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January 11, 2018

To: Whom It May Concern

RE: Travis Pyle, P.E.

The Asotin County Regional Landfill (ACRL) would like to commend Travis for the outstanding work he has done for our facility, over the past several years. Travis has been a very integral part of the ACRL's effort to meet all of our operational and environmental needs. His attention to detail, diligence to deadlines and ability to meet the County's budget constraints is exceptional.

In addition to the many projects and plans Travis has worked on as a Project Manager, he has also provided us many miscellaneous-engineering services such as:

Gas Monitoring Water Truck Fill Design Long Term Planning Leachate Force Main Retrofits Design Environmental Air Quality Design and Planning Financial Planning for Closure and Post Closure Retaining Wall Design Miscellaneous Engineering Services Permitting

We look forward to continuing our working relationship with Travis and GreatWest Engineering, and highly recommend Travis and GreatWest Engineering for Civil and Environmental Engineering services.

If you wish further information, please call me at 509-758-1965.

Stephen L. Becker Solid Waste Supervisor





## **KOOTENAI COUNTY**

## SOLID WASTE

December 31, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Kootenai County Solid Waste Department would like to take this opportunity to commend Travis Pyle and his team at Great West Engineering for continued excellence in regard to a wide variety of engineering services performed at our facilities.

Travis has been the lead on several landfill cell development and leachate pond design/construction projects. The team at Great West also recently completed an intricate long-term grade plan for the Fighting Creek Landfill and is currently leading the design and construction management of a new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the Ramsey Transfer Station.

Each project has met our expectations and requirements. Great West has been easy to work with, excellent at responding to questions, and provides excellent customer service to the owner by enforcing project specifications.

If you need any additional information about the performance of Great West Engineering, please feel free to contact either Cathy Mayer or John Phillips at the Kootenai County Solid Waste Department, (208) 446-1430

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Cathy Mayer Solid Waste Director

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To Whom It May Concern:

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April 12, 2018

RE: Great West Engineering Boise Office

For the last couple of years, the professional engineering staff of Great West has performed a variety of services for Whitman County Public Works with respect to solid waste planning and design. In particular, we have worked closely with Travis Pyle of the Boise office, having worked with Travis for several years at his previous firm, and "following" him to Great West. Travis' performance on all aspects of our projects has been nothing but exemplary. Having spent 18 years in the consulting business, I understand what it takes to meet the clients professional and technical expectations, both of which Travis does very well.

For Whitman County, The Great West team is working on the following:

- providing design and construction assistance with effluent storage and disposal
- providing assistance with Fire Suppression water storage
- working on a long-term financial and capital improvement plan
- design and layout for repairs to existing closed landfill cells and gas monitoring systems
- developing a preliminary framework for future regulatory improvements

I understand that agencies often have more serious concerns with the process of "managing" their consultant team. I can positively state that our Project Manager, Travis Pyle, has done a superb job of defining the scope of services clearly, sticking to the schedule, reporting promptly when things may affect the schedule and cost, producing the deliverables, and just plain staying in contact when needed. This makes their team a solid candidate for any upcoming project that involves waste transfer, disposal, wastewater, leachate handling, permitting, or other similar or related disciplines.

If you want to personally discuss the details of our projects and Great West Engineering's performance, I am available at (509) 397-5204, direct. If you have any other questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Sineerely

W. Mark Storey, PE Director/County Engineer Whitman County Public Works



August 4, 2021

To whom it may concern:

Great West Engineering (GWE) recently completed a System Operations Audit for The Teton County Transfer Station Facility. Travis did an excellent job listening to the County's needs and producing a very detailed scope of work for the services necessary. GWE stayed very engaged throughout the project and remained focused on both schedule and scope. The result of their efforts was a deliverable that will serve the County well as a foundation for the development of long term planning at our Transfer Station Facility. The project was completed on budget and as scheduled.

The GWE team was very conscientious of Teton County's specific needs and tailored their efforts to provide us with a final deliverable that was on point and customized to address our unique and not so unique challenges. Their expert knowledge and similar experience working with other entities proved to be a valuable combination for our needs. Travis and staff were great to work with. They were professional, courteous, and attentive throughout the entire project. I have enjoyed working with the GWE team and highly recommend their services.

Darryl Johnson, PE, PLS Teton County Public Works Director



Environmental Services Kevin R. Cooke, P.E., Director

April 29, 2020

Re: Reference for solid waste consulting work by Great West Engineering, Inc.

To Whom it May Concern,

Spokane County is currently updating its Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP), with Great West Engineering leading the effort. I have been impressed with the results we have achieved in such a short amount of time. From the beginning of this process I was intrigued by Great West's attention to detail and was pleased that they offered up a new and different approach compared to the other candidates. My team has worked primarily with Travis Pyle and Michelle Langdon who have consistently taken the time to listen to our needs and have found ways to fulfill requests while navigating within the parameters of SWMP requirements.

While we are only five months in to this 19-month long project, I have been impressed with Travis's and Michelle's professionalism on numerous fronts. Michelle has facilitated meetings with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to create a vision statement, define goals, and ultimately reorganize the SWMP so that it can help us meet planning aspirations as well as fulfill regulatory requirements. Travis and Michelle provide timely responses and deliverables to move the project through each stage. We have stayed on budget and true to our initial timeline, despite delays attributed to conditions outside of our control—speaking of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Aside from the professionalism that I've experienced, both Travis and Michelle are personable, positive and enjoyable to be around. Based on these professional and personal qualifications I recommend Great West for similar solid waste consulting services.

