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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – Washington, D.C. (2010-2013)

Program Director, Southwest and Interior Water Programs, Oct 2011 – present: Overall responsibility for NFWF's active and emerging freshwater restoration initiatives in the interior southwest and U.S.-Mexico border regions, including the Desert Terminal Lakes Program geography of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; the Canalization Project reach of the lower Rio Grande in cooperation with the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); and the Colorado River Delta in Mexico in cooperation with USIBWC and USFWS under Minute 319 to the U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty of 1944.

Director, Walker Basin Restoration Program, Jan 2010 – present: Director of NFWF's Walker Basin Restoration Program, a multi-faceted initiative established by Congress in 2009 to restore and maintain Walker Lake in Nevada while protecting agricultural, environmental and habitat interests throughout the interstate Walker River Basin (Nevada-California). Principal activities of the Program include the acquisition of water rights and related interests from willing sellers; negotiation of water leasing, forbearance, conveyance and assessment agreements as well as title transfer and re-vegetation agreements with public, private and tribal entities; development of water conservation and land stewardship initiatives; pursuit of all necessary approvals to change acquired irrigation rights to instream use; and development of research and stewardship grant programs.

Community and Global Resources Consulting – Truckee, CA (2004-2009) – Independent contractor providing strategic, analytic, and program/project support services to private sector and public agency clients in efforts to restore at-risk environments while resolving resource-related conflicts through multi-party acquisition and settlement initiatives.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 8/09-12/09: assisted the Foundation in planning and start-up efforts related to the newly-authorized Walker Basin Restoration Program under Public Law 111-85.

Bureau of Reclamation, 4/09-9/09: Consulting Advisor, Desert Terminus Lakes Program and Walker Basin Water Rights Acquisition EIS, Lahontan Basin Area Office, U.S. Department of the Interior.

University of Nevada, Reno, 4/08-6/09: assisted in developing a proposed Conservation Easement and Community Benefits package as part of the Truckee River Flood Management Project's *Living River Plan*.

ICF International (Jones and Stokes), 8/07-3/09: supported National Environmental Policy Act compliance for the Walker Basin Water Rights Acquisition Program, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Western Development & Storage, LLC, 6/07-8/09: analyzed offers from willing sellers and helped to support development of water rights option agreements under the University of Nevada's Walker Basin Project.

Great Basin Land & Water, 9/05-4/07: Consulting Project Director, Acquisition Opportunities in the Walker Basin, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, 11/05-4/06: reviewed socioeconomic mitigation efforts within the Imperial Irrigation District related to voluntary land fallowing for water conservation purposes.

Calexico Community Action Council/Institute for Socioeconomic Justice, 10/04-6/05: coordinated efforts of the Imperial-Mexicali Community Improvement Collaborative regarding land fallowing and socioeconomic mitigation.

Environmental Defense Fund – Truckee, Oakland, and Berkeley, CA (1986-2004)

Transboundary Water Specialist, 2002-2005: Helped to expand Environmental Defense's western regional water portfolio to include human and environmental needs in relation to trans-boundary water disputes along the U.S.-Mexico border and in the multi-state Rio Grande and Colorado River basins.

Sierra Rivers and Watersheds Project Director, 1999-2002: Supported an array of local, regional, and state-based initiatives to protect and restore Sierra Nevada rivers and watersheds in collaboration with locally-based conservation partners, private landowners, public water agencies, and local governments.

Deputy Program Manager, National Ecosystem Restoration Program, 1997-1999: Assisted EDF's Ecosystem Restoration Program in overseeing a \$4-6 million annual nationwide budget; supported Management Committee efforts to link program goals and milestones with investments by source; and served as budget director and deputy manager for the Oakland-based Western Resources Program.

Senior Analyst, Western Resources Program, 1992-1999: Developed and supported a variety of program, organization, and coalition initiatives involving improved western water project management, restoration finance and funding, water marketing, environmental water acquisitions, and proposed privatization initiatives.

Western Water and Energy Analyst, 1986-1992: Worked through diverse partnerships and coalitions to establish innovative environmental water acquisition programs; supported Native American and interstate water rights settlements; reformed historic federal water management policies through legislative efforts; and supported development and strategic use of electric utility production cost and water system simulation models.

Other Professional (1979-1986)

Independent Power Corporation: *Research Analyst, Oakland, CA, 1985-86* – Developed electric utility system simulation modeling and valuation capabilities to foster public utility investments in renewable energy portfolios.

California Senate Office of Research: *Research Assistant, Berkeley, CA, 1984-85* – Supported principal investigators at U.C. Berkeley in water quality modeling for the California Bay-Delta Estuary.

The World Bank: *Research Assistant, Washington, D.C. 1983* – Supported senior staff in evaluating the effectiveness of alternative technologies as part of the International Wood Cook Stove Program.

Resources for the Future: *Research Assistant, Washington, D.C., 1980-82* – Provided computer simulation, statistical, and other analytical support to Environmental Policy Evaluation Program principals.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: *Research Assistant, Washington, D.C., 1979-80* – Supported research within the Office of Income Security Policy on long-term financing of the federal Social Security system.

EDUCATION

M.S., Energy and Resources, University of California, Berkeley (1984) - Principal course work in hydrology, econometrics, environmental policy analysis, and public utility regulation; Regents Fellow, 1982-1984.

B.A., Economics, University of California, Davis (1979) - Principal course work in mathematics, statistics, German, French, political science, and international relations; Foreign Service Examination, 1979; Phi Beta Kappa, 1979; Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics), 1979; Regents Scholar, 1977-1979; Delta Phi Alpha (German), 1976.