

## BIOGRAPHY

### Josh Blount, P.E.

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Josh Blount, P.E. serves as Regional Director, Western States, at the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association (DIPRA), a trade association providing research, publications, and advisory services to the water industry. He joined DIPRA in 2015 as a Staff Engineer/Project Manager. He was then promoted to Regional Engineer in 2017, Senior Regional Engineer in 2021, and then Regional Director in 2022. He provides technical advisory services to water and wastewater utility professionals, and their consulting engineers.

Josh helps utility managers, engineers, and operators with system planning and design, installations, and asset management questions related to iron pipe. He provides technical training and presentations, directs access to relevant references and guides, and helps build relationships in the industry. He exhibits and speaks at section meetings of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) within his area throughout the year. Josh is also active with DIPRA's research projects, managing and taking readings at a DIPRA test site in Utah, as well as a joint corrosion probe study with a Colorado utility.

Josh is a member of AWWA, and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). At ASCE, he serves on the Seismic Design for Buried Pipelines technical committee for the Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute (UESI) Pipelines division.

Josh is a registered professional engineer in the State of Colorado, a National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) CP2 Cathodic Protection technician, and an Envision Sustainability Professional. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University. Prior to joining DIPRA, Josh worked as an assistant resident engineer with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, managing construction projects and overseeing contractors and construction inspectors.