

Associate Professor and Extension Irrigation Specialist

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Appointment - 80% Extension, 15% Research, and 5% Service
Utah State University

Special Skills and Expertise

Estimation of irrigation water requirements, irrigation system design, operation, and evaluation, irrigation suitability analysis, conjunctive groundwater and surface water use, groundwater analysis, economics of irrigation, preparation of water right claims, preparation of water conservation and management plans, agriculture and landscape irrigation system assessment, water resources planning, technical litigation support, water rights negotiation support, and water management policy. In role as an Extension Specialist Dr. Allen presents water resources and irrigation information at workshops and provides technical support to Cooperative Extension County Agents and farmers, ranchers, gardeners, and landscaper managers.

Education

Ph.D., Civil Engineering

University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. 1991

M.S., Agricultural & Irrigation Engineering

Utah State University, Logan, Utah. 1980

B.S., Agricultural & Irrigation Engineering

Utah State University, Logan, Utah. 1979

Professional Registrations

Professional Civil Engineer, California, No. C51308, 1994

Professional Civil Engineer, Nevada, No. 011476, 1995

Professional Civil Engineer, Utah, No. 172734-2202, 1987

Professional Civil Engineer, New Mexico, No.15602, 2002

Experience

**Associate Professor and Extension Irrigation Specialist
Utah State University. Logan, Utah**

November 2012 - present

Major objectives are to help facilitate the effective utilization of Utah's water resources to benefit the citizens based on established water rights, current water uses, and future water use needs and opportunities; teach and provide information to students, irrigators, water users, and water organization managers to solve specific problems associated with irrigation and water management; conduct practical research on irrigation management to improve the efficiency of water use in agriculture and landscaping. Current research is to determine the impacts of deficit irrigation based on irrigation cutoff dates on yield and health of pastures and safflower. Other research concerning water use of urban irrigated agriculture and water use in home gardens.

**Senior Engineer
Natural Resources Consulting Engineers, Inc.**

**January 1997-October 2012
Fort Collins, Colorado**

**Senior Engineer
Bookman-Edmonston Engineering, Inc.**

**March 1993-January 1997
Sacramento, California**

**Extension Water Specialist for Southern Nevada
Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nevada**

**March 1992-March 1993
Reno, Nevada**

**Extension Irrigation Engineer and Research Engineer
Utah State University**

**1985-1992
Logan, Utah**

**Irrigation Engineer
Snyder Irrigation and Agri-Services, Inc.**

**1981-1985
Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Irrigation Engineer
Pitcher Irrigation Company**

**1980
Preston, Idaho**

**Research and Teaching Assistant
Utah State University**

**1979-1980
Logan, Utah**

(More detail on experience in Description of Prior Work Experience section.)

Independent Consulting Experience

Dr. Allen provided irrigation management information to irrigators concerning the reclamation of salt-affected soils and irrigation with poor quality saline or sodic water. In addition, he assisted in the design, management, and construction of a 4,500-acre irrigation rehabilitation project, including 12 wells and 35 pivots in Snowville, UT. The annual energy usage dropped from over 9 million kilowatt-hours before rehabilitation to less than 5 million kilowatt-hours after work was completed. He continues to provide support on water right cases that he is identified as the irrigation expert witness.

Computer Skills

- *Hydrologic and Crop Water Requirement Models:* Operated several models

- *Hydraulic Models*: Operated a hydraulic pipeline network program
- *Software and Model Development*: Irrigation Scheduling Models, Crop Water Use Models, Irrigation Depletion Models
- *Programming Languages*: BASIC, FORTRAN

Professional Memberships

- American Society of Civil Engineers
- United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage

Publications and Proceedings (Recent)

Allen, L. Niel (2013). *Water Settlements Involving Agriculture and Urban Water Users – An Engineer’s Perspective*, Proceedings of United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID) Water Management Conference, The Agricultural/Urban Water Interface – Conflicts and Opportunities, Denver, Colorado October 22-25, 2013, pages 81-82. Also published in the Issue No. 144 of the USCID Newsletter, pages 5-10.

