

## **Nelia Sperka**

### **Senior Engineering Technician/Grant Administrator**

#### **Education**

Master of City and Regional Planning, Ohio State University  
BA, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

#### **Professional Capabilities**

Nelia has over 20 years of diverse experience in land development and public infrastructure projects. She has managed and assisted in the management of numerous projects through all phases, from programming through implementation and final acceptance. Some of these projects include design and construction of buildings, bicycle facilities, and water consolidation projects. She is also a versatile planner who provides management, preparation, research, and technical support on a variety of planning projects and documents, including but not limited to zoning ordinance updates, housing elements, transportation studies, and design guidelines.

Nelia also specializes in grant application preparation and grant administration. She has helped a number of cities and counties in Northern California secure and manage over \$10 million in grant funding from both federal and state sources including the State Water Resources Board, FEMA, California State Parks, and Caltrans.

#### **Pertinent Experience**

- Ponticello Enterprises, Senior Engineering Technician (2017-Present) – Assists firm staff with grant funding and the administration of capital improvement program projects for municipal clients.
- California Department of Transportation, Associate Transportation Planner (2015-2017) – Assisted in the administration of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, a grant program that funds capital improvements of intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems as well as bus and ferry transit systems throughout the state.
- City of Winters, Community Development Department, Community Development Director (2008-2012) - Managed all functions of Community Development Department including site plan, subdivision and development review processes.
- City of Folsom, Redevelopment & Housing Department, Residential Programs Specialist (2006-2008) - Administered daily activities of residential rehabilitation programs, CDBG program, and Housing Element programs.
- City of Folsom, Community Development, Associate Planner (2004-2006) – Reviewed proposed developments for conformance with adopted City plans and codes, prepared/reviewed CEQA compliance documents, presented to Planning Commission, City Council, and special committees, and assisted with the management of consultant contracts.