

Amy Hammes Bio

When it comes to dealing with society's waste challenges, Amy Hammes prefers to swim upstream towards prevention. As the Recycling Specialist for the City of Burbank, her outreach and education efforts follow the waste hierarchy priorities of "Reduce, Reuse" then "Recycle".

Prior to joining the City, Amy was the Director of Reuse for EcoSet Consulting where she recovered and donated 290 tons of material from sets for use in the local community. Additionally, she created a robust food donation program for catered production set leftovers from traveling locations.



She serves on the Leadership Advisory Board for the LA Food Policy Council, tackling food issues, such as food waste prevention and recovery, and "good food" access for all. A passionate advocate of waste reduction in every aspect of her life, Amy is active in the animal rescue and fostering movement, and founded, the West Adams TrashForce, a community of neighbors "united to fight blight" in Midcity Los Angeles.

She earned a Master's in Public Administration and Sustainability from Presidio Graduate School, and has a certificate in Recycling and Resource Management from the California Resource and Recovery Association (CRRA).

Amy lives in Los Angeles with her husband Matthew and four "reuse" dogs.