Extension Factsheets (Recent) Total of 35 factsheets (2013-2015)

- Allen, N., Creech, J. E., Pace, M., Israelsen, C. E. [*Irrigation of Safflower in Norther Utah.*](#) Utah State University Extension DOI: AG/OilseedCrops/2015-03pr, June 2015.
- Maughan, T., Drost, D. T., Allen, N. [*Vegetable Irrigation – Sweet Pepper and Tomato.*](#) USU Cooperative Extension, June 2015.
- Maughan, T., Drost, D. T., Allen, N. [*Vegetable Irrigation: Squash and Pumpkin.*](#) USU Cooperative Extension, June 2015.
- Maughan, T., Drost, D. T., Allen, N. [*Vegetable Irrigation – Onion.*](#) USU Cooperative Extension, June 2015.
- Pace, M., Israelsen, C. E., Creech, J. E., Allen, N. [*Growing Safflower in Utah.*](#) Utah State University Extension DOI: AG/OilseedCrops/2015-02pr, February 2015.
- Maughan, T., Drost, D. T., Allen, N., Black, B. L. [*Vegetable Irrigation – Melon.*](#) USU Extension, February 2015.
- Israelsen, C. E., Pace, M., Creech, J. E., Allen, N. [*Dryland Safflower Response to Dormant Seeding in Utah.*](#) Utah State University Extension DOI: AG/OilseedCrops/2015-01pr, February 2015.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Nelson, M. [*Simple sprinkler performance testing for Beaver County.*](#) Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Johnson, M. S. [*Simple sprinkler performance testing for Blanding, Utah.*](#) Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Pace, M. [*Simple sprinkler performance testing for Box Elder County.*](#) Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Beddes, T. [*Simple sprinkler performance testing for Cache County.*](#) Utah State University Extension, May 2013.

- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Patterson, R. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Carbon County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Cooper, T. D. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Duchesne County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Worwood, D. R. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Emery County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Wilde, T. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Fillmore, Utah](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Heaton, K. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Garfield County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Johnson, M. S. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Hanksville, Utah](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Schaible, C. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Iron County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Heaton, K. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Kane County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Wilde, T. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Millard County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Johnson, M. S. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Moab, Utah](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Johnson, M. S. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Monticello, Utah](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Barnhill, J. V. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Morgan County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Wagner, K. M. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Salt Lake County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Palmer, M. D. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Sanpete County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Greenhalgh, L. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Tooele County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Seaver, M. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Utah County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Sulser, A. R. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Wasatch County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Goodspeed, J. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Weber County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Hunter, B., Allen, N. [Simpler Sprinkler Performance Testing for Davis County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Banks, J. E. [Simple Sprinkler Performance Testing for Juab County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.

- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Gale, J. A. [Simple Sprinkler Performance Testing for Sevier County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Banks, S. J., Kopp, K., Allen, N. [Simple Sprinkler Performance Testing for Summit County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Kitchen, B. M. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Uintah County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.
- Kopp, K., Allen, N., Heflebower, R. [Simple sprinkler performance testing for Washington County](#), Utah State University Extension, May 2013.

Factsheets in Preparation

- T. Maughan, L. N. Allen, and D. Drost. [Soil Moisture Measurement and Sensors](#). Under Review October 2015.
- Allen, L. Niel, [Field Crop Irrigation Strategies for Water-Short Years](#)
- Allen, L. Niel, [Drip Irrigation of Small Plots](#)
- Allen, L. Niel, [Garden Irrigation Basics](#)

Book Chapter and Reviews (Recent)

- Steinitz, T., Wagner, K. M., Drost, D. T., Alston, D. G., Hunter, B., Nischwitz, C., Ramirez, R., Allen, N., Barnhill, J. V., Frame, D., Pace, M., Durward, C., Reeve, J., Jewkes, M., Heflebower, [A Guide to Common Organic Gardening Questions](#) – (Irrigation Section) Utah State University Cooperative Extension, Published Summer 2014.
- Assisted in the review of 4 chapters in a book on [Agriculture Production in Sub-Saharan Africa](#). The chapters included Crop Nutrient Management, Weed Management for Sustainable Crop Production, Insect, Pests and Disease Control and Crop Establishment. The book is currently at the publishers.
- Reviewer for manuscript in November 2013, submitted to Irrigation and Drainage, ScholarOne Manuscripts

Newsletters (Recent)

- L. N. Allen. [Irrigation Strategies – Water and Land for Agriculture](#), News article for Northern Utah Water Users. A Newsletter of the Blacksmith Fork, North Cache, and Northern Utah and West Box Elder Conservation Districts’ Spring 2015 Specialist Edition.
- L. N. Allen. [Irrigation Strategies for Water-Short Years](#) – Published in the May 2014 Utah Farm Bureau News (Volume 60, Number 4. Pages 13 and 21.
- L. N. Allen. [Water Settlements Involving Agriculture and Urban Water Users - An Engineer's Perspective](#) – Published in the United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (U.S. Society for Irrigation and Drainage Professionals) Newsletter – Spring 2013, Issue No. 114.

