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As The Nature Conservancy's Midwest Director of Freshwater Policy, Raj (he/him/his) oversees work to protect and restore the health of 90 percent of the nation's surface fresh water. He collaborates with national, state and local partners to support science-based advocacy for the protection of fresh water. His work connects equity and conservation, centering the diverse needs of communities struggling with floods and pollution.

Raj joined The Nature Conservancy in 2021 and has 20 years of mission-focused experience. He has collaborated with partners in industry, government and philanthropy; trained youth leaders to fight for climate justice; commercialized technologies to reduce costs and emissions; and organized diverse leaders to advocate for strong water protections. He serves on the Board of Directors for the River Network, which leads a national effort to grow Black and brown leadership within the conservation community.

Shukla is based in Madison, where he received his B.A. in political science from the University of Madison-Wisconsin.