

## **Hon. Gail Sheridan Schwartz**

### **Colorado State Senator (2007-2015)**

#### Colorado River Mainstem



Gail Schwartz earned a Bachelors of Science in Marketing from the University of Colorado School of Business. She was a corporate officer in Sno-engineering, Inc. which designed resort communities throughout North America; she then served as Director Development for affordable housing for Aspen/Pitkin County.

Governor Romer appointed Schwartz in 1997 to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education representing Western Colorado. In 2000, she was elected to the University of Colorado Board of Regents from CD3. In 2006, Schwartz was elected to the Colorado State Senate for the first of two terms, representing 13 counties of Western and Southern Colorado.

Senator Schwartz chaired the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy Committee, Capital Development Committee, Water Resources Review Committee, and Local Government Committee, and was a member of the Business, Labor and Technology Committee. Other appointments included Select Committees, Colorado Tourism Board, Colorado Interbasin Compact Committee, and several national and regional legislative organizations. Senator Schwartz is recognized for her distinguished legislative record in water, energy, natural resources and education policy.

Having resided in Western Colorado for forty-five years, Gail and her husband Alan currently reside in Basalt, Colorado. Gail presently serves on numerous nonprofit boards, consults on energy and environmental policy, and was appointed to the CWCB by Governor Polis in 2019.