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Sylvia Orduño is the Director of the People's Water Board Coalition founded (2008) to convene three dozen grassroots, social justice, faith-based, and environmental groups to stop water service shut-offs on low-income residential customers. In recent years, the coalition has successfully partnered with water providers and social service agencies on shared concerns and outcomes.

As a community organizer with more than 25 years of experience, Ms. Orduño collaborates with directly-impacted families and seniors, alongside community advocates, who are concerned about the denial of equitable public and private utility services, consumer protections, environmental justice disparities, and human rights violations.

Additionally, Sylvia chairs the State of Michigan Environmental Justice Advisory Council, serves on the State of Michigan Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council, chaired the EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, and advised the EPA's Great Lakes Advisory Board for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

