

## March 2010 - IFMA Sacramento Member Spotlight

# Doug McCoy

This month's spotlight may be new to the IFMA Sacramento Valley chapter, but is not new to the industry. A 20 year veteran of the facility world Doug McCoy has had the opportunity to work with companies such as Herman Miller, Dow Chemical, Sears, and Whirlpool. During that time he has worked within areas of facility related services and as a director of operations. When asked about his experience within the industry he enthusiastically says "Every day is new and has variety; always interesting and always challenging." He says you learn to be creative in order to "make lemonade out of lemons".

A recent transplant from Michigan, Doug and his family moved to California two years ago to become the Director of Administrative Services for Yuba County. Since working for the county he has had the opportunity to bring his experience with LEED and Green projects, since he has a strong background from working with these types of projects back in his previous 'home.' Being involved with "green" focused projects makes sense to him. It has proven beneficial as Yuba County is in the midst of replacing some of the systems in their older buildings with the implementation of solar solutions, more cost effective lighting, and other system improvements. Along with becoming a certified FM Doug hopes to be involved with more energy efficient projects in the future.

**Doug's thoughts on IFMA Sacramento:** While Doug has been involved off and on with IFMA for a while it was not until he came to Sacramento that he became a member. Like most FMs he agrees that it is a great opportunity to network and share ideas, benchmarks and studies. It is a wealth of knowledge and a great job search tool that even helped him find a former position.

**Doug's advice for someone new in the industry:** There is so much in the way of information and resources out there. Always listen and be ready to learn from others. Everyday will bring something new. You need to "have a Renaissance perspective." The industry used to be just about 'getting your hands dirty' dealing with maintenance, electricity, plumbing, etc.; it was mostly mechanical. Today it is much more software and technology oriented.



**Little known facts about Doug:** Considered his "therapy" Doug enjoys when he has the time to swing a hammer or work in the garden at his home. He likes the fact that he and his wife bought an older home as it provides him plenty of projects. Doug has three children.

