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EXPERIENCE

COMMUNITY WATER CENTER Sept. 2006 - present
Co-Executive Director & Co-Founder
Co-Chief Executive Officer of and In-House Counsel to non-profit organization working to help low-income communities and communities of color secure safe, clean and affordable water in California's San Joaquin Valley.

GOVERNOR'S DRINKING WATER STAKEHOLDER GROUP June 2012 - 2014
Co-Chair
Co-lead a large and diverse stakeholder group to develop a set of principles and recommended actions to improve access to drinking water in California.

TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION
Commissioner 2007 – 2012
Serve as at-large member on advisory council to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on water issues.

COMMUNITIES FOR A NEW CALIFORNIA (CNC) Jan. 2010 - present
Board member, San Joaquin Valley Chapter Representative, Tulare County Committee Chair
Founding and current board member of a state-wide 501(c)(4) non-partisan, non-profit organization focusing on building political power in California's most underrepresented communities. Led Tulare County activities of the CNC Fresno-Tulare PAC for the Nov. 2010 election.

CENTER ON RACE, POVERTY & THE ENVIRONMENT Delano, CA Sept. 2004 - 2006
Equal Justice Works Fellow & Directing Attorney, Rural Poverty Water Project
Provide legal services, training, and advocacy to poor communities and communities of color in California's Central Valley in order to secure safe, affordable drinking water.

SHUTE, MIHALY & WEINBERGER San Francisco, CA Jan. – May 2004
Law Clerk
Conducted legal research and writing for attorneys on a variety of public interest land use cases.

STRATUS CONSULTING Washington D.C. & Brazil Summer 2003
Independent Consultant, EPA Urban Solid Waste Management Project
Collected data and wrote a report on urban solid waste management in seven cities throughout Brazil.

SÃO PAULO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY São Paulo, Brazil Summer 2003
Human Rights Program Summer Intern, Committee on Human Rights
Documented the current situation of trash pickers in Brazil. Currently writing on the implications of international human rights law for Brazilian solid waste management legislation.

INSTITUTO SOCIOAMBIENTAL Brasília, Brazil Summer 2002
Chayes Fellow, Socio-Environmental Law Program
Compiled, analyzed and proposed legislative regimes regarding access to and protection of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge under the Convention for Biological Diversity.

IMAZON, Belém, PA Brazil Fall 2000 – Spring 2001
Assistant Researcher. Projeto de Apoio ao Manejo Florestal (A World Bank Forest Management Project)
Evaluated state and federal forest monitoring systems in the Amazon and wrote proposals for improvements.

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL J.D., (k)(6) [redacted]
Honors: *Cum Laude*
Edith W. Fine Fellowship, Irving R. Kaufman Fellowship, Maria & Robert A. Skirnick Fellowship, Chayes Fellowship for International Public Service, Human Rights Program Fellowship

Activities: *Harvard Environmental Law Review,* Article Editor, Submissions Editor.
Environmental Law Society, Vice President
Faculty-Student-Alumni Working Group to Improve Environmental Law Pedagogy (EWG)
Student Steering Committee for the Harvard University Center for the Environment (WISE)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW (BOALT HALL)
Harvard-Berkeley Exchange Program, (k)(6)

BROWN UNIVERSITY, Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Environmental Studies, (k)(6)
Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*
Richard Smoke Summer Internship Award: "Monitoring Forest Degradation in the Brazilian Amazon"
Activities: Brown Environmental Coalition: President & Founder;
Women's Peer Counselor

AWARDS

2013 GARY BELLOW PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
Awarded to one alumni and one student each year by The Harvard Law School.

2010 CARLA BARD ADVOCACY AWARD
Co-awarded with Susana De Anda, Co-Executive Director of the Community Water Center, from the Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform (POWER), awarded annually to one outstanding water advocate in California.

PUBLICATIONS

Rose Francis & Laurel Firestone, *Implementing the Human Right to Water in California's Central Valley: Building a Democratic Voice Through Community Engagement in Water Policy Decision Making*, 47(3) Willam. L. Rev. 495, 518-536 (2011).

