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Dear New Mexico Recycling Coalition Board Members:

Solid waste management and the protection of the environment has been the focal point of my career since my college graduation in the 1990's. I am knowledgeable and enthusiastic when it comes to proper waste management, diversion, and recycling for the benefit of the people and environment of New Mexico.

Professional Experience in Regard to Recycling: I have spent nearly 17 years in private environmental consulting as a project manager and engineer for a large variety of solid waste management and environmental projects. Over the last 12 years I have dedicated myself to solid waste management planning, design, permitting, regulatory support, and groundwater remediation for public sector clients. I moved my expertise into the government sector three years ago when I was hired as the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station (BuRRT) Manager for the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency (SFSWMA). As a result, I am responsible for processing, transfer, recycling, diversion, and various environmental compliance activities, as well as, procurement, engineering projects, recycling education, outreach, and marketing of materials for the Agency. I am an avid supporter of diversion and recycling activities. I have shown my support by assisting in the implementation of several diversion programs, including bicycle reuse and television recycling pilot programs at BuRRT, initiating the re-establishment of our green waste mulching and composting program, and providing support for the solid waste assessment and permitting for the Agency. Over the years, I have collaborated with local, state, and federal governments on projects incorporating green waste programs into operations and supporting a concrete recycling program as part of debris cleanup activities. I am also passionate about finding ways to reduce packaging at the source, reuse of items and materials, and finally diverting material from the waste stream for recycling or beneficial use.

Other Board, Managerial or Financial Experience: I am the currently a board member of the New Mexico Recycling Coalition and was involved in establishing a plan for New Mexico to obtain a 50% recycling goal as part of the HM51 initiative. In addition I have served on the policy and training committees during my time on the board. I am also the New Mexico representative for the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) International Board where I currently serve on the policy committee. I also continue to be active in the Roadrunner Chapter of SWANA. Over the last 8 years I have been fully dedicated in increasing the opportunity of both members and non-members to network, as well as increase the number of training opportunities for solid waste management professionals throughout New Mexico. In addition, I fully supported and encouraged the teaming of NMRC and NMSWANA for a joint conference in 2014 which resulted in continued collaboration for the 2016 joint conference. Throughout my professional career, I have been responsible for establishing budgets, monitoring the status of the budget throughout a term or lifecycle of a project, and ensuring accountability is in place where money is concerned.

Goals for NMRC: There are several goals that I would love to help implement for the NMRC. First, it would be to continue to increase access to recycling, including mandating commercial recycling as a means for working towards a 50% statewide recycling/diversion goal. Second, it would be to increase education about recycling and waste diversion around the state. Third, I would like to improve the use of organics around the state.

What Do You Bring To NMRC? As a part of the NMRC Board, I will contribute over 17 years of experience in solving environmental problems and solid waste management, including Agency support and passion to improve recycling and diversion activities for the State of New Mexico. I also look forward to my ongoing engagement with the organization and the development of future initiatives for NMRC.

Sincerely,
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