

Suzanne Carlstedt, Truth or Consequences Citizen Recycling Committee

Professional experience in regard to recycling:

My experience is as a volunteer. I have chaired the Recycling Committee of The Bountiful Alliance (a collection of committees under a non-profit umbrella) in Sierra County for approximately 3 years. We collaborate with the Truth or Consequences Solid Waste Department to promote recycling and discourage illegal dumping in Sierra County. I have been a member of the committee since 2014, was asked to become co-chair in 2015 and chair in 2017. We have reached out to the community with news articles, an annual Recycled Art Show for adult and student artists (cancelled this year due to the pandemic), swap meets, a student video, and informational tables at farmers markets and county fairs. We have collaborated with the Solid Waste Department on RAID grant applications and given volunteer labor to projects such as polycart assembly. I established and administer the committee's Facebook page, Sierra County NM Recycles.

What segment of the recycling industry do you represent? A community volunteer organization.

Other board, managerial, or financial experience: MainStreet Truth or Consequences board member 2016-2019

The Bountiful Alliance board member 2018-2019 (I was representing the Community Garden on the board and stepped aside to allow a new manager of the Community Garden to take my place on the board.)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (for children) board member 2019-2020 (I resigned from the board due to inadequate COVID safety protocol at meetings.)

Work experience as an Employee Development Specialist at the Internal Revenue Service where I administered national training programs for Internal Revenue Agents, including managing budgets in the million dollar range for developing and delivering training. During my 34 year IRS career, I had management experience in training and Human Resources, managing staffs in the mid-teens, sometimes scattered in different geographical locations.

Four Goals for NMRC:

1. Increase markets for recycled commodities, especially within the state of New Mexico
2. Encourage reduced packaging of consumer goods, especially plastics
3. Increase percentage of materials diverted from landfills through recycling and community composting
4. Teamwork among communities to handle special products like tires, electronics, and glass

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What do you bring to the NMRC?

Experience in working with teams, strong belief in the cause of recycling, volunteerism, ability to speak for the challenges of recycling in a small community, knowledge of recycling issues such as contamination and single stream processing.

I would ask former T or C Mayor, and former Recycling Committee Chair, Steve Green for a letter of recommendation, but I don't think he has access to email. Would it be possible to get a recommendation over the phone instead?

Thank you for your consideration.

Recommendation: from Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director from the City of Truth or Consequences Recycling & Solid Waste Collection Center

Suzanne is always in the loop when it comes to recycling. Always looking for new ways to promote, and educate the public on recycling. She effectively organizes, works and plans events that involve other organizations that recycle in one way or another. I strongly recommend her to serve on NMRC's board of directors.