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Manager of Government Affairs at Air Products

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Air Products



University of California, Los Angeles

## Highlights



Ken started a new position as Manager of Government Affairs at Air Products

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## About

I have 25 years of experience deploying strategic communications and outreach efforts toward specific goals. Combined with management of increasingly large organizations, I am well prepared to lead a group and advocate for organizational priorities in the public arena. I have a proven record of achieving results in public and private campaigns.

## Activity

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Ken shared this

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Ken shared this

1 Reaction



### Great story...keep at it Jill!

Ken commented

## Experience



### Manager of Government Affairs

Air Products · Full-time

Aug 2020 – Present · 2 mos

Southern California

Air Products is a world-leading Industrial Gases company in operation for nearly 80 years. The Company provides industrial gases and related equipment to dozens of industries around the world. Air Products is also the world's leading supplier of liquefied natural gas process technology and equipment. The Company develops, engineers, builds, owns and operates some of the world's largest industrial gas projects, including gasification projects that sustainably convert abundant natural resources into synthetic gas for the production of high-value power, fuels and chemicals.

As policymakers in CA and around the world seek to reduce Greenhouse Gases and cool the Earth, AP is seeking ways to help in that regard by increasing its portfolio of blue and green Hydrogen for mobility projects as well as broadening the use of Hydrogen for many industrial uses. As Manager of Government Affairs, I will focus my attention on communicating with local and state regulatory agencies to help shape sound, safe and affordable energy policies for industrial, commercial and residential consumers.

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## Southern California Gas Company

6 yrs 6 mos

### Business Policy Manager, SoCalGas

Full-time

Mar 2016 – Aug 2020 · 4 yrs 6 mos

Los Angeles

Developed and deployed public communications campaign to drive company priorities internally and externally. Successfully created 3rd-party coalition to emphasize the importance of a balanced energy approach across California. Led broad-based efforts to communicate corporate priorities to wide variety of public and private interest groups.

### Manager of Public Policy

Mar 2014 – Mar 2016 · 2 yrs 1 mo

Gas Company Tower - Los Angeles

Responsible for shaping the public policy agenda for Southern California Gas Company at the Federal, State and Local governmental levels. Frame the public engagement strategy, working with various organizations and interests groups to build coalitions seeking the safe, clean and affordable use of natural gas as an energy source.



## Southern California Edison

13 yrs 9 mos

### Special Projects Manager

Dec 2012 – Feb 2014 · 1 yr 3 mos

Rosemead, CA

Manage the contractual relationship between the Morongo Indian Tribe and Southern California Edison to ensure that multi-phase build of 48-mile Transmission Line (West of Devers/WOD) is completed on time and within budget.

### Training Manager, Operation Support Business Unit

Sep 2010 – 2013 · 3 yrs

Manage complete training offerings for Operations Business Support, which includes Supply Chain Management, Corporate Security, Facilities, Real Properties, Corporate Environment/Health/Safety, and Transportation Services.

The group will provide overall training needs assessment services, training



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The group will provide overall training needs assessment services, training design/develop/deliver and evaluate services and overall performance review consultation for Edison clients.

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#### Training Support Lead - ERP

Apr 2007 – Sep 2010 · 3 yrs 6 mos

- Lead staff in development and deployment of all external support programs for ERP including:
  - o Super User Program
  - o Manager Engagement Project
  - o Business Readiness Strategy
- Lead staff in development and application of Training Environment, including:
  - o Preparation of Training clients
  - o Providing access/use of Training Sandbox
  - o Building and Development of training data
  - o Maintenance of all Training systems for Go-Live activities
- Procured and developed protocol for use of external Learning Management System (LMS) vendor to deploy computer-based training and track company training status.
- Part senior Organizational Readiness Management Team which designed, developed and delivered ERP Training to 17000+ employees and retirees for a successful project launch in July, 2008.

