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Education

Master of Business Administration

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, 2010

Bachelor of Science, Journalism

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 1988

Professional Experience

The Nature Conservancy

12/16 - present

West Palm Beach, Florida

Government Relations Manager

Serves as the state and Federal liaison for environmental and conservation matters through Florida

Alico Incorporated

9/11 – 12/16

Fort Myers, Florida

Florida-based agribusiness and land management company growing citrus, raising cattle and sustainability and conservation of our precious Florida land and water

Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs

Responsibilities: Serves as the liaison for between Alico Inc. and Local, State and Federal government in all regulatory, conservation, sustainability and legislative matters

Accomplishments

Successfully completed efforts to construct the largest public/private partnership project between Alico Inc. and the South Florida Water Management District creating the largest dispersed water storage project in North America

Secured \$20 million in Federal monies for a conservation easement on 11, 500 acres of Alico Land Holdings in Hendry County, Florida

Ensure regulatory compliance of over sixty permits issued by regulators including permit negotiations

Completed regulatory requirements for a newly constructed, state-of-the-art citrus nursery in Alachua County, Florida

Provide tours of Alico land and projects to distinguished visitors

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**South Florida Water Management District
West Palm Beach, Florida**

2/02 – 9/11

Regional water authority providing flood protection, water quality and supply and Everglades Restoration

Director, Federal and Tribal Affairs

8/08 – 9/11

Responsibilities: Serve as liaison between the United States Congress and Federal partners in Everglades Restoration and the South Florida Water Management District

Accomplishments

- Assisted in securing \$87 million in Federal monies for land conservation
- Substantially improved relationship between my organization and Federal interests including USACE, USDA and DOI
- Greatly improved relationships with Native American Tribes in south Florida
- Assisted in facilitation of the implementation of engineering plans for restoration lands through project management techniques
- Provide tours of Everglades Restoration projects for legislators and staff

Director, Legislation and Operations

12/05 - 8/08

Responsibilities: Serve as a liaison between the State of Florida legislative delegation and the South Florida Water Management District

Accomplishments

- Assisted in relationship building between legislators and staff
- Assisted in the successful “Sunset Review” of water management districts relating to House Bill 1123 of the 2006 legislative session
- Provided tours of Everglades Restoration projects for legislators and staff
- Oversaw the Governing Board and Executive Services team ensuring successful Governing Board and Water Resource Advisory Council meetings

Director, Governing Board and Executive Services

4/04 – 12/05

Responsibilities: Serve as liaison between the Governing Board and District staff ensuring seamless communication and Governing Board Meetings

Accomplishments

- Assisted in the development of technology to automate the development of Governing Board agendas
- Substantially improved communication between Governing Board, the public and District

Deputy Director, Public Information

7/03 – 4/04

Responsibilities: Serve as deputy director overseeing media relations, public information, web content and communication with the Governing Board

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Accomplishments

- Assisted in the development and execution of media strategy for a Supreme Court case, SFWMD v Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
- Provided guidance ensuring communication of all media relations to leadership
- Assisted in the implementation of event planning for groundbreaking, signings and additional functions including interaction with state legislators, agency heads and Governor's staff
- Oversaw the Governing Board and Executive Services team ensuring successful Governing Board and Water Resource Advisory Council meetings

District Clerk

2/02 – 4/04

Responsibilities: Serve as liaison between the Governing Board and District staff ensuring seamless communication and Governing Board Meetings, Records Management and policy and procedure codification

Accomplishments

- Completed the full policy review and legal review of all District policies and procedures including the affirmative vote of the Governing Board which still stands today

**St. Johns River Water Management District
Palatka, Florida**

10/97 – 2/02

Regional water authority providing water resource protection and water supply for the St. Johns River watershed

Communications Manager/Production Manager

Responsibilities: Complete public information efforts including print, broadcast and web along with public outreach events

Accomplishments

- Oversaw the complete redesign of www.sjrwmd.com
- Oversaw web applications of public outreach materials
- Increase efficiencies of printed materials through competitive bid processes and increased production efficiencies
- Employee of the Year, 2001

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Professional Organizations

President, Devils Garden Water Control District, 2015 – 2017

Chair, Government Affairs, Gulf Citrus Growers Association, 2014 – 2016

The Nature Conservancy, Member, 2013 – present

Florida Farm Bureau, Member, 2012 – present

American Water Resources Association, Florida Section Board Member, 2004 – present

American Water Resources Association, National Member, 2004 – present

Interstate Council on Water Policy, Board Member, 2010 – 2011

References Available Upon Request