**Curriculum Vitae**

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| **Education** | B.S., Agriculture, Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas University) and Minor, Secondary Teaching Certificate, 1977 |
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| **Professional****Experience** | **1977-1991 Texas Department of Agriculture*** Director of Pesticide Enforcement – Supervised 45 staff members including investigators, attorneys, enforcement coordinators, applicator certification specialists. Oversaw all district and statewide inspections and investigations, dealer licensing, and applicator certification compliance. (3 years)
* Pesticide certification and training specialist. (1 year)
* Investigator and acting district supervisor – Work included inspections and investigations involving pesticides and multi-county agricultural pest control operations. Work also included numerous other laws. (10 years)
	+ Inspected pesticide dealers’ pesticide product registration status and product labeling
	+ Inspected dealer records for sales to certified applicators
	+ Inspected pesticide manufacturers, their product labeling and their records
	+ Obtained samples of pesticide products for lab analysis
	+ Inspected aerial and ground certified applicator records and equipment
	+ Conducted use observations of pesticide applications
	+ Investigated complaints of pesticide misuse; including witness interviews, certified applicator record reviews, dealer sales record reviews, soil samples, foliage samples, weather data collection
	+ Conducted cost share programs with farmers and ranchers to control boll weevils and grasshoppers in county and multiple county situations
	+ Monitored use rate of agricultural insecticides, weather patterns to comply with insecticide label directions, monitored acreage, monitored insect population treatment thresholds, monitored efficacy after treatments
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|  | **1991-2001 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*** Manager, Special Investigations and Chair, Multi-Agency Task Force - Work included statewide multi-agency criminal investigations of illegal disposal of hazardous waste, oil waste, landfill waste, grease trap waste, tires, laboratory waste and theft of state environmental funds. (7 years)
* Director, Waste Permits Division - Work included supervision of 130 engineers, geologists and administrative staff involved with statewide permitting of hazardous waste, radioactive waste and landfill facilities. (3 years)
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|  | **2001-2005 Texas Structural Pest Control Board*** Executive Director – Supervised 31-39 staff members including investigators, attorneys, licensing technicians, accountants. (4 years)
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|  | **2006-Present Burnett’s Consulting*** Owner – Provide management and environmental regulatory consulting services. Clients have included but not limited to Worldwide Pest Control (9 years), Post Oak Clean Green Landfill (6 years), Vaquero Waste and Recycling, Attorney Lee Ann Diamond, Seibold Vineyard herbicide misuse case, a large pesticide manufacturer case (name confidential), Balderaz fumigation poisoning case, sludge disposal case, 3 wildlife tax exemptions, approved Continuing Education Unit (CEU) provider for TDA/SPCS pesticide applicators
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|  | **2015-Present Burnett’s Pest** * Owner – 6 employees, train employees, provide continuing education to employees, purchasing decisions, oversee operations, responsible certified applicator (RCA) to TDA regarding pesticide regulatory compliance
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|  | **2008-Present Outdoor Christian Ministries*** President – Operate 14,000 acre ranch in South Texas for hunting/fishing and Christian mission work
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| **Professional****Achievements** | **1986:** Coordinated statewide bald eagle poisoning investigation. This involved investigation of misuse of Restricted Use crop insecticides. |
|  | **1988:** Leadership to eliminate two year pesticide case backlog. These cases primarily involved agricultural insecticides and agricultural herbicides. |
|  | **1991-1998:** Organized and led Governor’s Environmental Crimes Task Force. |
|  | **1995:** Received personal commendation letter from Director of the FBI for environmental fraud investigation. |
|  | **1996-1997:** Developed and negotiated two first of their kind EPA grants.**2005** As SPCBExec Dir convinced TCEQ not to require Air Permits for fumigations as the pesticide regulatory process and system was very sufficient |
|  | **2010:** Worked on new EPA/TCEQ pesticide general permit with TCEQ, TDA and others for water-related pest treatments. |
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| **Certifications** | Certified Pesticide Applicator License, Pest category, StructuralCertified Pesticide Applicator License, Weed categoryCertified Pesticide Applicator License, Lawn categoryCertified Pesticide Applicator License, Termite category, StructuralPreviously certified, Tx Dept of Agric, Commodity Fumigation, Predator Control |
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| **Awards** | **1990:** Texas Water Commission Appreciation Award for Pesticide Amnesty Days. Related to removing unwanted agricultural insecticides and herbicides from farms and ranch for legal use or disposal. |
