

Mary Bell Austin

Pollution Prevention Team Lead

County of San Mateo

Mary Bell serves San Mateo County as Team Lead for its Pollution Prevention Programs, which include the inter-related areas of water quality protection, hazardous materials disposal and recycling, and product stewardship promotion. She also acts as a member of the County's employee Green Team, addressing climate change and other environmental impacts of the County's operations.

Prior to joining the County, Mary Bell worked for the US Environmental Protection Agency, in the Seattle office. Overly nearly a decade, she held a number of cross-media roles, such as Sustainable Communities Program Manager and Tribal Coordinator.

Mary Bell holds a BA from Duke University, and a JD from the University of Washington. In her spare time, she writes, speaks, and produces video and television about green building, design and technology, alternative transportation, and sustainable living options.