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Top Skills

Community Outreach
Public Policy
Research

Honors-Awards

Science & Mackay Distinguished
Young Alumni, University of Nevada,
Reno
2022 No Rest for the Wicked
Champion

Lucas Ingvoldstad, M.S.

White House Appointee | State Director | US Senator Reid Alum |
Climate Change Advocate | Master of Science
Reno, Nevada, United States

Summary

State Director for Nevada with the U.S. Department of Agriculture -
Rural Development.

Previously government and external Affairs lead at IOWN
Renewable Energy and Eolus North America, Inc.; previous ly
Interwest Energy Alliance Board Member; previously California Wind
Energy Association (CalWEA) Board Member; U.S. Senate Majority/
Minority Leader Advisor; 2016 Science & Mackay Distinguished
Young Alumni, University of Nevada, Reno.

Engaged in numerous, overarching facets of business development
and corporate strategy and public policy processes - particularly
stakeholder involvement and agency coordination. Robust
experience with federal, state, and local policies.

Supporter of public lands and clean power. Avid cyclist, runner, and
overall sports enthusiast.

Specialties: Business Development | Government Affairs | Agency
Coordination | Public Affairs and Relations | Public Policy | Land Use
Planning

Experience

USDA Rural Development

State Director, USDA Rural Development, Nevada
March 2022 - Present (1 year 5 months)
Carson City, Nevada, United States

Biden-Harris Administration White House Appointee.

Chief Executive for USDA-Rural Development, Nevada.

Provides leadership to USDA policy formulation, policy implementation, and program execution and to ensure alignment of these areas with goals of the Administration.

Implements national policies with efforts to maximize opportunity for an improved quality of life for rural residents and communities throughout Nevada and the United States.

Seeks and utilizes opportunities to enhance design and implementation of program delivery in providing customer service to meet the needs of external and internal customers in rural America.

Meets with state and local government officials advocating Rural Development's positions on issues of intergovernmental cooperation and mutual interest and involvement.

Explains and defends the RHS, RBS, and RUS management and supervision policies, activities and requirements.

Plans and executes a public relations program utilizing all informational and educational resources, including mass media, to improve awareness of RD mission area programs by individuals, groups, and the general public.

Secures essential cooperation, services, or assistance from outside sources in furthering program goals.

Creates and sustains partnerships with other federal, state, and local rural development agencies.

Provides national policy makers with information on the need for changes in programs and/or program delivery to meet the changing needs rural communities.

Participates in the development, coordination, and implementation, in conjunction with agency management officials, of overall mission and operating and administrative programs, policies, and plans.

Develops guides, standards, procedures, and instructions necessary in administering programs.

Recommends revisions in national program emphasis as necessary for maximum flexibility within the given state and throughout the nation keeping within the regulatory requirements.

IOWN Renewable Energy Inc.

4 years 5 months

Senior Director, Government and External Affairs

October 2021 - March 2022 (6 months)

Reno, Nevada, United States

Director, Government and Business Development

November 2017 - January 2022 (4 years 3 months)

Reno, Nevada Area

Reported directly to Chief Executive Officer.

Executive member of management and development teams.

Headed the business development department, including greenfield development, co-development, and acquisition opportunities. Technologies include utility-scale solar, wind, solar plus storage, and stand-alone battery storage.

Directed regulatory and legislative strategies throughout prospective and existing energy markets, including analyzing utilities' integrated resource plans (IRPs) with an emphasis on West and Mountain Western markets (including CAISO).

Engaged with all levels of government (local, state, federal), including conditional/special use permits, NEPA, CEQA, renewable energy standards, tax abatements, greenhouse gas/carbon reduction goals, federal tax initiatives (Investment and Production Tax Credits), etc.

Closely monitored and testify at public, regulatory, and legislative hearings and drafted/submitted comments on behalf of the company.

Led and supervised company's communications team and operations, including public affairs and relations and community development.

Maintained and established relationships with government officials, policymakers, agencies, and key stakeholders and organized engagement strategies.

Engaged in all areas of project development and oversaw land-use planning efforts.

Supervised and negotiated contracts with consultants (environmental, government relations, and public affairs).

Company representative for renewable energy trade organizations and business networks.

Filed comments on behalf of the company to federal, state, and local agencies.

Crowley and Ferrato Public Affairs

Director of Public Affairs

December 2016 - November 2017 (1 year)

Reno, Nevada Area

Managed diverse client list with interests concerning renewable energy, energy storage, public lands, mining, ground and surface water, large-scale construction, organized labor, building codes and regulations, K-12 education, retirement savings accounts and regional planning.

Successfully negotiated, drafted, and shepherded legislation with legislators, stakeholders, and decision-makers.

Client advocate at federal, state, and local levels of government – legislative and administrative jurisdictions.

Testified on behalf of client interests and closely monitored legislation.

Led and oversaw strategy for the 'A Renewable America' public affairs campaign, focusing on increasing renewable energy portfolio standards.

Strategically expanded business by leveraging relationships with various industries and obtaining new clients.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid

5 years 11 months

Energy and Public Lands Manager

July 2014 - December 2016 (2 years 6 months)

Reno, NV

Advised Senator Reid on energy, public lands, water, natural resources, technology, education, transportation, business and economic development, and Native American tribes.

Managed natural resource priorities and strategic outreach by organizing with governments, industry, nonprofit organizations, and advocacy groups and specifically worked with the NEPA and ESA processes.

Analyzed and tracked state legislation and worked directly with the Nevada Office of the Governor, the Nevada Senate, and the Nevada Assembly.

Supervised Senator Reid's Regional Representatives' outreach throughout Nevada.

Developed and edited press releases, newsletters, and social media content.

Organized and managed six Lake Tahoe and National Clean Energy Summits, ranging from 500-7,000 participants.

Regional Representative

July 2011 - July 2014 (3 years 1 month)

Reno, NV

Communication and outreach lead for technology, economic development, agriculture, water resources, public lands, renewable energy, transportation, education and first responders.

Interacted with constituent groups, federal and state agencies, and local governments throughout Nevada.

Developed and maintained relationships with federal agencies including the Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Department of State, Department of Transportation, and Department of Education.

Staff Assistant

February 2011 - June 2011 (5 months)

Reported on legislation at the Nevada State Legislature. Managed constituent and stakeholder databases.

Nevada System of Higher Education
Graduate Teaching Assistant
August 2009 - May 2011 (1 year 10 months)

Created lectures, labs, assignments, and exams. Taught undergraduate courses including Physical Geography; World Regional Geography; Exploring, Measuring, and Mapping Planet Earth; and Geographic Information Systems.

Nevada Department of Transportation
Assistant Program Manager
May 2010 - November 2010 (7 months)

Authored the Department's Planning and Environmental Linkages document. Project development and environmental review processes through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Organized programs with the Federal Highway Administration, Regional Transportation Commissions, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Updated Nevada counties on current and future Department planning projects.

Education

University of Nevada, Reno
Master of Science - MS, Land Use Planning Policy · (2008 - 2011)

University of Nevada, Reno
Bachelor of Arts - BA, Psychology · (2001 - 2005)