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BRIAN C. SPRINKLE

Professional Overview

Over a decade of experience in vegetation management for transmission and distribution operations, with expertise in program development, regulatory compliance, and consulting. Has led vegetation management initiatives for major utilities, applying extensive knowledge of UVM practices and infrastructure. Skilled in program oversight, incident management, and strategic planning to enhance utility operations and reliability.

Professional Experience

lapetus Infrastructure Services (IIS) May 2024 to present

Director of Consulting and Innovation Services

- Serves as director of consulting for IIS consulting engagements

Southern California Edison (an Edison International Company) Jan 2020 to May 2024

Manager: T&D Vegetation Management Operations

- Managed distribution, transmission, and supplemental utility vegetation management programs in California's Central Valley, Sierra Mountain Range, and Eastern Sierras
- Oversaw approx. 14 direct reports of both internal and contracted program managers providing field oversight to contracted resources
- Indirectly oversaw approximately 300-500 contracted resources
- Tracked regulatory changes and coordinated with regulatory stakeholders to measure operational impacts
- Developed and negotiated MSA/Contracts with vendors
- Served as Safety Leader and environmental steward for area of operation
- Served as Integrated Vegetation Management Initiatives Team Lead and subject matter expert

CN Utility Consulting (a Wright Service Corp. Company) Mar 2015 to Jan 2020

Regional Supervisor (2018-2020)

- Served as Supervisor of operations and consulting services for accounts in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, and Massachusetts
- Managed employee oversight and development
- Oversaw business development and operational structure
- Assisted in marketing and business strategies
- Served as lead developer for Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) operations applied to streamline vegetation and utility asset inspection processes
- Served as project manager for developing new service lines and expanding business models

Technical Applications Supervisor (2015-2018)

- Implemented the use of advanced technologies such as remote sensing, drones, and various GIS based UVM software
- Performed reviews for transmission and distribution UVM programs. Developed complex data-driven business cases for UVM budget/rate increases and program modifications
- Assessed Transmission Vegetation Management Program specifications to ensure adherence to NERC/FERC FAC-003 standards



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- Developed and implemented comprehensive UVM programs for utility infrastructure, including transmission, distribution, power generation, pipeline, and communications
- Implemented UVM and Tree Risk Assessment programs to increase safety and reliability for utility infrastructure, as well as maximize the effectiveness of financial contributions allocated for UVM programs

Wright Tree Service (a Wright Service Corp. Company)

Aug 2012 to Apr 2015

Work Planner

- Managed circuit cost projections, circuit inspections and notifications, and utility/public relations. Performed foot patrols and aerial inspections of distribution and sub-transmission electrical systems
- Provided oversight of line clearance resources and workflow processes to ensure safe, efficient, and effective UVM practices

Education

Western Illinois University

May 2012

B.S. in Agricultural Science, concentration in Urban Forestry

Bartlett Scholarship Award Recipient (2011)

John "Doc" Reeves Scholarship Award Recipient (2011)

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

May 2017

UAA Utility Vegetation Management Certificate

Certifications

ISA Certified Arborist ▪ ISA Utility Specialist ▪ UAA CUVM Certification ▪ Dale Carnegie: Leadership for Managers Certification ▪ ICS 100, 200, 300, 700, 800

Industry Involvement

IAA Utility Director (2017-2018) ▪ IAA TreeFund Liaison (2018-2019) ▪ UAA Committee Lead: Multiple
AEIC SCE VM BMP Lead

Skills

- Extensive knowledge and exposure to UVM programs across North America
- High-level of involvement with industry organizations
- Competent understanding of UVM practices, utility infrastructure, and energy markets
- Highly trained and proficient in tree identification, tree risk assessment, and workflow management practices
- Experience implementing advanced GIS based UVM workflow management software platforms
- Excellent communicator, highly organized
- Works well independently or as a team member
- Fluent in UVM workflow software programs and Microsoft Office products
- Knowledge of budgetary processes
- Knowledge of contract management and performance