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I first joined the City of La Grande in May 1998 as an Associate Planner; and, was promoted to my current position of City Planner in 2004. I have a wide range of experience and education in community development, land use planning, development code updates, and land use permitting. I have facilitated stakeholder and public involvement processes for numerous projects relating to land use, comprehensive planning and transportation planning. Recent projects included reviewing plans and policies for comprehensive plan and transportation plan updates; drafting code and plan amendments for the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan; and, drafting findings for Urban Growth Boundary amendments, rezoning and other comprehensive plan and development code amendments.

Experience and Recent Projects

EXPERTISE & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Project Management
- Land Use Planning
- Land Use Permitting
- Master Plan Development
- Public Involvement
- Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Review
- Policy/Ordinance Drafting
- Floodplain Management
- Historic Landmarks Preservation
- Grant Management
- Budgeting

EDUCATION:

- B.A. Geography (1994)
- Central Washington University

MEMBER:

- American Planning Association (APA)
- Oregon City Planning Directors Association (OCPDA)
- Union County STF Advisory Committee
- Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Committee

- ▶ Comprehensive Plan-Land Use Code Update-Rezone (2011-2013)
 - Project Management Team Leader for ODOT – Transportation and Growth Management Program grant valued at \$110,000.
 - Analysis and Findings Report updating/amending the City of La Grande’s Public Facilities Plans (Water, Sewer and Storm Water)
 - Analysis and Findings Report updating/amending the Transportation Plan
 - Analysis and Findings Report for Rezone lands to industrial
- ▶ Oregon State Historic Preservation Office – Preserving Oregon Grant (2011)
 - Historic District Façade Improvement Program, leveraging grant funding to facilitate over \$90,000 in façade projects.
- ▶ Oregon State Historic Preservation Office – Preserving Oregon Grant (2010)
 - Restoration of Historic Fire Museum, project valued at over \$30,000.
- ▶ Comprehensive Plan-Land Use Code Update-UGB Expansion (2008-2009)
 - Project Management Team Leader for Oregon DLCD – Technical Assistance grant valued at over \$60,000.
 - Analysis and Findings Report for amending the Goal 9 - Economic Development chapter of the comprehensive plan.
 - Analysis and Findings Report for UGB expansion
- ▶ Comprehensive Plan-Land Use Code Update-Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Plan (2006-2007)
 - Project Management Team Leader for Oregon ODOT – Transportation and Growth Management Program grant valued at over \$60,000.
 - Analysis and Findings Report for amending the Transportation System Plan.