



## Rebecca Cantwell

### NECO Founder and Board Vice President

Rebecca Cantwell brings years of project management, communications and policy leadership experience to her work on renewable energy and energy efficiency. As a founder of New Energy Colorado, Rebecca seeks to mobilize interested citizens to become more involved in taking action to reduce the devastating impacts of climate change by promoting clean energy. She created and manages the monthly Solar CitiSuns newsletter which educates readers with original content focused on clean energy policy topics.



As Executive Director of the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association from 2014-2018, Rebecca oversaw all aspects of the award-winning non-profit that leads Colorado's solar industry with more than 200 members. Rebecca led the team that created Solar Friendly Communities, a unique program to reduce solar soft costs by partnering with local governments to streamline permitting. In its first 3 years, the program recognized and certified 18 cities representing nearly 3 million people. Rebecca also spearheaded creation of Solar CitiSuns, a public facing community of renewable energy advocates designed to build a bigger support base of engaged citizens.

Rebecca previously worked as a Community Energy Coordinator and managed numerous renewable energy and energy efficiency programs. She earlier launched and edited numerous magazines-- for clients include home builders, hospitals, and a clean energy nonprofit. She came to her work on clean energy after a nationally award-winning career as a newspaper reporter and editor.

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