



Rick Warner PE, President



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SKILLS

Strategizing
Navigating
Solving
Partnering
Collaborating
Facilitating
Mentoring

EXPERIENCES

President

Warner and Associates
Program Management
Business Strategy Development
Expert Advisor
February 2019 to Present

Senior Engineer

Washoe County, Nevada
Engineering and Planning Management
Capital Project Implementation
Design Engineering
March 1997 to February 2019

Chemist

Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility
Unit Process Optimization
Compliance Monitoring
October 1987 to March 1997

EDUCATION

M.S. Civil Engineering, 1999
B.S. Civil Engineering, 1996
University of Nevada, Reno

PROFILE

I am a professional engineer, strategist, and water sector steward. My passion is helping communities solve complex water challenges. I am privileged to serve in national leadership roles and travel globally, sharing my expertise, experiences, and insights.

PRACTICE

Program Management

- Program Coordinator for *OneWater Nevada*, a regional potable reuse initiative. Navigating complex technical, regulatory, and implementation challenges. Shaping regulatory framework, pilot testing, demonstration projects, permitting, financing, and creating space for diverse stakeholder engagement (*current*).
- Chairing independent expert advisory panels for a direct potable reuse program and a regional effluent management program (*current*).

Engineering and Planning

- Water Utility Engineering and Resource Manager for joint drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and water recycling utility. Led professional staff and established capital improvement plan budget and priorities. Leader during regional water utility merger.
- Project Manager for a multi-agency Regional Effluent Master Plan Framework (*current*).

Capital Project Implementation

- Project Manager for drinking water, wastewater, biosolids, and water recycling facilities.
- Design Engineer and Resident Engineer for water and wastewater pump stations, pipelines, treatment facilities, and diversion structures.

IMPACT

- President of the Water Environment Federation. Led strategic planning, finance, business planning, and partnering task forces.
- Founder, *Partnering for Impact*, a national water innovation collaborative (*current*).
- Founder, *Nevada Water Innovation Institute*, a regional partnership focused on delivering water research and solutions (*current*).
- Mentor and strategist for emerging companies affiliated with Bluetech Research, Imagine H2O, and Burnt Island Ventures (*current*).
- Keynote speaker, facilitator, and technical contributor at national and international water forums (*current*).

LEADERSHIP

Water Environment Federation, Fellow, 2022
EPA *Water Reuse Action Plan Committee*, 2019-2021
WaterReuse Association Symposium Technical Program Chair, 2019
WaterReuse Association National Advocacy Achievement Award, 2018
University of Nevada, Reno, College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni, 2018
Nevada Water Innovation Institute, Founder, 2017
Water Environment Federation, President, 2016-2017
Partnering for Impact, Founder, 2016
The Water Research Foundation, Director, 2014-2018