# Brendan McGovern

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#### **EDUCATION**

Master of Environmental Science and Management, 3.97 GPA (Expected June 2022)

Bren School of Environmental Science & Management – University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Specializations: Water Resources Management and Corporate Environmental Management

Awards: Sustainable Water Markets Fellowship 2022 - \$10,000 Scholarship

Highlighted Coursework: Corporate Environmental Management; Environmental Water Transactions and Markets;

Watershed Analysis; Data Analysis; Cost-Benefit Analysis; and Environmental Negotiation (by June 2022)

# $\textbf{Bachelor of Arts in Political Science \& Bachelor of Arts in History} \ (June\ 2012)$

University of California, Davis (UCD)

Study Exchange: UC Washington Program (UCDC) – Washington, D.C. (3/12-6/12)

# **MASTER'S GROUP PROJECT**

# **Data Manager, Financing Future Forests in the Tahoe Central Sierras** (3/21-Present)

Client: Blue Forest Conservation, Oakland, CA

- Facilitated 20+ semi-structured interviews and GIS participatory mapping to identify opportunities for beneficiaries to contribute financially to expedite forest management and wildfire risk reduction strategies
- Utilizing modeling techniques to measure changes to ecosystem services under future climate and management scenarios

# **CURRENT EXPERIENCE**

# **AMP Insights - Research Intern**, Remote (6/21-9/21)

- Coordinated data collection of water demand and supply in the Klamath Basin to assess future water availability
- Presented project updates to clients and discussed scope changes as needed
- Analyzed and compiled county agricultural statistics and water statistics to provide insight in water demand and consumption for projects across the western U.S.

# **Blue Forest Conservation - Summer Associate**, Remote (6/21-8/21)

- Designed and administered survey to 500+ stakeholders in the Tahoe-Central Sierra region to determine organizational interest in specific ecosystem service benefits
- Developed GIS participatory mapping tool to identify benefits and areas of importance to stakeholder organizations

#### Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory - Project Administrator, Berkeley, CA (1/20-6/21)

- Project management and operational support to 3 senior research scientists and their teams by developing processes to improve the financial and operational management of their research
- Managed organization and data management processes for new research consortium to facilitate collaboration between 150 researchers across 7 national labs, 8 private companies, and 3 universities
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee member for Energy and Distributed Resources Division (May 2020-June 2021)

# National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine – Multiple roles, Washington, D.C. (8/14-12/19) Water Science and Technology, Research Associate (9/19-12/19)

- Conducted research, literature reviews, and synthesized data on topics related to reservoir operations, direct
  potable reuse, stormwater and graywater reuse, flood risk and watershed analysis
- Contributed to consensus study reports and responded to reviewer comments on project deliverables
- Drafted presentations, briefing materials, and assisted in briefings to stakeholders and congressional staff
- Assisted in research of 3-4 projects simultaneously, with timelines between 15-18 months and budgets between \$500,000-\$1,200,000, while supporting 30-45 water science and engineering technical experts

#### Water Science and Technology, Research Assistant (4/17-8/19), Senior Program Assistant (8/14-4/17)

- Coordinated project workflow, including project and financial reporting to sponsors and operational support
- Planned and assisted in facilitating meetings and workshops, field and site visits, and external reviews

#### PAST EXPERIENCE

Program Assistant, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C. (8/13-8/14) Environmental Security Intern, Henry L. Stimson Center, Washington, D.C. (1/13-8/13) Security and Sustainability Intern, Global Green USA, Washington, D.C. (8/12-1/13)

#### **SKILLS**

**Computer**: Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite (Photoshop and Illustrator), Google Suite, and Maptionnaire, and Constant Contact **Programming**: R Statistical Software, ArcGIS, and QGIS

Other Relevant Skills: NEPA/CEQA

Activities: Environmental Justice Club, John Muir Trail 2018