Laurel Firestone, *Guide to Community Drinking Water Advocacy*. Community Water Center (2009), available at www.communitywatercenter.org.

Laurel A. Firestone, *You Say Yes, I Say No; Defining Prior Informed Consent under the Convention on Biological Diversity*, 16 GEO. INT'L ENVTL. L. REV. 171 (2003).

Laurel A. Firestone, Case Comment, *Temporary Moratoria and Regulatory Takings Jurisprudence after* Tahoe-Sierra Preservation Council, Inc. v. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 27 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 276 (2003).

Laurel A. Firestone & Carlos Souza Jr., *The role of remote sensing and GIS in enforcement of areas of permanent preservation in the Brazilian Amazon*, 17 GEOCARTO 51 (2002).

Laurel Firestone et al., *Controle de Áreas de Preservação Permanente na Amazônia: inovações tecnológicas para detectar infrações ambientais*, 23 REVISTA DE DIREITO AMBIENTAL 300 (2001).

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Awards:

Friends of the River's Mark Dubois Award (2014)
"Women of Year" honored by Assembly member Henry T. Perea (2012)
"150 Fearless Women in the World" by Newsweek Magazine (2012)
"Women on Top" by Marie Claire magazine (2012)
AOL sponsored PBS 3-part series titled, Makers: Women Who Have Shaped America (2012)
"Las Fabulosas" and "Inspiring Latinas" by Powerful Latinas (2011)
Jill Iscol's, Hearts on Fire, features a chapter on Susana De Anda and CWC (2011)
Carla Barla Advocacy Award (2010)
Petra Foundation Fellow (2009)
Latinas in Business & Professions Association "Mujer Valiente" (2008)
Third Wave Foundation's list of the twenty-one top young women leaders in the US (2006)
Latino Issues Forum Rising Tortuga Award (2005)

Work Experience:

Community Water Center, Visalia, CA Sept. 2006 – Present
Co-Executive Director & Co-Founder
Executive Officer of and Lead Organizer for non-profit organization working to help low-income communities and communities of color secure safe, clean and affordable water in California's San Joaquin Valley.

Asociación de Gente Unida por el AGUA (AGUA), Visalia, CA Feb. 2006- Present
Co-Founder and Coordinator
Responsible for facilitating and coordinating monthly AGUA meetings to bring together impacted communities throughout the Valley, provide capacity building and leadership development and trainings to members on substantive issues and skills needed in executing campaign strategies. Also leads fundraising efforts for the coalition.

Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, Delano, CA Jan. 2005 – Sept. 2006
Community Organizer
Responsible for maintaining relationships with community organizations within Kern, Kings, Fresno and Tulare Counties; organized and trained community residents in environmental justice struggles; took part in environmental justice coalition activities; identified and recruited community members to participate in environmental justice coalitions.

County of Merced, Planning Department Sept. 2004- Dec. 2005
Planner I
Responsible for performing a variety of planning activities including technical review of land use applications, zoning and environmental impacts; prepared reports to the County Board of Supervisors.

Community Environmental Council, Santa Barbara, CA November 2003 – Aug. 2004
Pollution Prevention Program Coordinator
Responsible for implementation and coordination of Pollution Prevention Program projects, including the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Program and the Used Oil Recycling Program. Provided administrative and operational coordination for projects, including database management, data entry and analysis, waste tracking, revenue collection, invoice preparation, distribution of educational materials, promotional activities, and providing technical assistance to the public.

Office of Environmental Health & Safety, Santa Barbara, Ca May 2004- Sept. 2004
Community Hazardous Waste Technician (Level 1)
Responsible for the operational aspects of the Santa Barbara County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Organized the facility for public use each week. Maintained equipment and supplies for Household Hazardous Waste Program.

