

Bonnie Low
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Bonnie has worked with local government since the early 1990's, primarily in the field of solid waste management and household hazardous waste. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts from Simpson University.

She has experience working with rural jurisdictions, having begun her career in Tehama County, and spending five years as the Butte County Recycling Coordinator. Her most significant contributions in Butte County included landing a \$370,000 Used Oil Opportunity Grant with which she implemented an Agricultural Oil Collection & Amnesty Program, curbside used oil collection for the Town of Paradise, a mobile HHW service to reach the remote rural areas of Butte County, and effectively promoted the use of re-refined motor oil through an innovative Sprint car racing contract at the Silver Dollar Speedway.

From 2002 to mid-2008, Bonnie worked for the City of Redding as part of the management staff of the City's Solid Waste Utility. During this time, she supervised the Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste and Customer Service Divisions of Redding's Solid Waste Utility. She directed the City's 2002 New Base Year Study for AB939 compliance, developed the Utility's safety program, and participated in master planning for the expansion of the Transfer Station and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. She helped found the Shasta County Sharps Task Force and participated in the Countywide Pandemic Flu Coordinating Committee. She also worked with Redding Electric Utility and the Shasta Builder's Exchange on [Redding's Earth Advantage Program](#) to develop the solid waste component of this green building program. Additionally, Bonnie has worked to promote and create an awareness of the principles of Product Stewardship and believes that involvement from product manufacturers and retailers *now* is an essential element of future sustainability.

Her primary areas of responsibility have been in program development and implementation, project management, grant writing and administration, compliance, safety, and training. Throughout her career, Bonnie has managed approximately \$1 million in grants from the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the California Department of Conservation, and the Food and Drug Administration.

She holds a 40-Hr. HAZWOPER certificate, 24-Hr. Hazardous Waste Site Supervisor Certificate, and the OSHA 511 (Standards for General Industry) certificate. She is currently pursuing a Professional Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health from UC Davis and a Watershed Management certificate through the US EPA's Watershed Academy. Bonnie has been a member of the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA), the National Solid Waste Management Association (NSWMA), and the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).