

ROBIN ROHN COURSEN, LLC

SKILLS

Exceptional and recognized skills in environmental program and project management using facilitation, collaborative process, and conflict management

EXPERIENCE

Robin Rohn Coursen LLC | 04/2017 to present

Environmental Facilitation and Collaboration/Team Development

Project Manager | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | 1979 to present

Environmental Project Manager and State Liaison for many EPA environmental Programs- 35 years. Led successful multi-stakeholder collaborative efforts and in-house facilitation for complex and contentious state, tribal and inter-governmental issues. Managed multi-stakeholder and multi-million-dollar clean-up projects in Superfund and under the National Environmental Policy Act. Organized and led conferences and trainings for EPA. Assigned special projects from EPA Headquarters to assist US Agency for International Development to train Guatemalan government in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and develop public participation guidelines for EIA in the Mekong Nations

Objective

“To facilitate Stakeholders and Teams for Consensus, Results and Outcomes”

Environmental, Natural Resources, Federal, Tribal, State, Municipal and International



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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE OR LEADERSHIP

On-going volunteer hours for 30 years using team development and facilitation skills in schools and special needs non-profits. Led and organized two international conferences for the Chromosome 18 Registry in Colorado.

TRAINING & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Education

M.S. Environmental Science, Rutgers University (EPA Internship/Grant)

B.A. Biology, The King's College/Wagner College Study Abroad Program to Germany

Negotiating Environmental Agreements, Lawrence E. Susskind, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Mediation Process, Mares-Dixon and Associates

Advanced Multi-Party Negotiation of Environmental Disputes, Udall Foundation

Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution, CDR and Associates

ToP Facilitation Methods, The Institute of Cultural Affairs in the USA

Meeting Management and Group Facilitation, EPA

Planning, Communicating and Techniques for Effective Public Participation, International Association of Public Participation

National Environmental Policy Act CAA Section 309 Review, Numerous EPA trainings

Superfund Remedial Project Manager, EPA

International Environmental Impact Assessment Training, EPA

Clean Water Act Wetlands 404 Permitting, Army Corps of Engineers

Tribal Training, EPA

Accomplishments

Federal Stakeholders: I have received EPA awards for leadership of several large multi-agency projects. Most recent and notable, the Intermountain West Data Warehouse for Air Quality modeling effort (see www.views.cira.solostate.edu), a collaborative effort for 13 federal and state agencies with assistance from WESTAR-WRAP. My role was to facilitate and lead formation of this collaborative group together with the National Park Service. I developed a Memorandum of Understanding to guide the effort and establish roles and responsibilities of the agencies.

"... unprecedented effort. . . without her work, the agreement probably would not have happened." Carol Campbell, Assistant Regional Administrator, Office of Ecosystem Protection and Remediation, EPA Region 8, 2007-2011.

Other multi-agency work included: Federal Highway Administration/State Departments of Transportation projects in NEPA; Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Forest Service NEPA Oil and Gas projects; Flood projects with Federal Emergency Management; convening of multi-agencies involved with Gold King accident in 2015.

State Stakeholders: For fifteen years I served as State Liaison for two EPA programs during which I identified issues, facilitated stakeholder meetings, trained, and accomplished dispute resolution of contentious issues that were slowing outcomes and site cleanup. These included a RCRA program

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assessment, a Superfund conflict resolution with states and specific to Superfund projects. I have more than eight years' experience working with the Departments of Transportation in NEPA Environmental Impact Statement reviews emphasizing early collaboration for better outcomes.

Tribal: I received agency awards for my facilitation work (often contentious) with numerous tribes in the EPA region. This required thorough understanding of tribal culture and Native American issues which only years of experience can offer. I received an award for convening multi-agency and multi-tribal collaborative effort to improve tribal grant management and identify pilot projects for outcomes.

International:

Between 2014-2016 I represented the United States (through USAID) in a collaborative effort to develop Guidelines for Public Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment in the Mekong Region -five nations led by PactWorld, a non-profit. I advised on guideline development based on U.S. policies, statute, and guidelines, facilitated, presented, and trained, designed a role play for public participation, and presented an online seminar. <https://youtu.be/2ywJt4V2jCU>

In 2008, I participated in an International training for Environmental Impact Assessment in Guatemala. As part of team, we trained the government and private sector in EIA process, review, and public participation.

In 1985, I represented the United States in an information exchange with the German government for the Superfund Program. For 5 months, I met with various stakeholders communicating Superfund clean up principles and learning about German recycling programs.

References

Carol Campbell, Region 8 Assistant Regional Administrator, Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation, retired: (720)-281-2677

Philip Strobel, National Environmental Policy Act Program Director: (303) 312-6704

Bill Murray, Superfund Program Director: (303) 312-6312.