Community Environmental Council, Santa Barbara, CA April 2003- November 2003
Bilingual Oil Recycling Outreach Assistant
Responsible for coordinating and implementing the Pollution Prevention Program's Bilingual Recycling Outreach Project. Duties included organizing and providing presentations and informational materials to local high school students and community groups. Assisted with the organization of the media campaign.

County of Santa Barbara, Water Agency Department January 2003- August 2003
Program Specialist I
Served as Clean Water Project Spanish spokesperson. Responsible for establishing and maintaining community contacts, distributing Spanish language materials at events and businesses, and organizing public and media events.
Additional responsibilities:

- Managed the Latino Outreach Advisory Committee.
- Developed Spanish language materials: displays, television and radio commercials.

Boards:

Board member of the Northern California Environmental Grassroots Fund with the Rose Foundation (2009-2011)
Board of Directors of the Tulare County United Way (2010- present)
Tulare County Water Commission (2013- present)
Water for Education and Latino Leaders planning committee and founder member (2013-present)

Computer Skills:

Microsoft Office
Arc View GIS
File Maker-Pro

Education:

University of California, Santa Barbara
B.A., Environmental Studies, (k)
B.A., Geography, (k)

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Work History

Community Water Center **August 2013- Present**
Operations & Facilities Manager
Primarily responsible for managing and implementing operations and administrative support for CWC's program and organizational development work, as well as managing the facilities for both CWC's Visalia and Sacramento offices.

Lali Moheno & Associates **July 2010 – April 2014**
Event Coordinator
Collaboration in the planning, organizing, managing, marketing and administration of the Annual Farmworker Women Conference, a countywide project where approximately 1,000 people attend to receive services, information and formal workshops. Coordination of quarterly luncheons/dinners for the Latinas in Business and Professions Association, the second organizational project.

Frank Serpa, Automotive Consultant & Sales Training **Sept. 2012 – April 2014**
Accounting Administrative Assistant
Managed all business operations for owner's personal & business account finances.

Learning Ladder, Inc. & Math Think **May 2009-Feb. 2012**
Central Valley Representative for Tutoring Agency
Secured and managed tutoring services contracts on behalf of the firm. Conducted outreach and recruitment of students and their tutors throughout the Central Valley. Responsibilities continued to the final phase of program management, and reporting to Learning Ladder, Inc., contracted school districts and State Department of Education.

International Group Education Services, Inc. **1998-2011**
Administrative Assistant
Assisted the firm consultants to develop documents for grant writing proposals. Directly participated in all office Superintendent search projects for various districts. Managed all office operations including finances, all business billings, payroll, full banking operations, insurance, and city, state, and federal compliances. Managed all building facility maintenance needs. Provided support to bookkeeper for annual taxes and payroll reports.

Education

College of the Sequoias: General Education and Business Administration

Jordan Link/Century 21: Real State Training

Redwood High School Graduate

Volunteer

Tulare County Hispanic Roundtable **2000-2010**
Assisted the local community nonprofit organization with events to promote leadership, participation and a voice in our community. Provided clerical, record keeping, member's database maintenance and finance services. Organized and managed formal meetings. Worked with local community organizations to support each other's projects and recruit new membership. Built relationships and worked with various community leaders to develop and coordinate any efforts towards community projects.

Awards

Future Leader Award
Recognition award for young professionals who are both currently working in furthering their career while dedicating service and volunteerism in the community.

President's Award
To individuals committed towards the benefit of our community. Only three of these awards were given in a 10 year period.

Committees

- Visalia Unified School District Boundary Redistricting Committee, 2009-2010
- Hispanic Advisory Committee for the Visalia Unified School District, 2011
- Farmworker Women Health & Safety Conference, 2008-2014
- Latinas in Business & Professions Association, 2008-2014
- United Women's Association, Secretary, 2013

Software and Professional Skills

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Powerpoint
- Quickbooks
- Nationbuilder
- Client Bookkeeping Solutions
- Fluent speaking and writing in Spanish
- Communication and problem solving skills
- Reliability, accountability, and responsibility