- L. N. Allen. [Water Bank Use in Cache County Utah](#) News article for the Blacksmith Fork, North Cache, and Northern Utah and West Box Elder Conservation Districts' newsletter at the request of the Cache County Water Department Manager. Spring 2013.
- L. N. Allen. [Water Markets](#) News article for the Blacksmith Fork, North Cache, and Northern Utah and West Box Elder Conservation Districts' newsletter at the request of the Cache County Water Department Manager. Spring 2013.

Media (recent)

- Utah Public Radio, [The Source: Ditch Water – The Pioneer Gift We Hope Will Keep on Giving](#). September 25, 2015.
- [USU Extension Water Impacts](#). Video by featuring Extension Specialist. June 2015.
- Utah Public Radio, [Irrigation Research Will Help Farmers Manage Water](#). June 12, 2015. A 20 minute interview was aired on June 12, 2015.
- KSL Channel 5 News. Portions of interview on [Irrigation Research](#) was part of the 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM news on June 12, 2015. The viewership is about 98,000 households.
- Allen, N., Drost, D. T., [Onion Drip Irrigation](#). YouTube USU Extension. February 2015.
- Allen, N., [Onion Furrow Irrigation](#). YouTube USU Extension, February 2105.

Website (Recent)

- Established an Extension Irrigation Website in 2014. <https://extension.usu.edu/irrigation/>. During the past year there have been about 6,300 page views.

Funded Grants and Research (Recent)

Fourteen funded proposal for a total of \$418,720, including \$208,663 through Sponsored Programs, with the balance from Utah Agriculture Experiment Station, Extension, and Utah Mineral Lease Fund for Water Related Research. Funding in 2015 is \$184,796, \$163,000 is form outside the University.

[Technical Paper concerning GridET Software including Methodology, Comparison of Reference ET, Results, and Modeling](#), L. Niel Allen and Clayton Lewis, funded by Utah Division of Water Resources and Utah Division of Water Rights October 2015 \$17,000.

[Verification of Water Conservation from Deficit Irrigation Pilot Projects in the Upper Colorado River Basin](#). S. D. Bechtel Jr Foundation. Allen, N., Torres-Rua, A. September 2015, \$50,000.

[Verification of Water Conservation from Deficit Irrigation Pilot Projects in the Upper Colorado River Basin](#). Walton Family Foundation. Allen, N., Torres-Rua, A. September 2015, \$96,000.

[Pasture Water Use Efficiency and Irrigation Management to Conserve Water](#), July 2015. The research is at the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station at the Intermountain

Irrigated Pasture Project in Lewiston, Utah. L. Niel Allen, Utah Agriculture Experiment Station Grant. \$7,800.

[*Developing Resources and Extension Curriculum for Urban Food Producers.*](#) USU Extension. Allen, N., Black, B. L. (PI), Drost, D. T. March 2015. \$9,996

[*Extension Internship - Irrigation Research Assistant.*](#) USU Extension. N. Allen. March 2015, \$4,000.

[*Impact of Urban Irrigated Agriculture on Utah's per Capita Water Use.*](#) Utah Mineral Lease funding through the Utah Water Research Laboratory, L. Niel Allen and A. Tyler Pratt (MS student), August 2014. \$65,041.

[*Effects of Irrigation Management on Safflower Production and Alternaria Leaf Spot Disease.*](#) Niel Allen (PI), Earl Creech, Clark Israelsen, and Michael Pace. April 2014, Extension Grant \$7,460.

[*Pasture Water Use Efficiency and Irrigation Management to Conserve Water.*](#) July 2014. The research is at the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station at the Intermountain Irrigated Pasture Project in Lewiston, Utah. L. Niel Allen, Utah Agriculture Experiment Station Grant. \$9,270.

