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Principal

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EXPERTISE

Strategic Planning
Public Works and Services Management
Community Relations
Public Speaking
Budget Management
Contract Negotiation and Compliance
Operational Management
Project Management
Team Development and Collaboration
Conflict Resolution
Meeting and Forum Facilitation

EDUCATION

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

MBA Public Administration

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

B.S. in Business Management

PROFILE

Nearly 35 years of public service and private sector top-level performance, with vast experience in infrastructure and construction management. Achievements include successful direction of multi-disciplinary project teams, completion of goals on target and within budget, and knowledge of Federal, State and Local laws, policies and regulations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal, Kellar Consulting, Bernhards Bay, NY

August 2022 – Present

- Guide government entities and private organizations through the design and construction of capital projects
- Manage cost estimates, budgets, schedules, workflow, benchmarks and change orders
- Review project scope and schedule, and verify budget
- Review contracts and manage negotiations
- Provide client with timely progress reports and punch list updates
- Engage with the community as the project representative
- Facilitate permit and quality insurance inspections

General Manager/CEO, East Valley Water District, Highland, CA

November 2012 – July 2022

- Managed daily operations at a water and wastewater agency serving 103,000 people
- Maintained financial stability and oversaw a \$41.3 million annual budget and \$58.5 million Capital Improvement Program
- Implemented effective solutions through visionary leadership of 76 full-time staff
- Promoted planning, maintenance and preservation of District resources
- Oversaw construction of new District headquarters and the Sterling Natural Resource Center for water recycling
- Directed development of award-winning drought response program
- Led the “Top Workplace in the Inland Empire” eight years running, which received 30 awards in nine years
- Worked with the Board of Directors to transform the District into a world-class organization

Public Works Director, City of Chino Hills

September 2008 – November 2012

- Developed and administered a \$39.5 million annual operating budget
- Exercised full management responsibility for maintenance services and activities for parks, landscaped areas, vehicles and equipment, streets, facilities, water, sewer, and storm drains
- Implemented Department goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for each assigned service area
- Represented the Public Works Department to other City Departments, elected officials, and outside agencies
- Prepare and implement long range planning for public works systems and improvements

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Assistant to the City Manager, City of Chino Hills

August 2006 –September 2008

- Provided project management assistance to the City Manager for “The Shoppes at Chino Hills” and New Government Center
- Oversaw City’s Safety Program and Risk Management activities
- Executed City Franchise Agreements, including cable television and refuse
- Coordinated City Council advocacy directives with State and Federal lobbyists
- Conducted public meetings on sensitive community issues
- Served as City’s Contract Compliance Officer

Neighborhood Services Manager, City of Chino Hills

November 2005 – August 2006

- Coordinated staffing and daily activities of neighborhood services programs such as City Code Enforcement, Volunteer, Emergency Preparedness, Neighborhood Network, Healthy Cities, Animal Control, and Community Policing
- Identified opportunities for service delivery improvements and established marketing plans for neighborhood services programs and activities
- Conducted public presentations and classes related to neighborhood issues and City programs

Maintenance & Operations Manager, City of Chino Hills

January 2000 – November 2005

- Developed and implemented departmental policies, goals and annual capital improvement projects
- Managed Street, Parks and Landscape, Vehicle and Facilities Divisions
- Administered contracted services that included Traffic Engineering, Water Conservation, Landscape Management, Tree Services, Street Sweeping and Traffic Signal Maintenance
- Responded to City Council, Public Works Commission, and resident concerns through public interaction and policy recommendations
- Prepared and presented staff reports to the Public Works Commission and City Council
- Developed and administered Maintenance and Operations annual operating budget of \$17.3 million
- Oversaw the selection, development and discipline of department personnel
- Coordinated the creation of specifications and standards of contracted projects and services
- Prepared analytical and statistical reports pertaining to Maintenance and Operations functions
- Managed capital improvement projects, including the construction of new City Yard facility (\$3.1 million)

Adjunct Professor, Citrus Community College

January 2003 – Present

- Develop and teach classes in the fields of Public Improvement Construction/Maintenance and Public Administration
- Provide technical and administrative advice for the personal and professional growth of students

Platoon Sergeant, United States Marine Corps

1988 – 1994

- Led platoon members during a variety of missions in numerous locations throughout the world
- Gulf War veteran