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SKILLS and ATTRIBUTES

- Strategist
- Innovator
- Leadership
- Integrity
- Partnering
- Facilitator
- Problem Solver
- Mentor
- Collaboration

EXPERIENCE

Senior Engineer, 1997-2019

Washoe County, Nevada

Community Services Department

- Regional Potable Reuse Leader
- Capital Projects Project Manager
- Master Planning
- Project Management
- Design Engineering

Chemist, 1987-1997

Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility
Reno, Nevada

Physical, Chemical, and Biological Process Expertise

EDUCATION

- M.S., Civil Engineering,
University of Nevada, Reno
- 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 LLC**, a group focused on bringing communities together to solve 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, insights and knowledge.

RECENT EXPERIENCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regional Potable Reuse Initiative

- Leading a collaborative 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 approach.
- Creating the space for diverse stakeholder engagement.

Nevada Water Innovation Institute

- Co-creator of a water research center at the University of Nevada, Reno.
- Driving innovation and water research capacity at the regional level.
- Partnering with utilities, industry, universities, and national research centers.
- Created *Partnering for Impact: Nevada Water Forum* to engage water leaders.

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 usages.
- Created effective collaborations with stakeholder and regulatory communities.

VOLUNTEER/LEADERSHIP/RECOGNITION

- Nevada Water Innovation Institute, Chair, Board of Advisors Current
- UNR Civil Engineering Department, Board of Advisors Current
- 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