## Casey Michael Willis

## **Summary of Key Qualifications:**

- 18 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.

## **Professional Experience:**

# Senior Advisor, Project Development - 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 over 2,000 MW of operating projects for Infinity (Kansas, North Dakota, South 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)

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