[*Water Use in Home Gardens.*](#) State Legislator Grant through Utah State University Extension part of \$500,000 water initiative grant, July 2014 \$30,000.

[*Plant Potential Consumptive Use and Surface Evapotranspiration Estimates for Utah Using a Gridded Weather Forcing Dataset.*](#) funded by Utah Division of Water Resources and Utah Division of Water Rights, L. Niel Allen and Clayton Lewis, October 2014 \$45,663.

[*Effects of Irrigation Management on Safflower Production and Alternaria Leaf Spot Disease.*](#) Niel Allen (PI), Earl Creech, Clark Israelsen, and Michael Pace. April 2013, Extension Grant. \$7,200.

[*Pasture Water Use Efficiency and Irrigation Management to Conserve Water.*](#) July 2013. The research is at the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station at the Intermountain Irrigated Pasture Project in Lewiston, Utah. L. Niel Allen, Utah Agriculture Experiment Station Grant. \$13,550.

[*Impact of Short-Season Irrigation on Pasture Yield.*](#) Utah Agriculture Experiment Station. L. Niel Allen, Five-year project which began in 2013. \$55,740.

Proposal that were not Funded (Recent) Total \$2,985,728

Allen, N., A., Hill, R. W., Walker, W. [*Proposal to Provide On-Farm Water Management Training - USAID Training for Pakistan.*](#) World Learning, February 2015, \$98,935.

(PI) Budge, S. (Co-PIs) Allen, N. McKee, M. Marchant, A. [*MRI: Development of MicroLIDAR for Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in Precision Ag and Public Safety Environments.*](#) NFS, January 2015. \$476,288.

- (PI) Moon, T. (Co-PIs) Allen, N. McKee, M. Qi, X. Torres-Rua, A. *PFI: BIC: SUAS Human-Interface and Orthorectification Challenges for Precision Agriculture*. NFS, March 2015, \$881,249.
- Allen, N. (PI), Creech, J. E., Torres-Rua, A. F., Jensen, A. *Improvement of On-Farm Irrigation Water Use Using Aerial Imagery from Small Unmanned Aerial Systems*. UDSA, April 2014, \$488,970.
- McKee, M. (PI), Moon, T. K., Allen, N., Jensen, A., Sharma, R. *NRI: Co-Farmers: Small, Intelligent Unmanned Aerial Systems for Precision Agriculture*, USDA and NSF, January 2014. \$1,040,286.

Consulting Partnerships (Recent)

- USU Contact and Coordinator for Water and Development IDIQ, [Solicitation Number: SOL-OAA-13-000033](#), Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington D.C. Utah State University is a member of the Natural Resources Consulting Engineers Team that was awarded a contract. Assad Safadi, Senior Vice President, ASafadi@nrce.com
- USU Contact and Coordinator for MCC Water, Sanitation and Irrigation BPA - MCC-15-RFQ-0045, USU is a member of the Tetra Tech Team that was awarded a contract. Jane Carpenito, Senior Vice President jane.carpenito@tetrattech.com

Academic and Research Mentoring (Recent) 12 students

- Diaz, Manuel. PhD Committee Chair. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. August 2015 – Present
- Parajuli, Kshitij. PhD Committee Member. *Advance Methods to Quantify Actual Evapotranspiration in Montane Ecosystems*. Plant Soil and Climate Department. August 2015 - Present
- Stott, Lance. MS Committee Member. *Techniques for Achieving Precision Drought Stress in Orchards*. Plant, Soil, and Climate Department. October 2014 - Present
- Fulton, Ryan. MS Committee Member. Plan C Course Work. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. October 2014 - Present
- Pratt, Arthur Tyler. MS Committee Chair. *Impact of Urban Irrigated Agriculture on Utah's per Capita Water Use*. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. August 2014 – Present.
- Davanny, Nicki. MS Committee Member. *Effectiveness of Agricultural Best Management Practices at Reducing Nutrient Loading in Watershed Runoff*. Watershed Science Department. January 2014 - Present
- Masoudiahstiani, Saeid Ph.D. committee Member. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. October 2013 - Present

Salha, Ali. PhD Committee Member. *Irrigated Watershed Modeling*. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department October 2013 - Present

