



COLORADO

Water & Wastewater Facility
Operators Certification Board

Department of Public Health & Environment

BIOGRAPHIES

Gabrielle (Gabby) Begeman, a Colorado native, is a senior facilities operator, operations manager and compliance officer for ORC Water Professionals, a Front Range based contract operations firm with an established clientele throughout Colorado and Wyoming. She holds class A licenses in Water, Wastewater and Industrial Treatment as well as class 4 Distribution and Collections systems certificates. She graduated from the University of Denver in 2005 with a BS in Environmental Science. She has been operating, maintaining, designing and building treatment plants for small facilities since 2001. Term expires June 30, 2018.

Blair Corning is a Colorado native that grew up in the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado. He is currently the Environmental Manager at South Adams County Water and Sanitation District in Commerce City. Blair has worked at SACWSD for over 18 years. He has been involved in many areas of water and wastewater operations including water quality, planning, and regulatory compliance. Blair has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of Idaho, a Graduate Certificate in Water Quality from CU Denver, and is a graduate of the AWWA Utility Management Institute through Utah State University. Blair holds certifications in Water-A, Wastewater-A, Collections-4, and is registered as a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) through the Institute for Professional Environmental Practice. Term expires June 30, 2020.

Allen Coyne is a Colorado native. Allen is the Town Manager for Julesburg, Colorado. He has worked in local government for 46 years; with Phillips County, the City of Holyoke and, for the last 25 years, with Julesburg. Allen has been certified in water, wastewater collection and distribution operations since 1982. Allen helped Julesburg develop its reverse osmosis water plant and a new wastewater plant. He serves as a 12-year member and Treasurer of the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District. Allen is a 10-year member and Chair of the Colorado Rural Water Association. He has previously served the Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Board for 14 years. Term expires June 30, 2020.

Robi Darcy is the water treatment operator for the Town of Basalt water system including regulatory compliance. Robi has seen the Town of Basalt water system through much growth and many upgrades including installation of a membrane microfiltration plant, addition of several wells, storage tank, Micro-hydro facility, gas chlorine conversion, and SCADA system. Being a staff of one operating and complying with requirements of a GWUDI and ground water system with 4 treatment plants Robi understands the challenges small system operators face. Term expires June 30, 2020.

Ron Falco is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Colorado. Ron has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Vanderbilt University. Ron spent 13 years working for a small environmental engineering firm headquartered in Nashville, eventually becoming its Director of Operations. In 2000, Ron joined the Water Quality Control Division as the Engineering Section manager. In 2006, Ron became the Safe Drinking Water Program Manager and has been involved in developing and implementing the Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulations, including helping water systems with radionuclide

problems and mitigating risks of waterborne disease outbreaks. Term expires June 30, 2020.

Bill Hogrewe, Ph.D., P.E. is a Rural Development Specialist with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). At RCAC, Bill provides technical assistance and training for small community water and wastewater operators and managers. He is an Environmental Engineer with over 35 years of planning, funding, design, construction, and operation of small and large water and wastewater facilities. Bill received his Ph.D. in environmental engineering from the University of Colorado and is a registered engineer in Colorado and Arizona. Bill moved to Colorado in 1981 from Alabama. Term expires June 30, 2018.

Ray Padgett is the Environmental Projects Manager for Cargill Meat Solutions. He has worked in the water/wastewater treatment industry since 1979. His experience includes positions from shift operator to general manager in small to medium systems in both the private and public sector. He has worked in most phases of water and wastewater treatment, been involved in new plant startups and major renovations, and held positions with JMM and Ch2M/Hill engineering firms in operations and training capacities. Ray holds Class A Water, Class C Wastewater, Level 4 Distribution and Level 2 Collections System certifications. Term expires June 30, 2019.

Tom Settle is the Water Treatment Manager for the City of Boulder and currently serves as the chair to the Board. He has 40 years experience, starting as a plant operator and working in all facets of drinking water supply including raw water delivery, watershed management, and water quality compliance. He has held a Colorado Class A certification in water treatment since 1978 and has a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado. Tom has served on various operator certification committees and is a past president of Colorado Certification and Testing Incorporated (CECTI). Term expires June 30, 2017.

Steve Walker is the Principal Operations Specialist for Carollo Engineers. He holds State of Colorado Class A certifications in Wastewater and Industrial Wastewater. Steve holds an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Water Quality management from Red Rocks Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Technical and Industrial Administration from Metro State College. A member of the Water Environmental Federation since 1988, he serves on the RMWEA Joint Technical Activities Committee. Term expires June 30, 2017.

Lance Wenholz is a Transmission Supervisor at Metro Wastewater Reclamation District in Denver. He has been with Metro since 1993. He has served on the District's Safety and Security Committee -- including chairing the Program Development subcommittee -- as well as the Health and Fitness Committee. Lance holds Colorado Class 4 Collection Systems and Class D Wastewater Certifications, plus degrees in Water Quality Management, and Business Management and Supervision. A Colorado native, Lance currently resides with his family in Lakewood. Term expires June 30, 2019.