

Biography

Basilio (Bas) F. Aja
Executive Vice President
Arizona Cattle Feeders' Association

Bas Aja is the Executive Vice President of the Arizona Cattle Feeders' Association (ACFA), Executive Director of the Arizona Beef Council and the Director of Public Policy for the Arizona Cattlemen's Association. In this capacity, he has been the lead government relations expert for the Arizona Cattlemen's Association for the past 20 years. Aja's areas of expertise include natural resource, environmental and agricultural taxation laws and regulations; livestock and futures markets; international import/export markets for livestock and meats. He has extensive experience in resource management planning and he oversees the CAFO Regulatory Program for the ACFA's Beef Quality Assurance Program.

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Biography

Kelvin Moss

Producer/United Dairymen of Arizona Board Member

Kelvin was born and raised in Arizona. In 1991, after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan, he returned to the dairy farm he grew up on to form a partnership with his father. Over the years Mountain Shadow Dairy, LLC has grown from 700 milking cows on 17 acres to 1300 milking cows on approximately 90 acres.

Over the intervening years, besides expanding the herd and transitioning to majority owner, Kelvin has been involved in a variety of industry and local concerns. He served 10 years on the board of Arizona Dairy Herd Improvement Association, currently serves as Secretary of the AZ Jersey Cattle Association, and is also currently a board member and CAFO Task Force chair for the United Dairymen of Arizona. He is actively involved with the state and local Farm Bureau dealing with environmental and dairy issues. He has been a district supervisor with the Agua Fria/New River NRCD since 1995 and is a director of the Adaman Mutual Water Company, a local water provider. On the national level, he is serving as a director of National All Jersey Inc.

In 2001 Kelvin was honored with the Young Jersey Breeder award from the American Jersey Cattle Association as well as the Progressive Dairyman Award from National Dairy Shrine. He has also recently been honored with acceptance into Project CENTRL, a rural leadership training program.

Kelvin and his wife Kathryn have been blessed with five daughters and one son.

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Biography

David McKay
State Conservationist, Arizona
USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service

David graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy. He began his career with the Soil Conservation Service as a student trainee in 1974.

David served in several locations in Texas as a soil conservationist and district conservationist. He was an area agronomist for NRCS in Texas serving an area that stretched from Southern tip of Texas, north to Del Rio and east to San Antonio. He was the state agronomist for NRCS in New Mexico for six years from 1988 to 1994. David moved to NRCS's national headquarters in Washington, DC in 1996 to work with the national conservation planning team.

During the next nine years at NHQ, he served in various capacities on several teams. In 2002, David was promoted to National Conservation Planning Team Leader with responsibilities for NRCS planning policy, conservation planner certification, and field office business tools. He concurrently served as the program manager for the Conservation Security Program (CSP), from the passage of the Farm Bill in 2002 until the spring of 2004, providing staff leadership throughout the development of the CSP interim final rule and subsequent rollout of the program during the summer of 2004.

After a reorganization in NRCS headquarters, David became the Branch Chief for Conservation Planning with responsibilities for conservation planning policy, conservation planning tools, conservation compliance, wetland conservation, watershed planning, the National Wetland Mitigation Action Plan, and Debt for Nature.

In January of 2005, David was selected as the State Conservationist for Arizona and relocated the family to Phoenix.

David's wife, Jennifer, is a Certified Public Accountant. They have two beautiful daughters; Olivia, age 10 and Sofia, age 7.

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Biography

Paul E. Martin
Director of Environmental Services
Western United Dairymen

Paul Martin is Director of Environmental Services for Western United Dairymen, a trade association representing California dairy families. Mr. Martin received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Production (Agricultural Economics) from the University of California – Davis, in 1965 and his Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (Environmental Policy) from California State University – Sonoma, in 2003. He is a graduate of Class X of the California Agricultural Leadership Program. Prior to assuming his current position with Western United Dairymen, he was a dairy farmer in the San Francisco Bay Area for 30 years.

Mr. Martin has served in various capacities for the dairy industry regarding environmental issues. He is a member of the United States Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Air Quality Task Force and of the National Milk Producers Federation - Dairy Environmental Task Force. He also serves as chair of the Regulatory Committee of Dairy Cares - a coalition of California's dairy producers, processors and support businesses. A great deal of his responsibility in representing California dairy producers is to work with regulatory agencies to ensure that policies of the local, state and federal government are fair, practical, and cost-effective.

Additionally, Mr. Martin is one of the original members of the California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment, a by invitation discussion group of agriculturalists, environmentalists, government agencies, and academia, where members explore the perspectives of others and try to find areas of common interest.

