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SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Keystone Center, Associate

Keystone, Colorado (2005-Present)

Caelan facilitates multi-party public policy conflicts. His responsibilities include consensus building process design, meeting facilitation, conflict and situation assessment and training in interest-based problem solving.

RESOLVE, Inc., Facilitator

Denver, CO (2003-2005)

Responsibilities included facilitating public meetings and multi-party stakeholder groups, conflict and situation assessment, training in interest-based problem solving.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATES

University of Colorado, PhD Student, Land Use and Environmental Planning (Present)

- Dissertation in progress: Negotiation and transportation planning within the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Boston University, M.A. Energy and Environmental Analysis (1997)

- Focus: Population Biology and Ecology

The Colorado College, B.A. Biology (1995)

- Focus: Population Biology and Ecology

CDR Associates, The Mediation Process/Mediation Training (40 hrs)

CDR Associates, Advanced facilitation and Mediation Training (40 hrs)

The Keystone Summer Institute, Mediation and Conflict Assessment (25 hours)

TEACHING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado, College of Environmental Design,

- Environmental Impact Assessment (graduate level)
- Ecology and Design (undergraduate level)

- Geographic Information Systems (undergraduate level)

National Highway Institute

- Certified Trainer: Public Involvement in Transportation Decision Making

MEDIATION AND FACILITATION EXPERIENCE

Ok Tedi Copper/Gold Mine, Papua New Guinea

The Ok Tedi Mine in the Western Province of Papua New Guinea has been a source of conflict and severe environmental disturbance since 1984, when the mine operators were permitted to dump all mine waste into the Ok Tedi and Fly Rivers. The Keystone Center is facilitating the Working Group for 2006-07 Community Mine Continuation Agreement (CMCA) Review. The Working Group consists of delegates from the effected communities, government, the mine and non government organizations and will reset agreements regarding compensation, environmental monitoring and mitigation. Caelan has assisted in process design, co-facilitated sessions of the 20-delegation Working Group, brokered meetings among key players, facilitated regional meetings in villages in the affected regions, and has worked in close partnership with local facilitators and development experts.

Lowry Hangar 2 Task Force

(ongoing)

Lowry Air Force Base was decommissioned and is now a major mixed use redevelopment community in Denver. Hangar 2 is a landmarked building, built in 1939 and a prominent, iconic element in the Lowry landscape and community. Caelan is leading the facilitation and public involvement for the Task Force which is examining options for adaptive reuse and/or new structures on this historic site.

Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Team

(2007)

Caelan is co-facilitating the National Marine Fisheries Service Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Team. This team has representatives from industry, regulatory agencies and concerned public, researchers and non governmental organizations. The team is tasked with reviewing the progress and management of the Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan.

National Highway Institute Public Involvement Training

(2004 – Ongoing)

Caelan is a lead trainer for a course designed to introduce state department of transportation officials to the important of collaborative decision-making on NEPA project. The three day course involves DOT staff in hands on experiences with different tools for public involvement including task forces, public meetings, and charettes. Caelan has trained DOT staff in Nevada, Colorado, Michigan, and Georgia.

South Broadway NEPA Process

(2005 – present)

Caelan is leading the consensus building and public involvement efforts for this NEPA study of the City and County of Denver. This study is studying alternatives for improving transportation along a key Denver arterial and state highway (Broadway). Land use considerations for this transportation decision include a major brownfield redevelopment, impacts to surrounding neighborhoods, intersection with Interstate 25, the Regional Transportation District bus and light rail transfer station and the South Platte River.

Northwest Corridor Environmental Impact Statement

(2003-2005)

Caelan helped lead public involvement and community consensus-building effort for the last segment of the highway beltway around the Denver metropolitan area. Caelan was one of two mediators for a corridor consensus committee that addressed long-standing differences of opinion about whether, where and how the last segment will be built. Caelan also helped direct a team of web designers, public relations specialists, public meeting facilitators and NEPA experts as they work to meaningfully involve the general public and the key stakeholders.

U.S.-Mexico Border 2012 Air Policy Forum

(2004)

The US-Mexico Border 2012 Program is the third iteration of the implementation of the bi-national agreement on Cooperation for the Protection and Improvement of the Environment and Transboundary Problems, also known as the La Paz Agreement. The international offices of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Mexican Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT) joined the US Health and Human Services and the Mexican Secretaria de Salud in this more local and bottom-up approach to the environmental, ecological and human health issues in the burgeoning border region. Caelan co-facilitated this meeting which was dedicated to the Air Policy Forum, a work group within the Border 2012 program.

Teton County Transportation

(2003)

Assisted Teton County and the Wyoming Department of Transportation forge a partnership for state-funded transportation improvements in the County. The partnering session yielded an agreement that Teton County would become a Cooperating Agency for several transportation projects in the County.

Healthy Air for Northeast Denver (HAND)

(2003-2005)

The goals for Healthy Air for Northeast Denver (HAND) are to: 1) reduce emissions of and/or exposure to air toxics in a relatively short time 2) to build capacity in the community to sustain and expand reduction activities in the future and to 3) continue to develop a model for action that can be replicated in other communities across the country. Healthy Air for Northeast Denver is a project initiated by Region 8 EPA. Caelan conducted and summarized interviews of a broad range of stakeholders for situation assessment, convened an air toxics reduction working group and is the lead facilitator for ongoing HAND proceedings.

Indian Heights Working Group, Colorado Springs, Colorado

(2003)

Caelan conducted conflict assessments and convened a working group to address a contentious infill development in central Colorado Springs. Organized fact-finding around issues such as geology and slope stability, storm water collection, property values, and aesthetics and site-design issues. Facilitated the working group, and authored meeting summaries and agreements that served as the basis for City Council decisions regarding subdivision plan approval.

Community Mediation, Denver Mediation/Boulder Community Mediation Services

(2003)

Caelan continues to mediate community mediation cases including neighbor-to-neighbor disputes, local land use disputes, parent-teen disputes and landlord-tenant disputes. Responsibilities include all functions from intake to fact finding to convening to building agreements.

Fluoride Technical Study Group, City of Ft. Collins, Colorado

(2002)

Caelan facilitated the work of a technical study group charged with reviewing scientific information about the risk and benefits of fluoridating drinking water supplies and reporting those findings to the Board of Health and Water Board so that they might make recommendations to the City Council concerning the current practice of adding fluoride to community drinking water supplies.

Superfund/Environmental Justice, Northeast Denver, Colorado

(2002)

Caelan identified stakeholders for participation in for public meetings regarding the Vasquez Boulevard-Interstate 70 Superfund site proposed mediation plan. Caelan also helped deliver Region 8 Environmental Justice Listening Sessions, which solicited plans and suggestions from Northeast Denver residents to improve environmental and health conditions in their neighborhoods.

South Lake Tahoe Transportation Study, South Lake Tahoe, California

(1999)

Caelan lead a team of international professionals and students in a transportation planning studio which developed plans for the redesign of a major intersection in South Lake Tahoe California. The design team identified relevant community actors for participation in the studio, and included designs, which integrated multi-modal transit with stringent environmental design.