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Nicholas Ortiz serves as Manager, Production Regions and Property Tax Issues for the Western States Petroleum Association. WSPA is a non-profit trade association that represents companies that account for the bulk of petroleum exploration, production, refining, transportation and marketing in six western states. Founded in 1907, WSPA is the oldest petroleum trade association in the United States.

At WSPA, Nick is responsible for managing the association's regulatory and public affairs efforts in the San Joaquin Valley. Before joining WSPA, Nick held management positions at Pacific Gas & Electric Company, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

Nick has a Bachelor's Degree in Politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Nick serves on the boards of the Bakersfield Homeless Center/Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Taft College Foundation, and the California Living Museum (CALM) Foundation.

Nick is married to Tera, and they are the proud parents of daughter Kielee and son Jaxon.