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James MacDonald
Branch Chief, Agricultural Structure and Productivity Branch
USDA's Economic Research Service

James MacDonald is chief of the Agricultural Structure and Productivity Branch at USDA's Economic Research Service. He shares responsibility for managing the annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey, which links farm resource and production decisions to the financial performance of farms and farm households. Jim's research has focused on structural change, competition, pricing, and productivity in food and agricultural industries. He received a PhD in economics from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and received his undergraduate degree, also in economics, from Siena College.

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Biography

Luana Kiger
Special Assistant to the State Conservationist
USDA – NRCS

Luana Kiger serves as Special Assistant to the State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – California, stationed at the state office in Davis, CA. Luana has a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Public Administration, and a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, California State University. She represents CA NRCS on large ecosystem interdisciplinary and interagency planning and coordination projects: CALFED, Delta Vision, Lake Tahoe Basin Planning, US-Mexico, Klamath Basin, CA Council on Biodiversity Executive Committee, Central Valley Salinity Taskforce, California Dairy Quality Assurance Program, West Coast Diesel Collaborative, and the California Water Plan.

Luana has worked in various field, state, and regional positions. She has been in her current position for ten years, including a two year detail requested by the State of California to establish a statewide water conservation program for the Department of Water Resources in conjunction with CALFED. At DWR she led the development of the first statewide taskforce on use of recycled water and the first statewide taskforce on encouraging the use of desalinated water.

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Chronology of Education

<u>New Mexico State University, Las Cruces</u>	Ph.D.	1991	Animal Nutrition
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<u>Colorado State University, Fort Collins</u>	M.S.	1975	Animal Science
Thesis Title:	"Beef - From Conception through Consumption"		
<u>Colorado State University, Fort Collins</u>	B.S.	1968	Animal Science
<u>Southern Colorado State College, Pueblo</u>	None	1964	Animal Science

Chronology of Employment

1991 - present Assistant/Associate Specialist in Livestock Production and Management, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

1988 - 1991 Graduate Research Assistant, Animal and Range Sciences Department, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM,

1987 - 1988 Agri-business Consultant, Cañon City, CO.

1985 - 1987 Chairperson, Farm/Ranch Management Department, Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, CO.

1984 - 1986 Owner/Operator, Wet Mountain Meat Packing, Westcliffe, CO.

1982 - 1983 Farm and Sales Manager, Valley Dehydrating Company, Atwood, CO..

1979 - 1982 Office Manager and Part Owner/Broker, RB&H Commodities/Western Farm Commodities, Sterling, CO.

1977 - 1979 Executive Manager, American Gelbvieh Association, Denver, CO.

1976 - 1977 Field Director, American Gelbvieh Association, Denver, CO.

1973 - 1976 Extension Agent - Livestock, Colorado State University Extension, Logan County, CO.

1974 - 1976 General Manager - Great Western Beef Expo, Sterling, CO.

1971 - 1973 Assistant Cashier and Agriculture Representative, First National Bank, Glenwood Springs, CO.

1969 - 1971 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Animal Science, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

Honors and Awards

U of A, Dept of Animal Sciences Outstanding Contribution Award, 2006
Top Hand Award, 2003, Arizona Cattle Growers Association
Phi Kappa Phi, 1995, President of The University of Arizona Chapter
Epsilon Sigma Phi, 1994, The University of Arizona
Phi Kappa Phi, 1991, New Mexico State University
Gamma Sigma Delta 1991, New Mexico State University College of Agriculture,
Outstanding Graduate Student Award
New Mexico State University Animal and Range Sciences Department
Graduate Assistantship 1988 - 1991
Colorado Young Farmer Outstanding Agri-Businessman 1982
Beef Expo Merit Award 1976
Colorado State University Animal Science Department
Graduate Assistantship 1969 and 1970
Colorado State University Little National Western Award of Merit 1968

Teaching Experience

U of A AnS 477 Beef Resource Management 1992-2009
Numerous Graduate Students as either chair or committee member

Professional Activities

AZ Ranch Beef Quality Assurance (RBQA) Coordinator. Activities include development of producer educational materials, RBQA certification workshops, and identification and remediation of quality assurance issues and challenges.

AZ Feedlot Beef Quality Assurance Coordinator and reviewer. Review and physical inspection of AZ feedlots, records, processing procedures and potential environmental insults. This also includes the identification of quality assurance issues and assisting in the development of protocols to minimize or element the issue and yearly educational seminars. Protocol and educational materials have been developed and are being continuously being updated

Arizona Livestock Incidence Response Team (ALIRT) member. This is a statewide task force that has been developed to enhance rapid responses to beef cattle health emergencies. ALIRT includes the University of Arizona, state and federal agencies and livestock producers. As a result of this program, diagnostic times have been greatly reduced and diagnostic accuracy improved.

