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# Cynthia Jo Fowler

## Environmental Manager

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Cynthia Jo Fowler began her career with the San Francisco District as a Department of the Army (DA) intern in December 2003. After graduating from the DA Intern program in 2005, she transitioned into the Environmental Planning section where she serves as an environmental manager.

Cynthia's love of the ocean, estuaries and fish began at an early age in a small fishing town on the Oregon Coast where she grew up. Her love of aquatic ecosystems led her to study environmental biology and management in college, and led her to pursue a career with the Army Corps of Engineers. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Davis in 2003, and graduated with recognition for outstanding performance. During her time at UC Davis, she interned for the forest service and was an academic peer advisor.

In 2004, Cynthia volunteered to deploy to Iraq. While in Iraq, she served as contracting engineer specialist at Camp Victory, where she implemented the Force Base Protection Program. In 2005, she deployed to Florida in support of Hurricane Wilma where she served as a mission manager for the water team and the temporary housing quality assurance manager. Following her return to the San Francisco District, she was nominated to Headquarter's Essential Services and Functions 3 (ESF-3) Assistant Team Leader (ATL) cadre for emergency response and was selected to the team. As an ATL, she has responded to several national disasters and has worked with top leaders from FEMA, USACE, and other federal, state, and local agencies.

Cynthia's awards include an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for her work on the Essential Fish Habitat Assessment for San Francisco Bay Long Term Management Program for the Placement of Dredged Material; Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for her work on Hurricane Katrina; and Commander's Award for Civilian Service for her work on Hurricane Wilma.

Mr. Daniel Garcia, E.I.T, P.E.

Daniel earned his Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering (working in the field of material science) from the University of New Mexico in May 2009 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in December 2007 (also from UNM). Daniel is a former Vice President (2007) of the Engineers Without Borders and the Pi Tau Sigma (National Mechanical Engineering Honor Society) UNM student chapters and a former President (2008-2009) of the Mechanical Engineers Graduate Association (MEGA) UNM student chapter. Daniel was also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) UNM student chapters. While at UNM Daniel received two competitive scholarships: an AIAA scholarship and a National Science Foundation (NSF) scholarship (both 2007) and was a member of the National Dean's List (2006, 2007). Previous to being a graduate research assistant with UNM, Daniel worked as an undergraduate research assistant working on composite structures though a UNM contract with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL).

Daniel has worked at the US Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District for over 3 years with the first 2 years as part of the Department of Army (DA) intern program. He has spent over a year in his target position as a mechanical engineer in the Facilities Design Section of the Engineering & Construction Branch. Daniel is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). He specializes in the field of fire protection engineering and is the fire protection design engineer for the Albuquerque District. Daniel's duties also include occasional submittal reviews, construction inspections, preparation of fire protection design requirements for Requests for Proposals (RFPs), and participation in planning charrettes and design review meetings. He has an Engineering In Training (EIT) certification from the state of New Mexico and will take the fire protection engineering Professional Engineering exam on 26 October, 2012.

Daniel has also participated in a variety of programs at the Albuquerque District. He's been a protégé for the last two years in the District Mentorship program, including giving regular feedback on evaluation forms in the pilot year. He has also been a regular participant in the District's Presidential Fitness Program for the past two years. Daniel completed the Leadership Development Program, Tier II, in FY11 as part of a team whose project was making recommendations on 'jumpstarting' the Albuquerque's District 'Green Team'.

Daniel has a daughter, Sophia, with his fiancée Marina Popova.



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## **Mr. Kenneth J. Mueller**

### **Chief, Programs Management Section**

Mr. Kenneth J. Mueller has served in the Los Angeles District for six years. He has a total of 20 years federal service.

As Chief of Programs Management, Mr. Mueller leads 18 employees responsible for Military and Civil Works projects covering a 226,000 square mile area of California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. Established in 1898, the Los Angeles District provides direct support to overseas contingency throughout the world and interagency and interservice planning and response to natural disasters or domestic attacks. Mr. Mueller plays a key role in executing nearly \$750 million in Military budgets, \$320 million in Interagency & International Support (I&IS), and \$80 million in Civil Works. Additionally, he is pivotal in preparing budget requests for future years (budget formulation).

Mr. Mueller came to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 2006 as a Program Analyst. He soon took on the role as a Lead Program Analyst and has recently stepped up to serve as Chief of the Programs Management Section. Mr. Mueller is originally from Fullerton, California. He graduated from Chapman University in Orange, California, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies (1994). He has a thorough knowledge of budget, contracting, and other administrative areas from his years with the Corps of Engineers and previous work with the National Park Service.