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#### Training Manager, Powerline Skills Development

Jun 2002 – Apr 2007 · 4 yrs 11 mos

- Manage training staff of 30+ Edison, consultant and contract employees
- Manage budget in excess of \$5 million
- Integrate Training, Communication and Change Management efforts for TDBU Training related to Business Process Integration (BPI) projects
- Oversee training design/development for Annual Compliance programming, Field Accounting/Service Planning
- Manage System Deployment training efforts company-wide
- Ensure Instructional System Design protocol for all new training efforts
- Oversee all evaluation and assessment efforts for training programs delivered
- Identify and resolve issues with all client groups at executive level as necessary

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● **Field Construction Manager - Fullerton Service Center**

Jun 2000 – Jun 2002 · 2 yrs 1 mo

- Managed field staff of 30+ exempt and represented employees
- Executed and integrated organizational change management effort - Operational Excellence. Ensured training and application of new policies in field
- Achieved budget targets for Capital and O&M budget in excess of \$8 million
- Achieved superior safety records in accordance with corporate and state requirements
- Maintained appropriate staffing levels in accordance with all corporate Human Resource policies and procedures including discipline, employee development, salary administration and affirmative action requirements
- Managed labor relations issues including grievance and fact-finding processes
- Successfully integrated company-wide Performance Improvement strategies

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● **Southern California Edison**

4 yrs

● **Executive Leadership Program - Assistant to the Chairman/CEO**

1999 – 2000 · 1 yr

- Represented Edison's President, Chairman and CEO on a variety of projects.
- Accomplished special projects and lead ad-hoc teams as assigned by the CEO.

Special Projects:

- Provided analysis of Contract/Consultant labor usage. Developed protocol and presented findings to CEO and direct reports.
- Developed format and authored Utility Status Update for senior Edison officers.
- Provided project management tracking support for Ad Hoc crisis team responsible for addressing growing financial challenges for SCE.

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● **Region Manager, Public Affairs**

1996 – 1999 · 3 yrs

- Directed SCE's government and community affairs in the Western San Gabriel Valley.
- Responsible for all communication internally and with senior elected and appointed officials related to significant statewide and local legislative and political activity.
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- Developed strategic plan to address Request for Proposal of municipal utility.

Special Projects:

- Lead a senior cross-functional team formed to secure customer support partnership with City of Pasadena. Managed senior team to develop, deliver and advocate Customer Service proposal. Provided oral and written updates at various project stages to executive level sponsors and senior management.

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**President**

Chawkins Consulting Company

1994 – 1996 · 2 yrs

- Provided Project Management services to organizations that focused on bringing together public and private agencies and achieving well-defined goals with specific funding imperatives and reporting guidelines. Clients included: US AmeriCorps/National Community Service, City of Phoenix Community Development Department, Arizona Prevention Resource Center ...[see more](#)



**Development Director**

Coro Southern California

1990 – 1994 · 4 yrs

Development Director 1992-1994

- Supervised staff and integrated development goals with program outcomes.
- Directed and managed a \$700,000 fundraising budget.
- Developed strategic funding plan and oversaw implementation of all aspects of the ...[see more](#)



**Assistant Director**

UCLA EXPO Center

1986 – 1988 · 2 yrs

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## Education



### University of California, Los Angeles

BA, Political Science and Government  
1980 – 1985



### Claremont Graduate University

MA, Public Policy  
1989 – 1991  
Activities and Societies: President, Graduate Student Association



### Coro Southern California

N/A, Public Affairs  
1988 – 1989

Coro is a nationally recognized leadership development program. The Southern California program selects 12 individuals from across the nation to participate in a 9-month, full-time fellowship program including rotating internship assignments, 15 hours/week of intensive seminar work and a series of group, individual and team projects designed to develop a focused sense of how the public arena operates.

## Skills & Endorsements



### Program Management · 99+



Endorsed by Peter Pham and 17 others who are highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 3 of Ken's colleagues at SoCalGas



### Strategic Planning · 80



Endorsed by 2 of Ken's colleagues at SoCalGas



Endorsed by 8 people who know Strategic Planning



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