

Coby Skye, PE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW)

Deputy Director, Environmental Services | 2022 – 2024

- Led a team of 3 Division Heads responsible for Environmental Programs, Sewer Maintenance, and Fleet divisions with over 400 combined staff coordinating public works services and the maintenance of an 1,800-vehicle fleet.
- Led numerous public work initiatives driving sustainability and waste reduction, such as accelerating the transition to zero emission vehicles and implementing new residential and commercial organic waste collection services.
- Negotiated with the CA Regional Water Quality Control Board to define and execute sewer treatment plants improvements that will meet aggressive new water quality standards.
- Updated the policies and programs in the Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future, which became the Los Angeles County Zero Waste Plan, to achieve a regional 2045 zero waste goal to reinforce and align County leadership on waste and recycling initiatives.
- Coordinated an extensive stakeholder engagement process to prepare the Los Angeles County Zero Waste Plan, which included meetings with local and state government officials as well as Fortune 500 company representatives. This plan was adopted unanimously by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2022.

Assistant Deputy Director (Division Head), Environmental Programs Division | 2018 - 2022

- Controlled a \$40M division budget and led over 160 staff, including represented/non-represented managers, supervisors, engineers, inspectors, and administrative staff.
- Coordinated trash, recycling, and organic waste collection service contracts for over 1.1M residents and 20,000 businesses in County unincorporated communities.
- Oversaw 30 Field Inspectors and their Supervisors to develop and execute the country's largest field inspection program for consolidated underground storage tank, industrial waste, stormwater, and solid waste.
- Provided regulatory oversight for solid waste transfer, processing, and disposal facilities in close partnership with the Local Enforcement Agency, including conditional use permits for some of the country's largest landfills.
- Evaluated and updated the Integrated Waste Management Plan and other solid waste planning documents for the County of Los Angeles to impact over 10M residents within the most populous county in the United States.
- Spearheaded wildfire debris removal operations in collaboration with California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), FEMA, and multiple local, state and federal agencies. Assisted hundreds of impacted properties during the 2018 Woolsey Fire and the 2021 Lake and Bobcat Fires to clear potentially hazardous debris and begin the rebuilding process.

Principal Engineer, Traffic Safety and Mobility Division | 2016 - 2018

- Reviewed and approved signing and striping plans, signal timing, street lighting, and other traffic improvements to enhance transportation and traffic management in Los Angeles County.
- Developed the County's first draft of the Vision Zero initiative, aiming to reduce traffic fatalities to zero by 2035.

Various Civil Engineer titles, Environmental Programs Division | 1999 - 2016

- Led and oversaw a team of up to 20 employees to complete technical and administrative assignments regarding recycling, waste reduction, public education, environmental protection, and solid waste management.
- Headed the Illegal Dumping Prevention and Public Education Program, including the design and adoption of the Mandatory Trash Collection Ordinance by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2007.
- Led the Southern California Conversion Technology Program, a multi-year research and development effort that supported the development of advanced regional waste diversion facilities in Southern California.
- Led a stakeholder-driven process to prepare LA County's Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinance, a plastic bag ban adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2010 and later emulated by jurisdictions throughout California. This Ordinance led to the passage of Senate Bill 270 in 2014 with subsequent voter confirmation in 2016 via Prop 67, and ultimately the source reduction of millions of single-use plastic carryout bags each year.
- Created the Los Angeles County Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future, adopted unanimously by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2014.
- Oversaw the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management Program including 60 annual temporary collection events, 9 permanent HHW collection centers, and other ancillary programs to collect used oil, batteries, medications, sharps waste, and other difficult to manage waste streams.
- Updated the County's State and Federal Legislative Agenda. Among changes to better support policies related to source reduction and the circular economy, language was adopted to better support Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies through legislation.
- Championed the passage of statewide legislation, including County-sponsored Senate Bill 498 (signed by the Governor in 2014).
- Collaborated with the multi-department EPR Working Group on the Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste EPR Ordinance, enabling the passage of Senate Bill 212 in 2018 which established a Statewide EPR program for pharmaceutical and sharps waste.
- Supported technical programs and assignments related to recycling, waste reduction, public education, environmental protection, and solid waste management.

EDUCATION

- Master of Public Administration (MPA) | California State University, Long Beach - Long Beach, CA
- Bachelor of Science (BS), Civil & Environmental Engineering | Polytechnic University - Brooklyn, NY

ADDITIONAL ROLES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Civil Engineer | State of California
- Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling | State of California
- Climate Resilient & Sustainable City Commission | City of Long Beach
- Board of Directors (elected) | California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA)
- Advanced Management Training Program | LACPW
- Executive Leadership Development Program | LA County (a USC Price School and LACPW collaboration)