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DIRECTOR MONTEREY BAY – SILICON VALLEY CHAPTER OF AEP (4 County SF Bay Area & Statewide)
Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP)

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CAREER SUMMARY

Santa Clara Valley Water District
Environmental Planner, Senior Planner and Project Manager (2-year temp promotion)
San Jose, CA
2002 – Present
(Compensation \$140,000+ benefits as of 7-1-20)

CALFED Bay Delta Office
Department of Water Resources
Environmental Scientist
Sacramento, CA 2001 – 2002

Otay Water District
Environmental Services Officer
Spring Valley (San Diego Region)
CA 1995 – 2001

Coleman Planning Group
Principal Planner & Owner
Vista & Encinitas, (San Diego Region) CA 1985 - 1995 (full time)

EDUCATION

Humboldt State University
Bachelor of Science – Natural Resource Planning
Arcata, CA

Golden West College
Associate of Arts – Biological Science
Huntington Beach, CA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) – National

American Planning Association / APA – California

Environmental Planner Valley Water

Highly accomplished statewide Environmental/WATER Leader with significant water industry experience in organizing, writing, and implementing water policy, Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plans (MSCPs), CEQA/NEPA and endangered species and Tribal Cultural Resources clearances. Expert in regulatory permitting of capital improvement plans, water supply master plans, urban water management plans, flood control 401 WQ Certification, stormwater and Environmental Program Management.

Extensive experience and familiarity with DWR as past DWR/CALFED employee in Sacramento working on Bay Delta issues; experienced with state water project; and groundwater, recycled water, retail and wholesale water.

Specialist in working and collaborating on sustainability and environmental stewardship and permitting with the CDFW, Regional and State Water Boards, USACE, BCDC, California State Lands Commission, Air Quality and federal regulatory agencies (NOAA, NMFS, USFWS).

Manage budgets, contracts, grants, contracts, and implement process improvements, and extensive experience supervising staff.

At Santa Clara Valley Water District I lead, plan, manage and implement large-scale projects or programs teams of internal staff and outside consultant teams engaged in complex capital programs, Bureau of Reclamation projects (San Luis Reservoir), treatment plants, flood control projects, waterline, pump stations, watersheds, and solar energy programs, etc. with significant District importance, visibility and cost impact.

- BS Degree in Natural Resource Planning from Humboldt State Univ.
- Twenty-five plus years increasingly responsible planning and environmental management and supervisory positions, over ten years supervisory experience running my own consultant group known as the Coleman Planning Group, located in the San Diego Region of which I operated over 10-years full time with ten professional employees. Worked on as a consultant to water or wastewater utilities, municipal public utilities, military infrastructure (US Navy and Vista Irrigation District-Lake Henshaw/Warner Ranch, Olivenhain Water District, Port of San Diego, County of San Diego and other public agencies.
- Professional certification, AICP planning designation.

Core Competencies:

- **AICP Planner, Strategic Planning**
- CEQA/NEPA Expert
- **Scientific and Policy Work**
- Organizational Leadership
- **Legislative Analysis**
- Consensus Building & Teaming
- **Networked in Environmental Community-LinkedIn**
- Benchmarking
- **Natural Resource Planner to Water Agencies**
- **Program and Projects Manager**
- Solar Energy Projects
- **Policy Analysis/Grant Writing**
- Local, State, and Federal Government Coordination
- **Accomplished Speaker before Boards/Commissions**
- Technical and Scientific Expert
- **Sustainability/Environmental Stewardship**
- Endangered Species
- **Master Planning**
- Budget/Revenue Management
- **Water Quality**
- **Maintain Network of Contacts in Water and NR industry**

Association of Environmental Professionals / AEP – California

Registered Environmental Assessor
State of California - REA 00758
(Under Renewal)

CONTINUING EDUCATION
partial listing

Association of Environmental Professionals

- Annual Statewide Conferences
- Land Use and Natural Resources Planning

University of California, Davis

- Extension Classes in Water Management and Natural Resource Management

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COORDINATION EXPERIENCE**

Federal:

- National Marine Fisheries Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service

State of California

- Department of Water Resources
- CALFED Bay Delta Office
- State Office of Planning & Research
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Coastal Commission
- California Department of Transportation
- California Air Resources Board
- California Water Quality Control Board
- California State Parks
- Cal Fire

Regional:

- Association of Bay Area Governments
- Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Professional Experience

Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Jose, CA

July 2002-Present

Environmental Planner/ Project Manager

To help foster diversity and inclusion, I am a leader involved with two separate District ERGs including membership and active involvement with the Organization for Latino Affairs and Vice President of the Classic Vinyl ERG (ageism ERG).

Planner leading environmental and biological teams on Rinconada Water Treatment Plant Reliability project environmental compliance on fast track schedule (\$200 million dollar capital project - one-year completion from Draft to Final EIR. Project was submitted for Statewide Environmental Award with Association of Environmental Professionals in October 2014. EIR was managed with extensive cost savings.