Past assignments include:

- Business Manager with the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. where he provided budgetary services and overall administrative guidance to include serving as Administrator for a comprehensive cooperative agreement and also as a Contracting Officer.
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- Administrative Officer with the National Park Service in La Junta, Colorado, where he was the subject matter expert for all administrative functions including budget, acquisitions, personnel, and implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

Education:

- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies with a minor in English (1994) – Graduated with honors as a member of the Gamma Beta Phi Society.
- Associates Degree in Health Care Management from the University of Maryland (1989).
- Comprehensive list of training in budget, contracting, personnel, and supervision.

Personal Life:

- Mr. Mueller enjoys spending time with his wife Catherine and two dogs. He enjoys hiking, American history, and travel. He is a life member of the American Legion and Disabled American Vets (DAV).

## **Jason Gipson**

From February 2008 to present, Jason Gipson has served as the supervisor of the Utah/Nevada Regulatory Branch for the Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Overseeing a staff of 10 in three field offices, covering two states.

Prior to that he was a Regulatory Project Manager for 5 years in the Bountiful, Utah Field Office responsible for evaluating projects which propose to impact our Nation's wetlands, streams and other waterways, helping protect water quality while at the same time allowing for reasonable development and economic growth.

Jason joined the Sacramento District as a Department of the Army (DA) Intern in 2001 working in multiple Divisions including Environmental Planning, Operations, Regulatory and a developmental assignment with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sacramento Office.

Jason earned a Bachelors of Science with an emphasis in Ecology in 1999 from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

He has resided in Salt Lake City, Utah for the past 9 years. Married to wife, Jamie for 11 years. They have two dogs in lieu of children.

Jason is currently an amateur zymologist (home brewer) with several decent concoctions under his belt, is an avid snowboarder and hiker and enjoys an occasional mountain biking ride as long as the risk of crashing is low.

## Kylan Kegel Professional Biography

Kylan was born and raised in Colville, Washington. At just over 4,000 residents, Colville is the largest city in the Northeast corner of Washington, and provided a quaint rural setting in which Kylan grew up. After graduating Colville High School in 2003, Kylan attended University of Washington in Seattle. Studying Civil Engineering, Kylan found a particular interest in Geotechnical Engineering. Kylan served as Social Chair for the University of Washington chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and in that capacity brought students and faculty together through regularly-scheduled social events including cookouts, camping trips, and Big Lebowski appreciation night.

Kylan graduated University of Washington with a BSCE degree in 2007, after which he moved to California to pursue a Master of Science degree from University of California, Davis, concentrating in Geotechnical Engineering. Immediately discovering a love of Northern California, Kylan enjoyed spreading his time in the UC Davis graduate program between academic study, research on Cone Penetration Testing, socializing with classmates and fellow Davisites, playing in a local rock band, and outdoor activities such as skiing and mountain biking. In 2008, Kylan graduated from UC Davis with his MSCE degree.

In early 2008, Kylan attended an engineering career fair on the UC Davis campus where he was first introduced to the Sacramento District of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Following the application and interview process, Kylan accepted an offer for employment and began his career with USACE July 7, 2008. Kylan was hired under the Federal Career Intern Program (FCIP) and participated in the program for 12 months. Over that time, he was exposed to many aspects of the work that the Sacramento District carries out, including geotechnical design, geology, hydraulic design, water management, construction quality assurance, and providing engineering support during construction for ongoing projects. Upon completion of the FCIP, Kylan moved into a permanent role as a geotechnical engineer performing design and engineering during construction to the construction of an auxiliary spillway for Folsom Dam on the American River in California. Kylan received licensure as a Professional Engineer in California in 2009.

To the present day, Kylan has tremendously enjoyed his work with the Sacramento District, and looks forward to continuing to contribute to high-profile flood damage reduction projects in California. Outside of the work environment, Kylan maintains an active lifestyle that includes ice hockey, mountain biking, road biking, hiking, skiing, and snowboarding. Music has always been a part of his life, and Kylan still enjoys playing guitar and piano. His passion for maintaining a strong balance between work and life outside of work is an important factor in keeping Kylan mentally and physically ready to take on challenges in both areas of his life.



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## Ondrej Macejko Park Ranger San Francisco District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Ondrej Macejko is currently assigned as a Park Ranger at Lake Mendocino, in Ukiah, California.

Ranger Macejko's professional career started as a Student Career Experience Program Park Ranger at Englebright Lake in 2008. In 2010 he was promoted to a permanent Park Ranger position at Lake Mendocino, with assigned responsibilities as Volunteer Coordinator and liaison to the Friends of Lake Mendocino cooperative association. In 2011 Macejko deployed in support of tornado debris removal efforts in Alabama as a Quality Assurance Specialist supporting right of entry and right of way programs.

In 2012 Macejko received a Professionalism Award for his leadership of the volunteer program, including development of the Friends of Lake Mendocino organization.

Macejko graduated with distinction as the Joie R. Armstrong Memorial Scholar of CSU Chico State's Parks and Natural Resources Management Department with a Bachelor's of Science in Recreation Administration.



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