperity by our state's bicentennial in 2036 and beyond. There Sarah helped develop the organization's initial policy approaches across a range of policy areas, including education, infrastructure, health, government performance, and natural resources.

Before that, Sarah was a Review Director with the Sunset Advisory Commission, where she worked for nearly 13 years. There she used her broad-based knowledge of state government to positively impact the performance of state agencies, making government work smaller and smarter. In her role at Sunset, Sarah worked closely with members of the Sunset Commission and the Legislature, state agencies, and other stakeholders to make state government more efficient and effective. She oversaw multiple, simultaneous teams of analysts to provide policy direction and ensure high-quality analysis. Sarah also served as a member of Sunset's executive management team to formulate policy and strategic direction for the office. At Sunset, Sarah worked across most sectors of state government, but most extensively in natural resources.

Sarah holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas and a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Tarleton State University. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys playing outside and attending festivals across small-town Texas.

Short version:

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