

John Taylor

WORK EXPERIENCE

King County Water and Land Resources Division, Seattle, Washington

Assistant Director

2013 to Present

- Support the Director in oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Division, including managing budget and policy development, human resource issues, and community and Council relations.
- Responsible for oversight of 10 senior managers and Director's Office staff, with ultimate responsibility for 360 employees.
- Responsible for human resource and labor relations issues, including grievances, reviewing investigation reports, determining discipline, and developing negotiating positions for the County's Office of Intergovernmental Relations.
- Manage a biennial \$172 million operating and \$187 million capital budget, including administration of the County's Surface Water Management program and fee and King County Flood Control District.
- Led special projects for the Director including:
 - Leading complex and contentious stakeholder negotiations (e.g. Fish, Farm Flood Advisory Committee, King Conservation District Advisory Committee, Fall City Land Acquisition policy committee)
 - Developed an asset management system for the County's stormwater capital program;
 - Leading the Division's continuous improvement "Lean" effort and development of performance metrics and "Tier Boards" to track program implementation across the Division;
- Served as the Acting Director from September 2016 to January 2017 during the recruitment process for a new Director.

John Taylor Consulting, Seattle, Washington

Private Consultant – Seattle Office of Economic Development

2013

- Worked with the Seattle Office of Economic Development and the Mayor's Office to develop an economic development strategy to support technology startup companies in Seattle.

CleanScapes, Seattle, Washington

Government and Community Relations Manager

2009 to 2012

- Coordinated all government and community relations activities at state and local level for Seattle's first startup solid waste company, including attending regular meetings with elected officials, executive staff, and community groups. Coordinated all media relations activities for CleanScapes.
- Served as part of a Senior Management Team overseeing an operation with 300 employees working in Seattle and four suburban communities.
- Supervised one Community and Government Relations Associate, ten ad-hoc community outreach staff, and over \$200,000 in consultant contracts annually.

- Instrumental in securing new municipal contracts in Des Moines, Issaquah, and Carnation WA, by developing community outreach and communications strategies.

Cocker Fennessy, Seattle, Washington

Senior Associate

2007 to 2009

- Provided clients with strategic advice and government relations assistance and supported state legislative lobbying efforts on issues as varied as CleanScapes, the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID), and Puget Sound Partnership.
- Supported CleanScapes in developing a strategy to obtain the City of Seattle and Shoreline solid waste contracts.
- Drafted policy analyses and communications materials (issue briefs, opinion/editorials, press releases, mailings, presentations, etc.) for clients.

Downtown Seattle Association, Seattle, Washington

Policy Director

2006 to 2007

- Responsible for supporting the DSA President and Board of Directors in developing policy positions at the city, county and state level, including drafting policy briefing memos and talking points for the President and board members.
- Acted as a liaison to the state, county and Seattle elected officials, advocating for the DSA's position on transportation, land use, human services, and fiscal policy.
- Led the DSA's campaign to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct with a deep-bore tunnel, facilitating redevelopment of the Seattle Waterfront.

Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle, Washington

Strategic Advisor to the Director

2003 to 2006

- Led a cross departmental team to develop the Mayor's "Restore Our Waters Strategy", a \$150 million citywide initiative to protect and restore Seattle's shoreline, creeks, wetlands and rivers.
- Served as project manager for a comprehensive redesign of the City's drainage rate - the revenue-generating device for Seattle's \$30 million stormwater utility.
- Served as Seattle Public Utility's liaison to the Seattle City Council – responsible for development and passage of the Utility's annual legislative agenda.

Seattle City Council, Seattle, Washington

Legislative Research Analyst

2001 to 2003

- Drafted analyses, briefings and legislation related to land use, transportation and community development for Councilmembers.
- Drafted budget analyses and issue papers during the City's annual budget process – Parks Department and Seattle Public Library budgets (approximately \$150 million annually).

Office of Governor Howard Dean, Montpelier, Vermont

Senior Policy Advisor

1996 to 2001

- Governor's chief advisor and representative on issues related to transportation, economic and community development, and liaison to the Commerce and Transportation Agencies.
- Served as Co-Chair of the Governor's Development Cabinet, tasked with resolving internal state conflicts between state agencies, and facilitating economic development that respected Vermont's unique rural character.

- Responsible for annual passage of Vermont's \$300 million transportation bill, and securing federal funds for large transportation projects.
- Instrumental in passage of Vermont's first piece of "Smart-Growth" legislation – the Downtown Community Development Act of 1998.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Senior Executives in State and Local Government

University of Vermont, Master of Public Administration

Hobart College, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Board Member, King County Conservation Voters (2012 - 2015)

Board Member/Volunteer, Lifelong Aids Alliance (2008 - 2014)

Board Member, King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (2010-2012)