Livestock Extension Activities. A timely response to a wide variety of issues has been developed. The issues may involve drought responses, production practices, range resource enhancement, beef product enhancement and marketing alternatives or improvement in marketing practices.

Grants Received

I have received approximately \$867,795 in grants and gifts. This includes such diverse programs as minimizing the impact of Drought on Indian Reservations to Waste Transformation and Resource Utilization Through Composting. Other projects include the Beef Quality Assurance efforts and enhancing and maintaining animal health.

Outreach

I have conducted literally hundreds of outreach presentations. The most recent involved working the Navajo ranchers and following the cattle from conception literally into the box. This included all aspects of production including carcass grading and carcass market discounts caused by blemishes.

Biography

Ben Grumbles
Director
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Ben Grumbles became Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in June 2009. Prior to that, he served for three months as an environmental policy advisor to Governor Jan Brewer. Mr. Grumbles is the former Assistant Administrator for Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., where he was nominated by former President George W. Bush, confirmed by the Senate, and led EPA's National Water Program for the longest time of any Assistant Administrator in the history of the Agency (January 2004-January 2009). He managed a \$3.6 billion program of 2,100 full-time employees for carrying out the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act and oversaw EPA's American Indian Environmental Office, with air, water, waste, and watershed responsibilities throughout the Agency's 10 regions. He also served as Associate Administrator for EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations in 2004, working with mayors, governors, and state and federal legislators.

Prior to his position with EPA, Ben worked in the U.S. House of Representatives as a Senior Counsel for the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Environmental Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Science Committee. During his 16 years on Capitol Hill (1985-2001), Mr. Grumbles participated extensively in reauthorizations and investigations of the nation's environmental, water resources, and energy laws. He also taught for 10 years at the Environmental Law Program of George Washington University Law School from 1994 to 2004.

Ben has a B.A. degree in English from Wake Forest University in North Carolina, a J.D. degree from Emory Law School in Georgia, and an LL.M (Masters) degree in environmental law from George Washington Law School in Washington, D.C.

He is a Member of the Board of Directors of River of Words, a nonprofit, nationally-acclaimed organization devoted to children's poetry, art and environmental education. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Clean Water America Alliance, a nonprofit educational organization uniting governments, organizations, and citizens in support of protecting and sustaining watersheds. Ben and his wife and two children are four of Arizona's newest residents, although they're hardly newcomers. Over the last 30 years, all of Ben's family has moved to Arizona, establishing roots in Tucson, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Prescott.

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Biography

Dino DeSimone
Resource Conservationist and Water Supply Specialist
USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Resources Management from Arizona State University

Work Experience

- Began career in 1982 with the USDA, Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service). Served as Soil Conservationist in Phoenix and Casa Grande, Arizona. Served as District Conservationist in Chandler, Arizona.
- Currently serve as Resource Conservationist and Water Supply Specialist with NRCS stationed at Arizona State Headquarters in Phoenix
- Responsible for the development and implementation of watershed plans and studies throughout the state
- Responsible for the Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting program

Personal

- Boy Scout leader and sports coach
- Enjoy camping, gardening, and basketball
- Reside in Mesa with three children, two dogs, and a desert tortoise

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Biography

Marcia Colquitt
Manager, Water Quality Compliance Assurance Unit
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Marcia Colquitt is the manager of the Water Quality Compliance Assurance Unit at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Grand Canyon University. Marcia oversees four unique programs that protect surface and groundwater in Arizona. These include a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) program, groundwater agricultural use pesticide program, biosolids management and industrial pretreatment. Marcia has worked in the environmental field for over thirteen year. The past three years have been in the Water Quality Division at ADEQ. Prior to this position, Marcia worked at the Arizona Department of Agriculture for three years where she developed and implemented an air quality compliance assistance program for regulated agricultural facilities. Her education, environmental experience and knowledge in agricultural activities has helped the programs she currently manages to successfully enhance public health and the environment by reducing the impact of pollutants discharged to surface and groundwater in Arizona.

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Biography

Cynthia Campbell
Section Manager
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Cynthia Campbell is the Manager of the Compliance Section in the Water Quality Division at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), a position she has held for three years. The Compliance Section coordinates compliance activities, including inspections, data management and enforcement for all water quality programs, including the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Arizona's Aquifer Protection Program (APP). The Compliance Section also includes Arizona's CAFO program, which regulates CAFOs under the CWA and APP programs.

