

## LEO M. DROZDOFF, PE

### EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

A national and state leader in the field of natural resources and environmental protection. Heralded by governors, senators and congressmen of both parties as an effective and pragmatic leader with an impressive record of success. Judged by business leaders, local government officials, NGO's and tribes as an inclusive consensus builder who delivers results. Experience includes chairing the Board of the Nevada Benefits Program that oversees Nevada's state-funded insurance programs.

### DETAILED EXPERIENCE

#### Longenecker & Associates, Inc.

September 2016-Present

#### Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

##### Carson City, NV

Reporting to the Governor, this Cabinet level agency has a \$160 million annual operating budget and 900 employees. Major agencies within the Department are: Environmental Protection, Water Resources, Forestry, State Parks, State Lands and Historic Preservation. Originally appointed by Governor Gibbons and reappointed by Governor Sandoval in January 2011.

##### Director – Cabinet Member

April 2010-September 2016

Department Head responsible for development and implementation of policy and directing staff to meet executive and legislative natural resource goals for the betterment of the citizens of Nevada.

##### *Delivered Results:*

- Negotiated Lake Tahoe legislation with California that resulted in bi state regional plan and matching legislation in both states. Governors Sandoval and Brown credited with saving Lake Tahoe.
- Negotiated an Agreement between the State of Nevada and Department of Energy that was signed by Governor Sandoval and Secretary Ernest Moniz. The Agreement calls for enhanced management and greater financial commitment at the Nevada National Security Site as well as commitment from DOE to review and potentially revise the low level radiation waste classification system.
- Secured a \$1.1 billion judgment while working with the Department of Justice and EPA to ensure the cleanup of perchlorate in and around the Colorado River System – the drinking water supply of 26 million Americans.
- Led a government streamlining project that resulted in returning the Department to 2005 spending levels, a reduction of full time employees and the elimination of over 20 outdated regulations.

#### Public Employee Benefits Program Board

##### Carson City, NV

Board provides direction and oversight of an executive agency that provides health insurance and other benefits to 30,000 public employees, retirees and their families.

Chairman

February 2011-September 2016

Appointed as a member of the board by Governor Gibbons in 2008. Named Chairman by Governor Sandoval in 2011.

*Delivered Results:*

- Fundamentally transformed program to a high deductible health plan with Health Savings Accounts. Public Employees and retirees now have greater choice in health plans and the ability to save their contributions over multiple years.
- Maintained a less than 1% yearly cost of plan over the past four years while medical inflation has risen nearly 40%.
- Successfully integrated the federal Affordable Care Act into the Nevada program.

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection****Carson City, NV**

Appointed position with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Largest agency within the department with 250 employees and \$50 million annual operating budget.

Administrator

October 2004-April 2010

Direct all Air, Water and Land environmental programs at the state level.

*Delivered Results:*

- Developed the first of its kind state mercury control program. Implemented in 18 months without litigation and resulted in 90+% mercury emission reductions from 21,000 pounds per year to less than 500 pounds per year today.
- Reorganized the Division to achieve meaningful fiscal and personnel savings. Created mentors within the Department which has led to excellent succession planning over the past ten years.
- Developed numerous mutually beneficial agreements with local governments throughout the State in urban centers and rural settings. Resulted in the elimination of duplicate services.
- Developed a privately led cleanup project in Henderson, NV which resulted in avoiding a superfund listing and returning over 2,000 acres to the City's tax rolls and creating a multimillion dollar ongoing contribution to the local government and economy.

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection – Other Experience**

Deputy Administrator	2001 – 2004
Bureau Chief – Water Pollution Control	1998 – 2001
Bureau Chief – Mining Regulation	1996 – 1998
Water Permits Branch Supervisor	1993 – 1996
Environmental Engineer	1992 – 1993
Associate Engineer	1991 – 1992

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**

Dymar Technical Services, Monroe, CT	
Project Manager/Engineer	1989 – 1991

Folchetti and Associates, Brewster, NY  
Sanitary Engineer

1987 – 1989

**EDUCATION**

MBA, Management Emphasis – University of Nevada, Reno, NV  
BS, Civil Engineering – Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

1997  
1987

**LICENSES AND AFFILIATIONS**

- Registered Professional Civil Engineer – Nevada
- Nevada Member Rocky Mountain Compact and Low Level Radioactive Waste Board
- Nevada Appointee Colorado River Salinity Control Forum
- Governor Appointee Western Governor State-Federal Sage Grouse Task Force
- Board Member Environmental Research Institute of States (ERIS)
- Member of National Nuclear Security Administration Disused Radioactive Sources Work Group