Elarab, Manal. PhD Committee Member. *The application of unmanned aerial vehicle to precision agriculture: Chlorophyll, nitrogen and evapotranspiration estimation*. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department April 2013 - Present

Ruckert, Alice. *Interaction between Water Stress and Neonicotinoid Insecticides on Spider Mite Infestations in Corn*. Biology Department. PhD Committee Member. February 2013 - Present

Urzagaste, Paul. MS Committee Member. *Performance Evaluation of Climate-Based Controllers for Landscape Irrigation in the Intermountain West Plant, Soil, and Climate Department*. November 2012 - 2014

Bachour, Roula. PhD Committee Member. *Evapotranspiration Modeling and Forecasting for Efficient Management of Irrigation Command Areas*. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. October 2012 – August 2013.

Research Support (Recent) 7 students

Olson, Alex - Internship Grant through Extension for research support. May 2015-present

Saunders, Jason - Irrigation Research Assistant – May 2015 Present

Pratt, A. Tyler – MS research Civil and Environmental Engineering Department August 2014 to present.

Lewis, Clayton - Research PhD – October 2014 – Present

Masoudiahstiani, Saeid

Castro, Phillip -Research Assistant – May 2013- April 2015

Lloyd (Kent), Holly - Research Assistant - May 2013- December 2014

Service/Committees (Recent) 13Committees

Extension Service – Selection Committee for Bear River Watershed Coordinantor
Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Faculty Search, Irrigation Engineering Position. October 2015 - Present

USDA National Institution of Food and Agriculture proposal reviewer (January 2015).

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), IEEE SusTech 2015 Conference, Co-Chair of Agriculture Sustainability Sessions, Invited speakers and paper submissions. July 30-31, 2015. Ogden, Utah. April 2015-July 2015.

Urban and Small Farm Conference Planning Committee, July 2014 - Present

Utah State University 2015 Year of Water, June 2014 – February 2015

Utah Hay and Forage Symposium Committee, May 2014 - Present

Extension Water Initiative Committee, March 2014 - Present

[Irrigation Division Planning Committee](#) August 2013 – December 2014

New faculty search committee, October 2014- April 2015 (selected Dr. Ardeshir Mohammad Ebtehaj)

Northern Utah Water Conference Planning Committee, February 2013-Present

Utah Water User's Workshop Planning Committee November 2012-Present

Cache County Water Master Plan Steering Committee. 2013.

Extension Workshops and Presentations (36 Presentations)

(Total Attendance of 2,364 in 36 Workshop Presentations)

2013 – Presented at 9 workshops/conference with a total attendance of 577.

2014 – Presented at 9 workshops/conferences with a total attendance of 415.

2015 - Presented at 18 workshops/conferences with a total attendance of 1,372.

Presentation Title	Date	Attendance
Utah League of Cities and Townes, Extension Water Programs, Salt Lake City, Utah	September 17, 2015	75
WERA 1022 Utah Research Report – Meteorological and Climate Data to Support ET-Based Irrigation Scheduling, Water Conservation, and Water Resources Management. Western Extension Research Association (WERA), Fort Collins, Colorado.	September 3-4, 2015	29
Egyptian Delegation, Western US Irrigation Overview, Logan, Utah	August 18, 2015	7
Onion Field Day, Onion Irrigation, various locations Box Elder County, Utah	August 11, 2015	50
IEEE SusTech Conference (Ag Sustainability Session Co-Chair 2 sessions) and Speaker on Irrigation Scheduling based on Plant and Climate Measurements , Ogden, Utah	July 31, 2015	6
Cache Water District Exploratory Meeting (participant) North Logan, Utah	July 14, 2015	60
Agriculture and Natural Resource Legislative Committee Meeting, Extension Water Programs, Logan, Utah	July 10, 2015	30
2015 Western Society of Crop Science Annual Meeting Safflower Irrigation Research , Wellsville, Utah	June 16-17, 2015	30
Six County Government Organization, Extension Water Programs, Richfield, Utah	June 3, 2015	50
Cache Highline Canal, Urban Irrigation Research, Hyde Park Utah	April 7, 2015	500
Utah Water Users Workshop, Irrigation Scheduling Using Electronic Measurements, St. George, Utah	March 17-18, 2015	54
Utah Water Users Workshop, Extension Initiatives, St. George, Utah	March 17-18, 2015	97
Rich County Crop School, Irrigation Management for Water-Short Years , Randolph, Utah	February 25, 2015	25
Oilseed School, Safflower Irrigation Research , Logan Utah	February 24, 2015	160
Utah Division of Water Rights and Water Resources (Crop Evapotranspiration Training) Salt Lake City, Utah	February 23, 2015	13

