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Education

Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Resources Engineering, 1980

Professional Qualifications

Registered Civil Engineer - - California No C-38836

Certified PMP - - PMI 1380843

DRB Training

DRB/DRA Workshop: Administration & Practice, 2014

DRB/DRA Experience

I have participated in presentations on behalf of the State in several dispute resolution hearings since 2010 in northern California. As North Region Construction Manager, Caltrans, I have chaired District Claims Review meetings for the last four years. I also instructed owners and contractors on the partnering process. I am currently a member in the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, an international organization seeking the avoidance and resolution of disputes.

Construction Experience

For over 35 years I have been involved in various aspects of construction, from industrial facilities and water and sewer systems to roadways and large bridges. With the US Forest Service I was responsible for the layout, design and construction of forest roads and facilities. In private practice I was involved in the design and construction of large earth retaining structures for Hilfiker Company. Clientele also included several large timber companies, for which I provided service to address regulatory agency requirements for monitoring and reporting of hazardous materials. As the Fortuna City Engineer, I developed and managed all their public works contracts.

For the last 25 years I have been specifically involved with various aspects of heavy highway construction activities with Caltrans, from the preparation of contract documents to Project Manager of various construction programs. Most recently, I was the Caltrans North West Regional Construction Manager with a program of over \$500 Million of active construction contracts, and supervising a field staff of over 80 engineers and construction inspectors. I spent a significant amount of time on construction disputes and claims resolution, serving as Chair of District Claims Review meetings, making decisions on claims merit and compensation.

References

References are available on request.