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Deb Geiger Regional Solid Waste Manager Spokane County <u>dgeiger@spokanecounty.org</u> 509-477-7281

November 9, 2018

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Great West Engineering

To whom it may concern:

I have had the privilege of working with the staff of Great West over the past year as they have served as our landfill engineering consultant. The projects that I have worked on with Great West have included a bioreactor alternatives analysis and permitting project and a landfill entrance facilities improvement project. These projects have required a consulting team that has not only the fundamental engineering knowledge, but also the operational knowledge of a landfill to develop creative solutions to our unique landfill operations.

Travis Pyle and Michelle Langdon of Great West have been a pleasure to work with and have seamlessly become a part of our landfill team. Their genuine willingness to help provide guidance and find solutions to our challenges has come as a nice change from other consulting teams that have a "salesman" mentality.

I highly recommend Great West for your landfill projects and operational needs.

Should you like to discuss any of the projects Great West has consulted on for the City of Walla Walla's landfill, or would like to discuss further my recommendation of Great West, please feel free to call me at 509-524-4712.

Sincerely, A I

Leah C. Fisk, P.E. Environmental Engineer City of Walla Walla



December 23, 2019

RE: Great West Engineering, Boise Office Reference Letter

The staff at Great West Engineering is knowledgeable and competent. The firm conducted a Cost of Service Study for Ada County Landfill and, working with their constituents, provided a thorough and comprehensible analysis of the cost to do service in our landfill. The model provided will be used in rate making decisions for the foreseeable future. In addition to this project Great West Engineering, in collaboration with their partners, is in the process of conducting a waste stream analysis for the landfill. This project will take approximately 12 months to complete and we are eagerly awaiting the results.

In both of these projects, Travis, Michelle and their team were great to work with. They are professional, courteous, and conscientious of the budget and are focused on providing the best work possible. We have enjoyed working with the Great West Engineering team and it is with great pride that we offer our recommendation of their team to you.

If you require any further information we encourage you to reach out to us, 208-577-4725

Kind Regards,

Kurt Hunt Deputy Director Ada County Solid Waste Management

Theresa Rademacher Assistant Deputy Director Ada County Solid Waste Management

## STEVENS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE DIVISION 1257 Landfill Road Kettle Falls, WA 99141 (509) 738-6106



May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**RE: Great West Engineering** 

To Whom It May Concern,

The Stevens County Solid Waste Division has had the privilege of working with Great West Engineering over the past year. After reviewing many statements of qualifications for engineering and consulting services we chose to bring on Great West as our landfill consultants in 2019. We have been pleased with this decision and will continue to use Great West Engineering in the years to come. The Great West team of Travis Pyle, Craig Sauer, Michelle Langdon, and numerous hard working employees behind the scenes have produced nothing but professional quality work. The Great West team has completed or are currently working on the following projects for the Stevens County Solid Waste Division:

- Landfill Flare System design and Master Gas Plan
- Department of Ecology NOC permit application associated with landfill flare system
- Professional Landfill Fill Planning through closure
- Groundwater Monitoring Assistance and Reporting in accordance to WAC 173-351-415
- Hydrogeologic Study that meets the standards of WAC 173-351-490
- Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Stevens County Solid Waste Division would highly recommend Travis Pyle, Craig Sauer, Michelle Langdon, and the Great West Team for any of your engineering and consultant needs. If you would like to discuss further I can be reached at (509) 738-6106.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Dionas

Solid Waste Supervisor Stevens County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division



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February 23, 2018

## Re: Letter of Reference for Great West Engineering

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the pleasure of working with Great West Engineering over the years. Most recently, they designed a transfer station expansion project in Twin Falls County. The RFQ was awarded based on several factors but the attention to detail and knowledge of the solid waste industry put their submittal well above the others. As an owner/operator, it is important that an engineering firm not only understands what you want, but also listens to the direction you give them. In my experience, Great West Engineering does not take short cuts and has little gray area which leads to a project that will stand the test of time. I would recommend them if you want a project with high end design.

Respectfully,

Josh Bartlome Executive Director and CEO



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July 26, 2022

Great West Engineers, Travis Pyle, PE, Unit Manager Craig Sauer, PG, Senior Hydrogeologist Michelle L Langdon, PE, Project Manager

As my 36-year career comes to a close, I would like to convey that I have had the honor and privilege of working with a fantastic dedicated team of engineers and hydrogeologist named above. For over two decades, your team has been an integral part of the ACRL's effort to meet all of our operational and environmental needs. Your attention to detail, diligence to meet deadlines and ability to meet the county's budget constraints is exceptional. Without question, you all have made a huge, positive impact, not only for the landfill but for my career.

Just a few of the many projects and plans that have been done for the landfill:

Landfill Cell Design Water Truck Fill Design Long Term Planning Leachate Force Main Retrofits Design Water Monitoring Gas Monitoring Environmental Air Quality Design and Planning Financial Planning for Closure and Post Closure Retaining Wall Design Miscellaneous Engineering Services Permitting Solid Waste Planning and Updates

I would highly recommend this team of engineers and hydrogeologist with Great West Engineering for any and all Civil and Environmental Engineering services.

If you wish further information, please call me at 509-552-3281.

Sincerely

Stephen L. Becker Solid Waste Supervisor Asotin County Regional Landfill (ACRL)

