

## Casey Michael Willis

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### **Summary of Key Qualifications:**

- 17 years of experience in renewable energy development (wind and solar), real estate development, project entitlements/permitting, and project management experience.
- Senior manager with an established track record in the oversight and development of a dozen operating wind energy projects representing 3,000 megawatts (MW) of operating capacity in the United States market.
- Strong general management, leadership and multi-disciplinary functional skills.
- Proven experience in project acquisition, due diligence, divestiture, development, construction, financing, business planning, and contract negotiation.
- Extensive management and mentorship of large multidisciplinary teams.
- Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA), Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning (MCRP), Bachelor of the Arts Degree in Environmental Studies and Bachelor of the Arts Degree in Geography.
- Ability to live/work in New Zealand without a company sponsorship (married to NZ citizen).

### **Professional Experience:**

#### **Senior Project Developer – Engie North America (acquired Infinity Renewables).** (2013-present)

- Direct project management/oversight of a portfolio of a dozen projects at one time representing up to 3,000 MW of development projects totaling future capital investments of over \$5 billion dollars.
- Successfully lead the development or managed all permitting/environmental activities on 2,000 MW of operating projects for Infinity (Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and North Dakota).
- Responsible for advancing, recommending and executing strategic plans aimed at the continued advancement of wind/solar energy projects throughout the United States market.
- Oversight of annual development budgets exceeding \$5 million dollars.
- Technical lead for the company portfolio on all aspects of environmental review, permitting, airspace constraint evaluation (general aviation, radar and military operations, etc), and due diligence evaluation for acquisitions.
- Extensive experience in all aspects of project development including: land acquisition, title review, permitting, biological assessments, environmental review, federal, state and local agency relationship management and permitting, resource analysis, public opposition management, budgeting, project development scheduling, and construction management.

#### **Senior Project Manager – Padre Associates.** (2012-2013)

- Project management, permitting, environmental due diligence and regulatory compliance contract support for several wind energy developers.
- Permitting and environmental compliance management on behalf of oil companies (e.g. Chevron).
- Management and mentorship of junior staff members.

#### **Senior Project Developer/Manager – Champlin Windpower.** (2011-2012)

- Lead developer on a portfolio of approximately 2,000 MW of wind energy projects in various stages of development.
- Successfully lead the development or managed all permitting/environmental activities on nearly 700 MW of operating projects (Maryland, Iowa, and Texas).
- Oversight and responsible for all permitting and environmental activities for the company portfolio.

**Permitting & Environmental Manager/Development Project Manager – Clipper Windpower.**  
(2007 to 2011)

- Responsible for securing all federal, state and local permitting, screening for fatal flaws, and advancing environmental evaluations for a 10,000 MW wind energy project portfolio.
- Principal lead at the national level regarding project siting regulation, species evaluation protocol, and programmatic habitat conservation plans governing federally listed species.
- Overseeing the preparation of environmental impact assessments, protocol level species surveys, field surveys, etc to evaluate for development constraints.
- Oversight, management and mentorship of multidisciplinary teams of third party contractors and junior staff.

**Senior Environmental Planner/Project Manager – URS Corporation (now AECOM).** (2006-2007)

- Management and preparation of environmental documents in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requirements.
- Responsible for new business development and maintaining successful working relationships with established clients.

**Project Manager – Impact Sciences, Inc.** (2003-2006)

- Management and preparation of environmental documents in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Strong understanding and experience conducting modeling and writing assessments for focused air quality and noise impact assessments.

***\*\*Living/Working/Traveling in New Zealand.*** (2002-2003).

- *I moved to New Zealand to live, work, and travel for a year.*

**Environmental Resource Specialist – Morro Group (now SWCA).** (2002)

- Prepared various types of environmental review documents for government agencies throughout California for small to large scale developments.
- Performed environmental assessments, project review, and recommendations for proposed cellular wireless facilities on behalf of the County of San Luis Obispo.

**Planner – City of Morro Bay.** (2000-2002)

- Analyzed individual projects and presented to the City Planning Commission.
- Prepared environmental review documents in compliance with CEQA.

**Education:**

**Master of Business Administration (MBA)** (2008)

Martin V. Smith School of Business and Economics  
California State University, Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA (2005-2008)

**Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP)** (2002)

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA (2000-2002)

**Bachelor of the Arts in Environmental Studies** (2000)

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA (1996-2000)

**Bachelor of the Arts in Geography** (2000)

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA (1996-2000)

**Representative Graduate Student Research:**

*Foreign Market Entry Strategy: Entering the New Zealand Wind Power Development Market.* Involved an evaluation of a foreign entry strategy of a US based wind power developer into the New Zealand market.

*Wellhead Protection Policy: The MTBE Case Study.* Involved the research and analysis of focused case studies of communities impacted by methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) contamination and identification of effective methods of protecting local groundwater water supplies from contaminants by utilizing land use planning techniques.

**References:**

Available upon request.