Presentation Title	Date	Attendance
Urban and Small Farm Workshop – Drip Irrigation , Speaker and chaired a session, West Jordan, Utah	February 18, 2015	71
Utah Horticulture Conference (Fruit Growers) Using Climate Measurement to Predict Peach Tree Evapotranspiration , Spanish Fork, Utah	January 22, 2015	35
Sevier County Crop School (Irrigation Management) Richfield, Utah	January 22, 2015	80
International Visitor Leadership Program, USU Office of Global Engagement - Water Resources Management	August 22, 2014	8
Wheeler Historical Farms - Drip Irrigation Workshop	August 16, 2014	21
USU Office of Global Engagement - Irrigation in Utah and United States	August 7, 2014	6
Biofuel National Board - Field Presentation on Safflower Irrigation Management	June 25, 2014	9
Agriculture Irrigation Management - Northern Utah Mini Water Conference	April 2, 2014	110
Garden and Landscape Irrigation, Brigham City, Utah	March 11, 2014	18
Annual Extension Conference - Safflower Irrigation Presentation of Results, Logan, Utah	March 6, 2014	28
Oilseed Growers School - Research Report on Irrigation of Safflower , Logan, Utah	February 21, 2014	140
Onion Growers Meeting - Irrigation Strategies for Water Short Years, Brigham City, Utah	February 11, 2014	75
Utah Division of Water Rights - Water Measurement Training and Workshop , Professional Development, Salt Lake City and Video Broadcast to other locations.	December 11, 2013	75
US Committee on Irrigation and Drainage Meeting - Water Settlements, Denver, Colorado	October 23, 2013	45
Workshop on Irrigation of Landscape and Gardens, Hyde Park, Utah	May 8, 2013	23
Utah Water Users Workshop - Water Marketing, Saint George, Utah	March 20, 2013	40
Utah Irrigation Expo - Presentation on Irrigation Water Use, Spanish Fork, Utah	February 28, 2013	30
Urban and Small Farm Conference - Small Plot Irrigation, Salt Lake City, Utah	February 27, 2013	40
2013 Oil Seed School - Irrigation of Safflower, Logan, Utah	February 26, 2013	140
2013 Utah Hay and Forage Symposium - Irrigation Strategies for Water-short Years, Saint George, Utah	February 1, 2013	145
Water Banks - Cache County Water Master Plan Public Meeting, Nibley, Utah	January 16, 2013	39

Teaching

Field Irrigation System Design and Evaluation (CEE 5001/6001) 3 semester credits. Evaluation, design and management of surface, sprinkle, and drip irrigation systems including system automation and maintenance. Taught fall 2015.

Guest Lecture – **ASTE 1010 – Introduction to Agricultural Systems Technology** - School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, Irrigation Fundamental Lecture, Fall 2014

Description of Prior Work Experience

Senior Engineer

Natural Resources Consulting Engineers, Inc.

January 1997-October 2012

Fort Collins, Colorado

Technical Group Leader and Project Manager of Natural Resources Consulting Engineers, Inc. (NRCE) Agricultural Engineering Group. Managed numerous consulting contracts and professional staff on projects totaling around \$1,000,000 per year in fees. Prepared the proposals, scopes of work, and cost estimates for many of these projects.

- Estimated crop water and irrigation diversion requirements.
- Designed on-farm irrigation, water conveyance, and water distribution systems.
- Provided cost estimates for practicably irrigable acreage (PIA) projects.
- Identified and mapped presently and historically irrigated lands.
- Evaluated historical irrigation water use and estimates future irrigation water requirements.
- Assessed irrigation systems and provides information on water conservation and system rehabilitation.
- Provided expert witness reports and testimony concerning irrigation projects and water rights.

Some of his specific projects include:

- Prepared PIA claims for the Pueblo of San Juan, Santa Clara, and San Ildefonso Indian Reservations in New Mexico (State of New Mexico v. Abbott and State of New Mexico v. Aragon).
- Prepared PIA claim and water right negotiations for the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana.

