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SKILLS and ATTRIBUTES

Strategist
Leadership
Navigating
Partnering
Problem Solving
Facilitation

EXPERIENCES

President
Warner and Associates
Program Manager
Engineering Consulting
Expert Advisor

Senior Water Utility Engineer
Washoe County, Nevada
Engineering and Planning Manager
Infrastructure Project Manager
Design Engineering

Chemist
Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility
Chemical, Biological, and Physical Processes
Treatment Process Optimization
Environmental Compliance

EDUCATION

M.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering
B.S. Civil Engineering
University of Nevada, Reno

ABOUT ME

I am a professional engineer, strategist, and industry steward. I am the founder of **Warner and Associates**, a group focused on solving complex water challenges. As a passionate and accomplished water leader, I have served in numerous leadership positions and traveled globally to share my expertise, experiences, and insights.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Regional Potable Reuse Initiative

- Program Manager for a multiple-agency partnership.
- Navigating complex technical, regulatory, and implementation challenges.
- Shaped regulatory framework, pilot testing, demonstration projects, permitting, and financing elements.
- Utilizing triple-bottom-line project rationale approaches.
- Creating space for diverse stakeholder engagement.

Nevada Water Innovation Institute

- Water Research Center Co-Creator and Program Developer.
- Driving innovation and water research capacity at the regional level.
- Partnering with utilities, industry, universities, and national research centers.
- Co-created *Partnering for Impact: Nevada Water Forum*.

National Water Association President

- Served as President and Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Water Environment Federation (WEF).
- Led strategic development, business planning, and partnering task forces.
- Created *Partnering for Impact* and *Shared Vision for Water 2030* initiatives.
- Inspired development of the *Water Reuse Roadmap* to help communities navigate the complexity of sustainable water management practices.
- Effective keynote speaker and technical contributor at national and international forums.

Capital Project Implementation

- Project Manager for two (2) microfiltration drinking water treatment facilities for groundwater and surface water.
- Design Engineer and Resident Engineer for water and wastewater pump stations, pipelines, treatment facilities, and diversion structures.

Recycled Water Planning and Operations Optimization Project

- Developed strategies to expand irrigation, agriculture, and industrial recycled water usage.
- Developed effective collaborations with stakeholders.

LEADERSHIP and RECOGNITION

- WaterReuse Association Symposium Technical Program Chair 2019
- WaterReuse Association/EPA *Water Reuse Action Plan* Committee 2019-2021
- Nevada Water Innovation Institute, Chair, Board of Advisors 2017-2019
- WaterReuse Association National Advocacy Achievement Award 2018
- UNR College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni 2018
- Water Environment Federation, President 2016-2017
- Water Environment Federation, Trustee 2009-2018
- The Water Research Foundation, Director 2014-2018