

RESUME

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PROFILE

Over more than 36 years, I gained unique experience working on California water matters. For more than two decades, my primary responsibility was representing the nation's largest agricultural water district at the state and federal levels on matters related to water policy. My work involved making multiple appearances before congressional and state legislative committees, drafting federal and state legislation, negotiating multiple contracts with the United States for water service from the Central Valley Project, negotiating resolution of complex water management and allocation disputes, creating management structures for large water projects, drafting agreements to implement large scale environmental restoration projects, and financing capital projects.

EDUCATION

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

Juris Doctor, With Distinction (May 1983)

Life Member, Traynor Honor Society

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Staff Writer, Pacific Law Journal

University of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (June 1977)

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Hallmark Group Capital Program Management - Director of Water Policy

March 6, 2023 – Present

As Director of Water Policy, I advise Hallmark's clients on policy matters related to the management of water resources and the development of water supply projects.

Westlands Water District – General Manager

October 1, 2000 – December 31, 2022

As General Manager I was delegated responsibility by the District's Board of Directors for day-to-day operations of the District, the nation's largest agricultural water district. In addition, I represented the District at the state and federal levels in matters related to water policy. I also served periodically as the District's General Counsel, managing the District's legal affairs.

Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard - Attorney

March 17, 1986 – September 30, 2000

As an associate and the shareholder in the firm, I advised and represented both public agencies and private parties in matters related to water rights, water quality, drainage issues, the Endangered Species Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, the Clean Water Act and other environmental laws. I also served on the firm's Board of Directors, as Chair of the Board, and as Chair of the firm's Natural Resources Practice.

Pacific Legal Foundation – Attorney

August 15, 1983 – March 14, 1986

As a Fellow in PLF's College of Public Interest Law and then as a staff attorney, I represented private entities and wrote numerous amicus curiae briefs in judicial proceedings undertaken to create important legal precedents related to the protection of private property rights and other fundamental liberties.