

Steven Greenhut Biography

Steven Greenhut oversees the R Street Institute's efforts in California, Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Idaho, Washington state, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Alaska, Wyoming and Hawaii. His duties include authoring op-eds and policy studies, testifying before state and municipal legislative bodies, and representing R Street as a speaker, public commentator and coalition ally in venues where it is possible to move state and local policy in a free-market direction.

He most recently served as California columnist for *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. In this role, from his base in Sacramento, he wrote a regular reported news column covering the state Capitol and issues outside of San Diego. Previously, he was vice president of journalism at the Franklin Center, where he oversaw a team of watchdog editors and reporters in state capitols. He currently writes weekly for the Southern California News Group's 12 newspapers for *The American Spectator* and *Reason*.

Steven is the author of three books, *Abuse of Power: How the Government Misuses Eminent Domain* (2004); *Plunder! How Public Employee Unions are Raiding Treasuries, Controlling Our Lives and Bankrupting the Nation* (2009); and *Winning the Water Wars: California Can Meet its Water Needs by Promoting Abundance Rather than Managing Scarcity* (2020). He edited the 2021 book, *Saving California*.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in journalism from George Washington University. Steven and his wife live outside of Sacramento and have three adult children.

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