JIM GULLIFORD

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CAREER HISTORY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Soil and Water Conservation Society
2009-2016

Responsible for all operational aspects of the Soil and Water Conservation Society; a 3000 member, 501(c)(3), private non-profit, professional society. Members include researchers, administrators, planners, policy makers, technical advisors, teachers, students, farmers and ranchers. Served as an advocate for conservation professionals, and for science-based conservation practices, programs, and policy. The mission of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is to foster the science and art of natural resource conservation on working land – land used to produce food, fiber, and other services that improve the quality of life people experience in rural and urban communities.

Published the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation Society; a peer-reviewed scientific journal of research, policy features, and editorials. Developed and hosted national conferences on issues of soil and water conservation, soil health, and agricultural water quality protection. Partnered with universities, agribusiness, and agricultural organizations to develop and implement conservation systems that supported agricultural production, improved soil health and protected water quality.

Total program responsibility: 8 staff, approximately $1.2 million annual budget

EPA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC
2006-2009

Responsible for the protection of public health and the environment from potential risks of pesticides and chemicals.

Regulated the use of all pesticides in the United States; providing protection for applicators, farm workers, and consumers while assuring safe, effective pesticides are available to producers to meet crop production and protection needs. Established maximum pesticide residue levels for foods; safeguarding the nation's food supply, both domestic and imported. Cultivated productive government communication with registrants, growers, academia and environmental interests through the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee.

Regulated new and existing chemicals, and their risks in commerce. Promoted the development, use and life cycle management of safer chemicals, processes and technologies. Developed scientific, and policy elements of the Environmental Protection Agency biotechnology, nanotechnology, and endocrine disruptor screening programs.

Total program responsibility: 1,350 staff, approximately $250 million annual budget

CAREER HISTORY – *Continued...*

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, Kansas City, Kansas
2001-2006

Responsible for all aspects of planning, programming, and implementing the authorities of the US Environmental Protection Agency in Region 7 for the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, and nine (9) tribal nations within those state boundaries. Implemented policy, managed communication, regulated industry and public utilities, and resolved issues central to environmental actions affecting a diverse group of stakeholders within states, tribes, industry and the general public.

Programs included emergency response, air and water quality permitting, chemical and pesticide regulation, hazardous waste management, and superfund site remediation. Reviewed and awarded program and project grants and contracts to state, tribal, local, and non-government organizations.

Total program responsibility: 560 staff, approximately $500 million annual budget.

DIRECTOR
Division of Soil Conservation, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Des Moines, Iowa
1986-2001
Iowa Department of Soil Conservation
Des Moines, Iowa
1982-1986

Responsible for the development and management of soil conservation, water quality, and mine regulation programs for the State of Iowa, including matters of legislation, budget, administrative rules, employee supervision, interagency coordination and annual reporting. Program authorities included: 1) direct supervision and responsibility for field services support to Iowa's 100 soil and water conservation districts, 2) financial incentive support for installation of soil conservation and water quality protection practices, 3) program authorities for watershed, surface and groundwater quality protection, and 4) regulatory authority for coal and non-coal mining, and 5) and reclamation responsibility for abandoned mined lands.

Worked closely with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Iowa State University Cooperative Extension Service, and soil and water conservation districts to assure the effective integration of federal, state and local programs to meet producer needs and achieve soil and water conservation objectives of the State of Iowa. Worked nationally with federal and state agencies to address national soil and water conservation issues including Gulf of Mexico hypoxia, wetland restoration, and Farm Bill development and implementation.

Total program responsibility: 210 staff, approximately $26 million annual budget.

CAREER HISTORY – *Continued...*

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
Coal Extraction and Utilization Research Center
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois
1979-1981

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST
Iowa Coal Project
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
1975-1979

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Forestry Economics and Marketing – 1975
Iowa State University
Bachelor of Science in Forestry Management, Minor in Soil Science – 1973
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND HONORS

Board of Directors, Soil Health Institute - current position

Board of Directors and Secretary, Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Foundation - current position

George Washington Carver Distinguished Service Award, Iowa State University, 2012

Soil and Water Conservation Society, 1982 to present
- President's Club Membership
- Iowa Chapter President, 1996

National Association of State Conservation Agencies, 1982-2001
- President, 1989

Xi Sigma Pi, National Honor Society for Forestry and Natural Resources
- Iowa State University Chapter, President, 1974-1975

Gamma Sigma Delta, National Honor Society for Agriculture
- Iowa State University Chapter, Alumni Award of Merit, 1990

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST