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SUMMARY

Over 25 years of experience managing and completing federal and state environmental compliance and permitting processes. Ensure compliance for SNWA resources and projects with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Water Act, Federal Land Policy Management Act, and other federal and state environmental regulations. Supervise diverse teams of resource specialists. Represent SNWA and establish cooperative relationships with federal and state regulatory personnel and other stakeholders.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999 – Present **Southern Nevada Water Authority**
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Environmental Resources Division Manager

Manage environmental compliance, permitting, resource management, and land stewardship for SNWA facilities, resources, and assets. Key areas of responsibility include environmental support for Las Vegas Wash restoration, management of the Warm Springs Natural Area, environmental compliance to maintain and develop surface water rights on the Virgin and Muddy Rivers and groundwater rights in central and southern Nevada, and environmental monitoring and permitting for operation of facilities and properties.

Represent SNWA on habitat conservation planning processes, complete National Environmental Policy Act compliance documents, acquire federal rights-of-ways and permits, and conduct environmental monitoring and reporting. Provide environmental policy interpretations and recommendations to senior management for SNWA projects and interests.

Supervise approximately 20 professional and administrative staff across three working teams. Prepare staffing plans, prioritize workload and assignments, manage budgets, develop and oversee contracts, and conduct other management administrative functions.

Serve as SNWA primary contact in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management and other federal, state, and local agencies for environmental compliance and federal right-of-way for groundwater development in central Nevada. Prepare exhibits and provide testimony in support of state water rights.

Senior Environmental Planner

Supervised a team of environmental planners in completing environmental studies and obtaining federal rights-of-way and environmental permits. Ensured that environmental analyses were completed for facilities, projects, and resources to comply with the federal and state environmental regulations. Supervised SNWA projects across federal lands managed by Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service.

Environmental Planner II

Prepared environmental compliance documents, including two Environmental Impact Statements, for SNWA water resource development. Conducted field surveys, and supervised biological, cultural, and environmental contractors in the completion of surveys and reports for agency projects. Conducted policy reviews for federal regulatory and legislative proposals and prepared formal comment letters. Presented project information to the public at local town board meetings, planning commission meetings, and project-specific public meetings. Participated on multiple species habitat conservation plan committees and in professional organizations.

1990-1999

Parsons Engineering Science

100 West Walnut Street
Pasadena, California 91124

Environmental Scientist

Environmental Compliance and Permitting Manager for capital improvement projects. Completed an Environmental Impact Statement and three Environmental Assessments, supervised contractors and technical staff, conducted public meetings, responded to public comment, and coordinated with federal agencies. Obtained water quality permits and supervised water quality sampling and reporting. Obtained cultural resources programmatic agreement and biological resources biological opinions to comply with federal regulations. Managed project-related environmental monitoring and compliance during project construction, including staff and subcontractors.

Prepared environmental compliance documents for a variety of domestic and international projects, including military housing, satellite launches, regional airport expansion, marine oil terminal expansion, deep space microwave antennas, highway projects, wastewater treatment facility, and golf course development. Conducted field surveys, and prepared geology, paleontology, geologic and seismic hazards, cultural resources, environmental management, safety, and hazardous waste sections. Responsible for schedule and budget controls, client and agency coordination, data collection, technical editing, and document production.

EDUCATION

University of California at Riverside

900 University Avenue
Riverside, California 92521

Master of Science in Geological Sciences

Master's Thesis: Ostracode fauna and lithofacies of the Lower Devonian (Pragian) Kobeh Member, McColley Canyon Formation, central Nevada.

Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences