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	 Utah State University, Logan Utah. M.S. Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering (1975) Cal Poly. State Univ., San Luis Obispo. B.S. (Honors) Soil Science (1973)
Organizations/Awards	 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers
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	Previous chair on numerous committees.
	 The Irrigation Association - Previous chair of numerous committees
	California Irrigation Institute
	 United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID)
	Phi Kappa Phi
	• Co-founder of Friends of the Central Highlands (non-profit organization to assist Montagnards in
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	Editorial Board of Irrigation and Drainage Systems (Kluwer Academic Publishers, The Netherland
Awards/Honors:	 Bronze Star Medal for Heroism; ARCOM for Heroism; ARCOM for Meritorious Service (U.S. Army)
	 Commended in Calif. Legislature Resolution No. 365 for international training work (1982).
	 Recipient of National Water and Energy Conservation Award by The Irrigation Association (1986)
	 Outstanding Agricultural Engineer award for the ASAE Pacific Region (1987)
	 1997 Person of the Year - The Irrigation Association
	 1999 Irrigation Person of the Year – Calif. Irrigation Institute
	Sunkist Agriculture Faculty Award (1996)
	 ASCE Journal of I&D Engr. "Best Discussion Award" for 2000
	 Plant Sciences Outstanding Faculty Award (2001)
	 Royce J. Tipton Award (2002) from the Environmental and Water Resources Institute,
	Amer. Society of Civil Engr. (Highest ASCE irrigation and drainage honor)
	 First recipient of the Distinguished Research, Creative Activity and Professional
	Development Award, Cal Poly (2004)
	• Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer (D.WRE); American Academy of Water
	Resources Engineers (AAWRE) (2005)
	 Merriam Irrigation Improvement Award. US Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID) (2005)

Registrations &

Certifications

Registered

Professional Engineer:

Civil (California RCE 28995, July 1978)

Agricultural (California AG 430, March 1979)

• Irrigation (Utah 5662, August 1981)

Certified Irrigation
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Agricultural Surface Irrigation

Agricultural Sprinkler Irrigation

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Languages

English

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Reasonable reading and speaking

Experience/ Qualifications

1978-Present:

- Professor, BioResource and Agricultural Engr. Dept., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.
- Irrigation Training and Research Center, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 (Founder/Director/Chair 1989 - 2000; Chairman of the Board 2000+)

Early Employment Experiences:

- Farm worker during high school and college in California.
- Spec. 5. U.S. Army (1967-1970). 3 tours with 4th Infantry Division in Republic of South Vietnam Combat demolition specialist, helicopter rappelling team, S-5 team, Montagnard training, recon. patrols.
- Keller Engineering (Logan, Utah). Irrigation System Designer.
 Designed several large drip systems in the USSR and Iran. Field investigations in Iran (75-76).
- Wren-Oneal Co. (Fresno, CA). Irrigation System Designer. Designed, sold, and installed drip, sprinkler, and surface systems for a major agricultural irrigation company of California (76-78).
- JM Lord, Inc. (Fresno, CA) Chief engineer and minor partner (1 year leave from Cal Poly). Irrig. design and project planning (81-82)

International Irrigation & Drainage Work

 Work on private and international donor projects in Canada, Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mali, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Tunisia, India, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam, France, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Philippines, China

Present Cal Poly ITRC Project Examples

- · Automation plans, SCADA, and follow-through for numerous irrigation districts
- Water balance and water rights studies for irrigation districts.
- Preparation of modernization guidelines for various irrig. districts in California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Colorado, and Washington
- Technical assistance to several National Wildlife Refuges for improved water management.
- Variable speed electric drive analysis and applications
- Technical assistance for a large secondary waste water treatment project of irrigation water disposal in southern California.

Recent Private Consulting

Expert witness on various irrigation matters.

Other:

Active participant in various organizations (ASCE, IA, USCID) to organize specialty conferences and sessions at regular conferences. For example, service as chairman of 7/02 USCID conference held in SLO; chairman of 11/05 USCID conference held in Portland.

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