Prior to working at ADEQ, Cynthia was an Assistant Attorney General with the Arizona Attorney General's Office for three years, representing ADEQ in environmental matters. Cynthia has been a practicing attorney for 19 years, with bar membership in Arizona and Illinois. She holds a law degree from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. She has been a resident of Arizona for 13 years and lives in Scottsdale with her husband and two children.

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Biography

Donald Butler
Director
Arizona Department of Agriculture

Donald Butler, of Tucson, Arizona, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Arizona. Immediately preceding his appointment as Director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture, he served as Chairman of Agrolink Corporation, a business formed to promote international agribusiness and trade, providing financial advice to Mexican and U.S. sources pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Butler is the former Chairman of Shasta Foods International, Inc., a Japanese-American wholly integrated meat export company based in Gonzales, California. His years of banking which included handling livestock loans, appraisals, documentation and evaluation of livestock credits culminated in his current ownership of Coronado Cattle Company in Tucson, Arizona.

A leading representative of the cattle industry for many years, Mr. Butler is past President of the National Cattlemen's Association, and served as Chairman of the National Cattlemen's Foundation for several years. He was appointed to the National Public Lands Advisory Council by the Secretary of the Interior and served a term as chairman. Later appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the President's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations, he was reappointed by President George H. Bush.

Mr. Butler has been active in foreign business affairs through his involvement with the U.S. Meat Export Federation, an organization he chaired and from which he received the Distinguished Service Award. He also served as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Twelfth District Advisory Council and was awarded their Citation for Distinguished Service.

He is a past President of the Arizona Cattle Feeder's Association, past President of the University of Arizona Alumni Association and the Arizona Agriculture "100" Council.

Bringing more than 50 years of agriculture business development to his Department, and almost as many years of public service, Donald Butler has enthusiastically embraced his opportunity to serve the people of the State of Arizona.

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Steve Barker
State Resource Conservationist
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Steve has held the position of State Resource Conservationist, for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Arizona since April, 2006. He has served as State Rangeland Management Specialist in Arizona for 10 years. He spent eleven years as a field office and area office Range Conservationist in Chandler and Tucson, Arizona. His first three years with Soil Conservation Service were spent at the Buckeye Field Office in Arizona as a Soil Conservationist.

Steve received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Resources in Agriculture, with a range management emphasis, from Arizona State University in 1982. He is a member of the Arizona Section, Society for Range Management (SRM) since 1980. Steve is also a SRM Certified Professional in Rangeland Management.

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Biography

David Albright
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David Albright has over 20 years experience working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on strategic planning, toxic substance regulation, air quality, and ground water protection. He currently manages the Region 9 Ground Water Office, which oversees the underground injection control (UIC), source water protection, and sole source aquifer programs, and is also responsible for implementing EPA's CAFO Rule. David has a B.S. in Biology from UNC-Chapel Hill and an MPH in Environmental Health Science from UC-Berkeley.

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Biography

Kurt Nolte, PhD
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Dr. Kurt Nolte has been involved in agriculture for most of his life, as his family is part of second-generation citrus growers from Southern California. He holds 2 Bachelor Degrees from the University of California: Soil Science, Plant Science. Kurt has a Masters Degree in Botany and received his PhD in Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of Florida in 1993. After serving as a postdoctoral fellow, also at the University of Florida, Kurt arrived in Yuma, Arizona in 1996, serving as Chair of the Ag Science Department of Arizona Western College.

In 2005, Kurt accepted a position with the University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension where he serves as County Director and an intermediary between research and the various arms within the agricultural industry in Yuma County. Dr. Nolte conducts outreach and extension activities in vegetable production for producers and industry representatives within Southwest Arizona. Although his primary interest lies in the integration of Advanced Ag Technologies into vegetable production, Kurt works in a variety of areas which assist growers in the production of the high-value crops in the region.

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Biography

Alan L. Watt
Rural Energy Coordinator
USDA Rural Development Agency

Alan Watt has been with the USDA Rural Development Agency since August 1988. Prior to being assigned to commercial loans, he was the RD Guaranteed Single Family Housing Coordinator for rural Arizona and has had extensive experience working with and on Indian Tribal Nations.

He has also been designated the State Rural Energy Coordinator in the Business & Cooperative Programs Section at the Rural Development Arizona State Office. He reviews and administers business loans and grants including Section 9007, the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

Mr. Watt has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from Arizona State University. He is originally from Ohio and has resided in Arizona for 36 years.

