

TOM GOHRING

SKILLS SET

- Water Resources Management
- Teambuilding & Staff Supervision
- Hydrologic & Groundwater Modeling
- Successful Multi-Party Negotiations
- Effective Written & Oral Communications
- Open & Constructive Public Process

EDUCATION & LICENSE

- Master of Science in Engineering (Water Resources), University of California, Davis (1986)
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (1984)
- Registered Civil Engineer, California # C 43956

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director 2007 to Present	Sacramento Water Forum (Sacramento City and County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning)
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Responsible for day-to-day implementation of the historic Water Forum Agreement and the achievement of its two co-equal objectives: 1) Provide a reliable water supply for planned development to the year 2030, and 2) Preserve the Sacramento region's environmental crown jewel, the lower American River. Convene stakeholder meetings and facilitate discussions among water supplier, business, public agency, and environmental interests. Supervise multi-disciplinary staff and consultants and oversee environmental studies and restoration projects. Represent Sacramento region in statewide and national venues, including legislative lobbying and testimony/speaking at public meetings and events.

Program Manager and Deputy Director 1998 to 2006	CALFED (Department of Water Resources and California Bay-Delta Authority)
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Developed and implemented innovative water policies and programs for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. These leadership positions often required bridging technical and policy issues and resulted in building agreements among long-time adversaries. Frequently prepared and delivered high-level briefings that succinctly presented complex information. Supervised large and technically diverse staff. Positions included:

- **Deputy Director, Water Management and Regional Coordination (2003-2006):** Provided policy direction for water management and regional activities under broad direction from Director and Authority Board. Scope included analysis of State and Federal Water Projects; levee stability; water storage, conveyance, conservation; transfers; and water quality programs. Established and oversaw public advisory committees. Assembled and led a cohesive multi-disciplinary team that included engineers, scientists, and analysts.
- **Program Manager, Water Use Efficiency (1998-2002):** Developed and implemented water recycling and water conservation programs. Negotiated challenging cross-stakeholder agreements. Analyzed water rights, existing regulatory frameworks, and pending regulatory approaches. Led a multi-disciplinary team and facilitated public processes that established distinctive objective-oriented approaches to water conservation projects.

EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)**Program Manager – Sacramento River Project
1997 to 2000****U.S. Bureau of Reclamation**

Developed and implemented Sacramento Basin water management program, a negotiated settlement of litigation over the operations of the federal Central Valley Project. This challenging and controversial project included technical studies that served as the basis for renewal of over 150 water contracts representing over 2 million acre-feet of Sacramento River water. Program management tasks included directing a technical team and facilitating review by agency specialists, water contractors and agricultural and environmental stakeholders.

**Consulting Engineer
1993 to 1997****Davids Engineering, Inc.**

Led agricultural water management projects that assessed changing grower demands, developing water markets, and intensifying competition for water supplies. Designed, analyzed and oversaw construction of district- and farm-level water facilities. Notable projects included verification of the Imperial I.D./Metropolitan W.D water conservation & transfer program; Klamath Project Operations water plan; Total Resource Management Demonstration Project, Solano County Irrigation Management, and the Modesto I.D. Irrigation Master Plan.

**Chief, Water Management Division
1989 to 1993****Kings River Conservation District**

As part of the management team of this multi-county special district, created and managed a regional (1.2 million acres in 3 counties) water management program that included irrigation district and on-farm projects. Worked closely with irrigation districts and growers to design and execute effective actions. Notable projects included On-Farm Irrigation Evaluation Program; Groundwater and Surface Water Studies for Alta I.D. and Consolidated I.D. Supervised office and field staff. Modified program code and built data files from scratch to use Integrated Groundwater Surface Water Model (IGSM) for regional groundwater modeling. Received national award for *KRCD Irrigation News*.

**Water Resources Engineer
1986 to 1989****CH2M Hill, Inc.**

Led or contributed to a wide range of agricultural and civil engineering design and investigation projects. Projects included the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program; highway and pipeline designs; construction management and Environmental Impact Reports.

AFFILIATIONS & HONORS

- Keynote Speaker, Irrigation Association of Australia, Adelaide, Australia, 2004
- Received CALFED Director's *Program Manager Award*, 2002
- Davis Musical Theatre Company, Board Member, 1998 and 1999
- Redbud Montessori Preschool, Davis, President, 1995 and 1996
- John Merriam Endowment Committee, 1992-94