- Evaluated on-farm and district water use and water conservation measures for the Imperial Irrigation District (approximately 460,000 acres of irrigated land) in southern California. The work for Imperial Irrigation District also included analysis and preparation of information for a petition for approval of long-term water transfer of conserved water to San Diego County Water Authority and analysis and report preparation in 2003 for US Bureau of Reclamation Part 417 – Procedural Methods for Implementing Colorado River Water Conservation Measures with Lower Basin contractors and others in the water transfer agreements that are part of the California Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement. Participated in the preparation of an Irrigation System Improvement Study and an Integrated Water Resources Water Management Plan.
- Identified and mapped historically irrigated land on the Shivwits and Acoma Indian Reservations.
- Supervised the mapping and preparation of water right claims for the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in southern Idaho and northern Nevada. Prepared the water right claims that were submitted to the states of Idaho and Nevada.
- Prepared technical information and conducted field investigations concerning irrigation upstream of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.
- Developed a deficit irrigation model to estimate historical depletion by the Hopi and Navajo Indian Reservations from the northern washes of the Little Colorado River in Arizona and New Mexico.
- Prepared a water conservation and management plan, as well as developed a water measurement program for the Wapato Irrigation Project in central Washington. The Wapato Irrigation Project is a 140,000-acre irrigation project on the Yakama Reservation.
- Directed the preparation of an agricultural economic database for the Platte River in Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska. The database was used in the preparation of a Platte River EIS concerning endangered and threatened species that live in and along the Platte River.
- Evaluated and assessed the impacts of the 1999 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation interim operating criteria of the Weber Reservoir in Nevada on the Walker River Indian Reservation irrigated lands. The reservoir was operated at a low level due to safety concerns.
- Evaluated the water right impacts of a proposed Ahtanum Creek off-stream reservoir in Central Washington.
- Assessed irrigation suitability and irrigation delivery system adequacy for approximately 20,000 acres of idle lands in the Wapato Irrigation Project in central Washington.
- Provided expert witness services for the Pueblo of Acoma concerning irrigation water requirements, historically irrigated lands, and water supply in the San Jose River Hydrographic Survey for the Acoma Pueblo (State of New Mexico v. Kerr-McGee Crop.).
- Provided expert testimony concerning water rights in the Ahtanum Creek basin of Washington (Washington State Department of Ecology v. Acquavella, et al.).

- Project Manager for the Zuni River Basin Hydrographic Survey in New Mexico (*United States and State of New Mexico v. State of New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands and A & R Production, et al.*). The hydrographic survey is for the adjudication of the Zuni River Basin.
- Project Manager for the design and construction of the Moapa Band of Paiute Indians Valley of Fire Water System.
- Provided expert technical support in the Quechan Tribe's water rights settlement negotiation for the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation (No. 8, Original State of Arizona, Plaintiff v. State of California et al. in the Supreme Court of the United States). The results of the negotiations were included in the Consolidate Colorado River Decree.
- Provided expert opinion information on retirement of irrigated lands concerning the application for water rights of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. in Prowers County, Colorado (District Court, Water Division 2, Colorado Case No. 2007CW74).
- Prepared expert witness reports and testimony for the United States in *McGuire v. United States* case that was heard in the Federal Court of Claims in 2011. Testified before Honorable Bohdan A. Futey in the United States Court of Federal Claims in the Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Courthouse Phoenix, Arizona in hearing held September 13-15, 2011. The testimony was concerning access to irrigated lands on the Colorado River Indian Reservation and an economic damage claim. After over 10 years in litigation the Judge ruled in favor of the United States and no damages or costs were awarded.
- Provided expert reports and testimony concerning flooding and crop damage in the *O'Toole v. United States* case in Reese River Valley of Nevada. The work resulted in a negotiated settlement between the parties.
- Provided expert reports and testimony concerning beneficial water use in a water right hearing for the El Sur Ranch near Big Sur, California. Testified before the California State Water Resources Control Board concerning Water Right Application 30166 submitted by James J. Hill III for El Sur Ranch, during hearings held June 16, 17, and July 8 and 11, 2011. The testimony was concerning reasonable beneficial water use for irrigation of pasture.

Senior Engineer

Bookman-Edmonston Engineering, Inc.

