Influenced by her Native American roots, Maia was raised with teachings about the importance of water, including drinking water at the beginning and end of ceremonial meals. Maia will share her journey of teaching water conservation as a youngster to her little cousins, to becoming a water lawyer, then the running Washington Department of Ecology’s Water Resources Program, and eventually being appointed as the first Native American to serve as director of the Department of Ecology and a member of the Washington governor’s Cabinet.