Three Creeks Habitat Conservation Plan – Served as Planner on the District's application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for modification of the District's appropriative water rights to conform to the Settlement Agreement (the "FAHCE" - Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort), and implementation. Mr. Coleman is worked closely with National Marine Fisheries Service on the creation of a Habitat Conservation Plan and CEQA and NEPA compliance with a focus on fisheries conservation.

Alviso Slough Restoration Project – Project Manager/Planner working on the key strategies (land use and ecological) to move forward this important but sensitive project. Special expertise in natural resource and urban planning working with community groups that have high demands. Completed complex CEQA/NEPA documents. Now working on complex regulatory permitting aspects of the project.

CALFED Bay-Delta Program Sacramento **May 2001-June 2002**

State of California, Department of Water Resources

Environmental Scientist/Specialist IV - Limited Term Position

Environmental Scientist (ES IV) with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program located in Sacramento, California. Assigned as a technical expert and project manager for the Ecosystem Restoration Program of CALFED Bay-Delta Program, performing technical analysis, policy development, planning water resources and supply projects, implementing various water management programs and leading and coordinating public interest groups. Led the Delta-Wide Ecosystem Steering Committee and the North Delta Agency Team. CALFED work included investigations, planning, policy and design with staff supervision, and project management abilities coordination and management of consultants. Project tasks included water resources planning and management including review of alternative water supplies, surface water, river basin management, flood control, environmental compliance, legal, institutional, and policy issues.

Otay Water District, Spring Valley, CA

March 1995-Feb 2001

Environmental Services Officer

Served as the Otay Water District's (Located in East San Diego County) Environmental Services Officer serving the General Manager. Created and established the Otay Water District Environmental Program (model award

Local:

- County of Sacramento
- County of Santa Clara
- County of San Diego

Sample Projects:

The following is a representative list of projects for the last ten years:

- **San Diego Region Master Planning of Large Scale (1000's of acres) Residential / Commercial Specific Plans of Land Use with Annexation and Service Area considerations.**
- RWTP fast track EIR, 3 Creeks HCP (steelhead fisheries, **water rights**, water supply and water utility projects + legislative Work)
- Alviso Slough Restoration Project CEQA EIR/ NEPA EIS and Design Strategy and Permitting
- Navy Remote Training Base-Vista Irrigation District
Served as Environmental Strategist Advising District and US Navy - 2010 Professional Award Winning Project
- DELTA Region Projects & Grant Program and Ecosystem Restoration
- Batiquitos Lagoon Pump Station
- Olivenhain Water District Headquarters Campus Master Plan and CEQA clearances with City of Carlsbad
- Leucadia County Water District Headquarter Campus Master Plan
- Otay Water District Master Environmental Program
- Otay Water District Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
- Auld/Audubon (OWD) GOLF COURSE-Private-Public Venture Water District Project

winning environmental program) among the San Diego County Water Agencies by creating a knowledgeable staff, trained to operate effectively in the unique natural, regulatory, and community environments of the District.

Coleman Planning Group

Owner and Principal Planner

1985-1995 (full time)+ other part time

Owner and Principal of the Coleman Planning Group (CPG) focused on providing strategic environmental management services to water agencies working on select water and natural resource projects within San Diego County. **Direct experience on a number of land use master planning, strategic planning, LAFCO annexations**, water resource projects, watershed projects, wastewater and recycling projects. Projects included the Review and Critique of CEQA Procedures, the SAMDA deep well project, the Mendenhall Ranch Water Project (Ground Water), and multiple reservoir, pipe, and pump station projects for the Vista Irrigation District. Completed master planning and environmental work for the Olivenhain Water District. **Projects completed in 2010 include the Vista Irrigation District / US Navy project (2011 Environmental Award)** and other complex CEQA and Endangered Species Work. Consultant work emphasis is focused on large-scale water management projects. Conducted the business full time for 10 years managing 10-full time employees. Kept the business running part time on select projects/public agency clients until 2011.

EDUCATION

B.S. Degree - Natural Resource Planning (Water Resource and Watershed Emphasis) Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

A.A. Degree - Biology - Golden West College, Huntington Beach, CA

REGISTRATIONS/SPECIAL CERTIFICATIONS

- State of California Registered Environmental Assessor-under renewal (R.E.A. 00758)
- AICP, American Institute of Certified Planners

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS / AWARDS

- 2010 Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) award for Vista Irrigation District/US Navy Project in San Diego Region
- 2001 Recipient of Grant Funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Habitat Restoration
- 2000 Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) award for OWD Interconnect Pipeline Environmental Mitigation Monitoring
- 1999 American Planning Association (APA) award for planning/fast-tracking Auld Golf Course in Chula Vista including annexation and development.
- 1997 American Planning Association (APA) award for establishing Otay Water District Environmental Program.