March 1993-January 1997

Sacramento, California

- Provided analytical support concerning irrigation consumptive use, water rights, environmental considerations, and allocation of water resources for negotiation and litigation purposes.
- Assisted in the preparation of environmental reports concerning water reclamation and development projects.

On specific projects Dr. Allen:

- Provided technical information for negotiations concerning the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation (Montana) reserved water rights.
- Provided technical negotiation support for the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District and the Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance in Fallon, Nevada concerning issues related to water allocation on the Truckee and Carson Rivers.

- Formulated and evaluated agricultural irrigation management and conservation opportunities in the Snake River basin of Idaho and Oregon, increasing Snake River flows by one million acre-feet per year during Salmon migration periods.
- Conducted on-farm irrigation and distribution system evaluations, supplied recommendations for irrigation system modifications and management improvements to increase irrigation efficiencies within five large Mexican irrigation districts.
- Prepared the description, economic analysis, and loan documentation for the construction of a groundwater/surface water conjunctive use and an in-lieu groundwater recharge system for Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District and Semitropic Water Storage District in Kern County, California.
- Determined potential agricultural irrigation demands and prepared cost estimates for facilities needing to recycle up to 290,000 acre-feet per year of water in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties of California, which was part of a study for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.
- Evaluated institutional and physical transfer and exchange mechanisms required to recycle approximately 450,000 acre-feet per year of wastewater from the San Francisco Bay area.
- Evaluated the impact of fallowing irrigated agricultural lands in the Sacramento Valley on the water supply in the Sacramento River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
- Prepared an Integrated Resource Plan for Arvin-Edison Water Storage District located in the Central Valley of California.
- Assisted in the preparation of the Definite Plan Report and DEIS for the Spanish Fork Canyon-Nephi System, which is a 510 cfs, 42-mile water conveyance pipeline and a component of the U.S. Department of the Interior Central Utah Project Bonneville Unit.

**Extension Water Specialist for Southern Nevada
Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nevada**

**March 1992-March 1993
Reno, Nevada**

- Participated in research to determine the suitability of using saline water from shallow perched aquifers in the Las Vegas Valley as an additional source of irrigation water for turf.
- Helped prepare a document to encourage public policy dialogue in forums on managing and allocating water in Nevada, and moderated a public forum in Las Vegas using this document.
- Organized and conducted a technical conference entitled Salinity Effects on Plant-Soil-Water Relationships, which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1993, and concerned the Colorado River Salinity Control Program.
- Taught Irrigation Principles, Irrigation Scheduling, and Irrigation Audit Courses to irrigation and landscape managers in Las Vegas.

**Extension Irrigation Engineer and Research Engineer
Utah State University**

**1985-1992
Logan, Utah**

- Performed urban and agricultural irrigation audits that included evaluation of irrigation pumping plants, hydraulics of mainlines, and adequacy of irrigation systems for over 100 irrigation systems in Utah.

- Provided guidelines for the operation and management of gravity-pressurized sprinkler irrigation systems.
- Assisted in establishing an electronic weather station network in Utah, and helped develop software that allowed the data to be used for crop water requirements and irrigation scheduling.
- Aided in interdisciplinary research on crop growth and yield as affected by environmental conditions and water management. Studied evapotranspiration equations using climatic data and soil moisture measurements from neutron probe readings.
- Other areas of research include consumptive use estimation, nitrate movement determination, and evaluation of the Colorado River Salinity Control Program.
- Helped teach an irrigation management training course, and presented irrigation system management information to water users.

Irrigation Engineer

Snyder Irrigation and Agri-Services, Inc.

1981-1985

Salt Lake City, Utah

- Designed and managed the construction of numerous irrigation systems that considered economics, soils, topography, climate, crops, labor, energy, and water resources in Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho for individual farmers and irrigation companies. The work included the design of pumping plants, pipelines, canals, water control structures, and sprinkler systems.

Irrigation Engineer

Pitcher Irrigation Company

1980

Preston, Idaho

- Supervised the design, development, and construction of irrigation systems in Idaho and Utah.

Research and Teaching Assistant

Utah State University

1979-1980

Logan, Utah

- Conducted some of the first research concerning “surge irrigation”, with an emphasis on the advance rate of water down furrows.
- Assisted in teaching a Water Law and Institution course.

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