

Doug Kobold **Executive Director**

Biography:

Doug has worked in the Solid Waste and Recycling industry for nearly 35 years. He accepted the position of Executive Director for the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) in August 2018. As Executive Director, his duties include responsibility for leading strategic coalition development, including long-term program strategy and resource development. The Executive Director is also responsible for leading staff and coalition members, while adhering to CPSC's goals, mission, and vision. Overall, the Executive Director is specifically responsible for financial management, fundraising, governance, personnel supervision, and special programs.



Prior to CPSC, he worked at Sacramento County for over 18 years, where he last held the position of Waste Management Program Manager. That position provided oversight of the Business Development & Special Waste Division of the Department of Waste Management & Recycling. Those duties included the department's Contracts Administration function (negotiations and management of 100+ contracts annually), trend analysis, management of the Special Waste Program (Household Hazardous Waste), preparation and presentation of reports to the County Board of Supervisors and serving as the Department's Legislative Liaison. As the Manager of Technical Services for Edgar & Associates, Inc. (EAI), he assisted clients throughout California with permitting and design of landfills, transfer stations, material recovery facilities, and compost facilities. Before those 2 ½ years at EAI, Doug worked as the Solid Waste Operations Manager and as a landfill design engineer for Yolo County for over 5 years.

Doug received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from California State University, Chico, with a minor in Planning in 1992. He also received Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) certifications for Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO) in 1997, Manager of Collection Systems (MOCS), and Manager of MSW Management (MMSWM), both in 2008.

Doug is currently an appointed member and Vice Chair of the California SB 54 Advisory Board, currently serves as the President and was the Vice President and Treasurer of the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA), along with continuing to serve as a Legislative Policy Committee Co-Chair; is a Past Chair and currently a Board Member of the SWANA California Chapters Legislative Task Force (SWANA LTF); and a Board Member of the California Foundation for the Environment & Economy (CFEE). Additionally, he has served as the Chair

of the Board for CPSC and was the Founder and Founding President of the National Stewardship Action Council (NSAC), and served on the Northern California SWANA Gold Rush Chapter Board of Directors as Chapter Secretary, Vice President, and President. He has served as Vice Chair of the CalRecycle Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee (IDTAC), as the Chair on the Mattress Advisory Committee for the California program, as a committee member of the California Carpet Recycling Advisory Committee, and as a member of the California Carpet Council. Other industry involvement includes Committee Member for the Joint Committee on Sustainable Carpet for NSF International and Group Member for the E-Waste Policy Working Group for the Municipal Waste Management Association for the US Conference of Mayors.

Doug frequently presents at conferences, including the annual California Illegal Dumping Conference (IDCon), SWANA Western Regional Symposiums, CRRA, CalRecycle's Used Oil Conference, and the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMMA) annual conferences. He has also provided presentations at events, such as the California Household Hazardous Waste Information Exchanges (HHWIE), the Southern California Waste Management Forum (The Forum), California Opioid Safety Network (COSN), and many more.