

Resume/Statement of Qualifications
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Current Position: Regional Water Rights Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region. Oversees the administration of the Mid-Pacific Region's Water Rights Program. Serves as the primary point of contact and policy advisor on water rights and water right program activities for the various Projects within the Mid-Pacific Region.

Experience: Over 20 years of specialized experience in water right and water right issues and activities associated with the operation of federal water projects managed by the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region. Worked in a variety of positions for the Bureau of Reclamation associated with water rights administration, water contracting, water transfers and water management policies.

1998 to Present. As Regional Water Rights Officer, responsible for overseeing water right activities within the Mid-Pacific Region, including but not limited to compliance with California state water law in the management and protection of the water rights held by the United States for operation of water projects within the Mid-Pacific Region.

1996 - 1998: Served as the Water Transfer Program Manager, Division of Resources Management, Mid-Pacific Region overseeing Reclamation's Water Transfer Program and the implementation of the water transfer provisions of the Federal Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Public Law 102-575). Represented Reclamation on a number of water right and water transfer related issues and programs.

1994 - 1996: Served as the Chief, Water Rights Section of the Division of Resources Management, Mid-Pacific Region. As Chief, Water Rights Section, was responsible for managing the day to day activities of the Division's Water Rights Section. Managed water right activities to ensure compliance with federal and state water law and protection of rights held by the United States. Represented Reclamation on a number of water right and water transfer issues, including development of internal water management policy.

1989 - 1994: Held the position of a Contract Repayment Specialist within the Division of Resources Management, Mid-Pacific Region. Worked on a variety of federal water contracting issues including development of regional water management policies associated with drought related activities including hardship water allocation criteria and water transfer policy. Had primarily responsibility for administration of Reclamation's water service contracts associated with its Sacramento and San Joaquin River water right settlement and exchange contracts. Negotiated new and amendatory water service and water right contracts/agreements.

1979 - 1989: Worked in the capacity of a Water Right Specialist for the Division of Planning, Mid-Pacific Region. Performed a variety of duties associated with resolving water right issues and the acquisition, protection and administration of water right permits and licenses for the Mid-Pacific Region projects in California, Nevada, and Oregon.

