



# Matt Jenkins

## Freelance Journalist

Matt Jenkins, a Berkeley-based freelance journalist, has covered the Colorado River for nearly two decades. A longtime contributor to *High Country News*, he has also written for *The New York Times*, *Smithsonian*, *Men's Journal* and other publications.

For much of the past decade, his work focused on water, drought and climate change in the western United States. He has covered the Navajo tribe's quest to win valuable water rights; the unintended environmental damage caused by water-efficiency projects; and Los Angeles' efforts to use Wall Street risk-management techniques to protect itself against water shortages.

His coverage of Las Vegas' proposal to build the largest groundwater pumping project in U.S. history received a James V. Risser Prize for Western Environmental Journalism, and his work has been supported by the Fund for Investigative Journalism and the International Reporting Project. He graduated from Carleton College with a B.A. in Asian Studies.