

# Matthew Kennedy Rural Development Specialist – Environmental

Midvale, Utah

## **Skills**

- Technical assistance to public water, wastewater and solid waste systems
- Water and wastewater sampling and testing
- Project management
- Program development

## **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 provides median household income surveys, drinking water and waste water rate analyses, drinking water sampling, development of integrated waste management plans, and assistance with funding applications. He also works with RCAC's Building Rural Economies (BRE) team to deliver the Recharge Our Community Economy workshops.

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)

## **Professional Affiliations**

Water Environment Federation – Water Environment Association of Utah American Water Works Association – Intermountain Section