

**Matthew Kennedy**  
**Rural Development Specialist II – Environmental**

**Midvale, Utah**

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### **Skills**

- Technical assistance to public water, wastewater and solid waste systems
- Water and wastewater sampling and testing
- Project management
- Program development
- Online and in-person training
- Contract management

### **Experience**

Matt Kennedy joined RCAC in 2017. He provides rural communities throughout Utah with technical, managerial and financial assistance related to their water and wastewater systems. Mr. Kennedy develops integrated waste management plans and conducts median household income surveys, drinking water and wastewater rate analyses, and drinking water sampling, and assists with funding applications. He also provides technical and managerial training for utility operators, board members, staff, and community members. Mr. Kennedy is a member of RCAC's Building Rural Economies (BRE) team and delivers the Recharge Our Community Economy workshops. He also leads the USDA-funded Tribal Technitrain contract, ensuring successful completion of all training and technical assistance deliverables.

Before joining RCAC, Mr. Kennedy served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer assisting three refugee communities in Utah to develop their own social enterprise through financial and managerial capacity building. His previous experience includes several years working with various nonprofit organizations on issues ranging from environmental justice to the beneficial reuse of wastewater effluent.

### **Education and Certifications**

Master of Science in Public Health, Global Environmental Health Sciences - Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine  
Bachelor of Science in Public Health - Tulane University  
Utah Water Distribution Grade II (Restricted)  
Utah Water Right Certification

### **Professional Affiliations**

Utah On-site Wastewater Association  
Water Environment Federation – Water Environment Association of Utah  
American Water Works Association – Intermountain Section, Small Systems Committee  
Delta Omega – Eta Chapter