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Biography

Marguerite Tan
Environmental Manager
Clougherty Packing Farm Operations

Marguerite Tan is the Environmental Manager for Clougherty Packing Farm Operations. Clougherty Packing operates swine farms in Arizona, California, Colorado, and Wyoming, supplying pork for Farmer John and Hormel Brand names. With a background in production agriculture, Marguerite earned degrees in Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Sciences from the University of Illinois, specializing in livestock facility design, waste management, and environmental protection. Prior to moving to Arizona, she worked as a private agricultural and environmental consulting engineer in the Midwest and with the University of Illinois Extension Program. Her professional affiliations include the American Society for Agricultural and Biological Engineering, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the National Society for Professional Engineers. Marguerite serves on the Arizona Farm Bureau's Board of Directors and is currently serving as Arizona's Young Farmer & Rancher Program Chair.

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Biography

Richard D. Swenson
Director, Animal Husbandry and Clean Water Division
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Education

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BS, Environmental Resources in Agriculture, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, 1975.

MA, Public Administration, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. 1990.

Years Experience

35

Previous Positions

Occupied present position since 2004.

Worked in six states in his NRCS career, including New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, New York and Massachusetts. Previous positions include Regional Conservationist for the East, NRCS, 2000 to 2004, and State Conservationist, New York, 1994 to 2000.

Family

Married, three children and two grandchildren.

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Biography

Patrick Splichal
Senior Project Manager
SES, Inc.

Patrick Splichal is a Senior Project Manager for SES, Inc. and the program manager for the technical oversight of the CLEANmp-West Program. Mr. Splichal received a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy and a Master of Science in Soil Science from Kansas State University.

Mr. Splichal has worked as a soil scientist and environmental chemist for 18 years. He is an expert on the environmental issues surrounding livestock production, including experience with private companies, trade organizations, and government agencies for projects involving nutrient management, water quality, air quality, natural resource management, and hazardous waste management. Mr. Splichal has provided key support for agricultural/environmental programs instituted by agricultural trade organizations and animal feeding operations. Mr. Splichal is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist (C.P.S.S.) and a Certified Nutrient Management Specialist.

Mr. Splichal is a certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in multiple Midwest and Great Plains states. As a TSP, he has provided conservation technical assistance to livestock producers and crop farmers in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

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Biography

Candy Schilling
Director of Communications
Environmental Resources Coalition

Candy Schilling is the Director of Communications for the Environmental Resources Coalition, a non-profit group that aims to build relationships and raise awareness about water quality issues. As the Director of Communications, Candy is responsible for writing the content for the website, brochures, DVDs and other outreach materials. She also arranges and leads meetings with a diverse group of stakeholders. Prior to her position at the Environmental Resources Coalition, Candy was the public information specialist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, where she dealt with media calls, wrote press releases and coordinated community events. Candy was also the Statewide Liaison for The Year of Clean Water and the Media Chair for the Earth Day Committee. She has written a variety of speeches for the governor, director and others who represented the department on water issues. Candy has roughly 20 years experience working in the print and broadcast industries as a writer, reporter, editor and producer.

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Dr. Michael Payne
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Dr. Michael Payne is a researcher and outreach coordinator at the Western Institute of Food Safety and Security (WIFSS) a center within the University of California's School of Veterinary Medicine. Holding doctorates in both veterinary medicine and toxicology, Dr. Payne has worked as a veterinarian in extension, academics and private practice. He is director of the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program, an industry academic regulatory partnership which promotes the health and welfare of livestock, consumers and the environment through outreach, education and research.

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Biography

Jovita Pajarillo
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Water Division at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Jovita Pajarillo is an assistant director for the Water Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest Office in San Francisco. Her work is focused on agriculture and water quality issues (per the Clean Water Act). She has worked closely with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and local conservation districts and has gained numerous awards and recognition for bridging regulatory programs with the voluntary and cooperative efforts of the agricultural community. She has the full fish bowl experience having been Region 9's Nonpoint Source Coordinator, the EPA/NRCS liaison, and presently focuses on CAFOs, Farm Bill programs, and food safety and water quality issues. She has a BS from UC Berkeley.

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Biography

Mark White
Executive Director
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Mark White is the Executive Director for the Environmental Resources Coalition. Mark has over 16 years experience in agriculture and water quality related fields. Previous to his position as Executive Director, Mark served as ERC's Director of Agronomic Services where he managed several water quality projects for the company. His background also includes management of a retail fertilizer and chemical plant, precision farming specialist, and prior certification as a CCA. He has worked with the livestock industry throughout all of these jobs and still manages his family's cattle and farming operation in North East Missouri. Mark graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.S. in Agriculture and majored in Animal Science.

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