

PRESS RELEASE

Acequia Welcomes Newest Team Members

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Dr. Milton Engelke, Acequia Board of Directors

Dr. Engelke will provide agronomic consultation to our project management team and our client property managers. He will also be providing educational editorials for our newsletters, website and webinars and client communications. Dr. Engelke is the leader of the statewide Turfgrass Genetic Improvement Team within the Texas A&M University System that has developed and released cultivars of improved annual ryegrass, bentgrass, buffalo grass, St. Augustine grasses, zoysia grasses and Texas Bluegrass hybrids for use worldwide. Dr. Engelke earned a Bachelors degree from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and his Masters and Doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Reed Rivers, North Texas Project Manager

Reed will work with Acequia clients on irrigation management while providing a liaison role with our continued research activities on best management practices with Texas AgriLife. Acequia has a strategic alliance with Texas A&M University and Texas AgriLife Extension & Research. This alliance spans the last two decades focusing on turf grass research for drought tolerant species and management practices that reduce the turf dependence on potable water sources.

Rene Osuna, South Texas Project Manager

Rene Osuna joined the Acequia team in 2010 as the South Texas Project Manager. Rene will be assisting with expansion efforts in South Texas. Additionally, he will have a hand in marketing and customer relationship efforts and completing feasibility analyses of prospective client projects. Rene is a retired Army officer with over 18 years of service. Prior to joining Acequia, Rene was the President of Spanish Oaks Landscaping, a full service industrial and commercial landscaping and irrigation company. Rene is a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor, Licensed Irrigator and Backflow Tester by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (LI 15627, BP 12021). He is currently working on his certification as a Certified Sports Turf Manager. Rene has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio and an MBA in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.

Michelle Lane, Public Relations and Governmental Specialist

Michelle joined Acequia and BlueGreen Synergy in November of 2009 as our Public Relations and Governmental Specialist. Michelle is responsible for promoting the company through the creation of and release of publicity material including social media sites. As our Governmental Specialist, Michelle is actively engaged in the new development of our expansion into the public sector at the municipal, state and federal levels.

Michelle's professional expertise is in benefits administration, customer relations, equities, finance and financial reporting, inventory management, marketing and real estate. Prior background and experience includes: Co-Owner of Burley-Lane, LLC, retail niche boutique where she is responsible for general financial reporting, client relations and product inventory; Vice President of Lane Land Company, Finance Administration; Relocation Counselor for Prudential Financial Public Company, responsible for larger corporate clients such as Pfizer, Ciba, Merrill Lynch, and ADT Security Services; and the National Audubon Society where she served as a Public Policy intern.

Michelle continues to serve as a Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Epilepsy Foundation and as a member of the Leadership Council with the National Epilepsy Foundation where she utilizes her skills, experience and contacts in large corporate environments and as a small business owner to successfully fundraise for this nonprofit organization. Other interests include golf, snow skiing and travel.

Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science Human and Organizational Development from Vanderbilt University and a real estate license in the State of Arizona.

Curtis Eggen

Coming on board in 2009, Curtis brings over 20 years of experience in information technology and process improvement to the team. His primary responsibilities include process control for the manufacture of Acequia's unique and proprietary irrigation control technologies as well as development and implementation of state-of-the-art asset and inventory control methodologies. Curtis has been a principal in several small business ventures, and he attended both Miramar College in San Diego, CA, and Texarkana College in Texarkana, TX.