|  | **1990:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Excellence Award. I was told this was the first in EPA history given to an individual as opposed to a corporation. Related to enforcement of FIFRA and State laws and regulations primarily on agricultural insecticides and herbicides. |
|  | **1992:** Texas Water Commission Outstanding Contribution Award |
|  | **1997:** Texas Natural Resources (TCEQ now) Outstanding Contribution Award |
|  | **1998:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Award for Outstanding Service and Leadership of the Texas Environmental Crimes Task Force |
|  | **2010:** Texas Pest Control Association Outstanding Committee Member Award for working on new EPA/TCEQ pesticide general permit with TCEQ, TDA and others for water-related pest treatments. |
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| **Affiliations** | **2009- Present:** Active member of Texas Pest Control Association (TPCA)**2009- Present**: Active member of National Pest Management Association  |
|  | **2010-2017:** Legislative committee member, Texas Pest Control Association |
|  | **2010:** Water committee member, Texas Pest Control Association |
|  | **2015:** Secretary Treasurer, Texas Pest Control Association |
|  | **2016:** Vice President, Texas Pest Control Association |
|  | **2017:** President-elect, Texas Pest Control Association |
|  | **2017:** Texas’State Policy Affairs Representative, Natl Pest Management Assoc |
|  | **2018:** President, Texas Pest Control Association **2018** –**Present**: Member of Austin Apartment Association |
|  | **1989- Present –** Optimist International Member |
| **Professional****Development** | **1992:** Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (3 days) |
| **Examples** | **1992**: OSHA Hazardous Materials Handling (5 days) |
|  | **1993-1994**: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (10 days each yr) |
|  | **1998:** Governor’s Senior Management Training (8 days) |
|  | **2002-2004:** Pesticide Regulatory Education Programs (4 days each yr) |
|  | Plus numerous others |
| **Examples of Invited Talks** | **1993-1994:** District & County Attorney Association, College Station, Texas |
|  | **1994:** National Environmental Crimes Workshop, San Francisco, California |
|  | **1994:** Tulane Maritime Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana |
|  | **1995-1998:** Southern Environmental Enforcement Network, Austin, Texas |
|  | **1996:** Niagara County Environmental Crimes Task Force, Buffalo, NY |
|  | **1996-1997:**Environmental CrimesSouth Texas College of Law, Houston  |
|  | **1999:** Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Annual Conference, Austin  |
|  | **2001-2004:** Texas Tech Annual Pesticide Workshop, Lubbock, Texas**2002** El Paso Chapter, Texas Pest Control Association**2002** Beaumont Chapter, Texas Pest Control Association**2003-2004:** San Antonio Chapter, Texas Pest Control Association |
|  | **2002-2005:** Texas A&M Urban Pest Management Annual Workshop  |
|  | **2002-2004:** EPA-Texas Pesticide Regulatory Education Programs, Austin |
|  | **2002-2005:** B&G Winter Pesticide Workshops, 4 locations per year |
|  | **2003:** North American Pesticide Certification, Hawaii |
|  | **2005:** North American Pesticide Certification, Wisconsin |
|  | **2005:** ASPCRO, Indianapolis, Indiana |
|  | **2006:** EPA/SPCB sponsored Pesticide Course, Austin, Texas**2007** Board of Directors, Texas Pest Control Association – Regulatory issues |
|  | **1998-2018:** Texas Legislature – numerous committee meetings and hearings |
|  | **2016:** TPCA Leadership Conference - Pesticide Licensing and Pesticide Misuse  |
|  | **2018:** TPCA Leadership Conference – TX Structural Pest Control Industry Issues**2006 to Present** - Train pesticide applicators |
|  | **2019:** TPCA Continuing Education Course (CEU) regarding Hazards of Weed Treatments– Corpus Christi, Texas March 2019, Lubbock, Texas September 2019, Other CEU topics in Austin Dec 2019, Driftwood March 2020, July 2020, Austin via Zoom to 54 technicians on September 15, 2020 & 9 technicians Dec 8, 2020 |
| **Expert and Fact Witness Examples** |  |
|  | **2020 Kelley vs Comal Ag Operations -2nd 25th Judicial District Court of Texas** Septage case near New Braunfels, Texas – expert witness affidavit**2019-2020** Balderaz fumigation deaths case Amarillo, Texas – expert witness deposition, settlement obtained**2017** Siebold Vineyard case, Sweetwater, Texas – expert witness deposition, settlement obtained**2016** Major pesticide manufacturer penalty case – name confidential - expert witness designation – settlement obtained**2006 or 2007** Pesticide insurance case – sworn statement regarding regulatory documents**Approx 1996** – Hazardous waste and medical waste case from B&E Amarillo, Texas – fact witness in criminal trial in Travis County – conviction obtained**Mid 1990s** – Affiant on federal criminal search warrant regarding theft of state environmental funds – multiple convictions obtained**Late 1980s** – Farm worker pesticide exposure case from Ft. Stockton, Texas – expert witness in trial testimony– penalty obtained on 1 count**1988-1991 –** Numerous written interrogatories as Director, Pesticide Enforcement, Texas Department of Agriculture**1990s to 2018** – Legislative testimony on pesticide and environmental issues numerous times - as recently as July 2018 |