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SUMMARY

- A highly motivated and experienced professional with a polytechnic education and hands-on experience in utilizing technology to enhance efficiency, quality, and safety in the field of plant science and integrated pest management. Strong work ethic and ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

EDUCATION

- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
 - Bachelor of Science in Plant Science: Emphasis in Integrated Pest Management (August 2009 – December 2014)
- Cypress College
 - Engineering: Emphasis in Mechanical Engineering (August 2007 – May 2009)

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

- Pest Control Advisor License (#136618) issued by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)
- Qualified Applicator License (#134560) issued by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)
- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Arborist (TRAQ) (#WE-12333A)
- Certified Wildlife Protector approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Member of the Arborist Safety and Training Alliance (ASCA)
- Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) - Certified Treecare Safety Professional (CTSP)

TECHNOLOGIES

- GIS and GPS Software: Arbor-Note, Survey123, Fulcrum
- Google Suite: Slides, Docs, Sheets, Photos
- Microsoft Office: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, One Note, Outlook, Access
- Adobe Applications: Photoshop, Bridge, Acrobat Pro
- Design Applications: Solidworks, Catia, AutoCAD, GoILawn
- Operating Systems: Windows XP, 7, 8, 10, Android, iOS, Chrome OS

LANGUAGES

- **English:** Native Language
- **Spanish:** Novice Listener, Speaker, Reading and Writing

EXPERIENCE

CDArend Consulting

- Position: Founder/Principal Consultant
- Duration: January 2020 – Present
 - Responsibilities: managing and executing all areas of tree and landscape, including construction, installation and maintenance, irrigation, tree care, and risk assessment, as well as plant health care including pest and disease diagnostics. I have led and executed complex projects such as large-scale tree removals, tree preservation and protection plans, and construction projects requiring preservation of mature trees. I have developed and implemented tree and landscape management plans for commercial and residential properties.

The Original Mowbray's Tree Service, Inc.

- Position: Assistant General Foreman - Safety Supervisor
- Duration: March 2020 – Present
 - Responsibilities: Supervising and observing crews in the field to ensure compliance with company policies and procedures, training and evaluating personnel on chemical use and documentation, maintaining pesticide licenses, assessing areas for improvement in safety culture, communicating with customers, and evaluating employee skills for promotions.

BrightView Tree Care

- Position: Account Manager - Plant Health Care Manager
- Duration: April 2018 – December 2019
 - Responsibilities: Communicating with customers regarding tree needs and requests, recommending preventative and proactive treatments for plant diseases, pests, pathogens, and nutrient issues, creating project estimates, creating and enhancing safety procedures, tracking and updating project spending, costs, invoicing, prices and labor, implementing safety courses and continuing education courses for field employees, and presenting information on basic to advanced concepts, pests, diseases, and diagnostic methods to improve Plant Health Care leads.

Bemus Landscape, Inc.

- Position: Project Manager/Estimator

- Duration: February 2014 – February 2018
 - Responsibilities: Reading blueprints to create project estimates, creating and enhancing safety procedures, tracking and updating project spending, costs, invoicing, prices and labor using management software, implementing safety courses and continuing education courses for field employees, integrating multiple accounting and management software for office and field use, authoring training materials for new software and equipment, integrating and administering advanced Pest Management schedules, and assisting in targeting company goals and objectives.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
 - The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a professional organization dedicated to promoting the proper care and management of shade and ornamental trees, and increasing the knowledge and appreciation of arboriculture. The Western Chapter of the ISA serves arborists and tree care professionals in the western United States.
- Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
 - This organization promotes the professional practice of arboriculture and fosters a greater worldwide awareness of the benefits of trees through research, technology, and education.
- American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA)
 - The American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) is a professional organization for arborists who provide expert advice on the selection, planting, care, and removal of trees, shrubs, and other woody plants. Members of the ASCA are committed to providing the highest level of professional service and expertise to their clients.
- Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA)
 - The Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) is a professional organization dedicated to promoting safety, education, and professionalism in the tree care industry. The TCIA serves as a resource for tree care companies, arborists, and the public, providing information and training on the latest techniques and best practices in tree care.

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 2022
 - Graduate of the 2022 Consulting Academy (ASCA)
- 2022-2021
 - American Society of Consulting Arborist Annual Conference (National)
- 2021
 - International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)

- 2020
 - Tree Care Industry Association – Certified Tree Care Safety Professional (CTSP)
- 2020
 - Eucalypt Biology, Identification and Management Webinar
- 2015
 - WPS Fieldworker & Pesticide Handler Instructor Training Program (UC IPM)

PRESENTATIONS

- Street Tree Seminar Winter Symposium - 2022
 - Pests & Diseases of So Cal Trees – Common urban tree pests of Southern California
- San Bernardino Community College District – 2021 to present
 - Utility Line Clearance Arborist Training – CDPR Chemical Application and compliance