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Joey Clifton

Technical Support Supervisor

Joey began his career in power generation and SCADA integration with Nor-Cal Controls in 2016, starting as a control panel technician. He later transitioned into a field technician role, where he spent several years traveling. Eventually, he moved into a supervisory position within the technical support department. With nine years of experience at NCC, Joey now focuses on troubleshooting and aims to leverage his support knowledge to deepen his understanding of dataflow and pursue a transition into an automation engineering role.

Chuck Colby

Network Architect

Chuck has a comprehensive background in network architecture and IT management. His experience includes roles as a Network Architect, Support Supervisor, and Network Engineer at Nor-Cal. He has demonstrated skills in strategic planning, design for security, and is ITIL certified. Chuck's career path reflects a strong focus on developing and implementing IT solutions for business needs, along with a commitment to continuous learning in his field.

Cory Hudson
Operations Manager

Cory is a seasoned project management professional with a strong background in manufacturing. He began his career with 10 years in a machine shop, specializing in programming, operating, and maintaining equipment. He later transitioned into a project coordinator role at a manufacturing facility, quickly advancing to Project Manager and earning his PMP certification. At Nor-Cal, he continued to grow, moving from Project Manager to Lead PM and then PM Manager. In his current role as Operations Manager, he is responsible for overseeing the Project Management Department, Logistics, and Production, bringing teams together to deliver results and drive continuous improvement.

Darshan Lad
Engineering Supervisor

With 14 years of experience spanning traditional and renewable energy sectors, including 3 years at Nor-Cal Controls delivering SCADA solutions.
Darshan is a results-driven Automation Engineer adept at designing, implementing, and optimizing automation systems. Holding a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering, his expertise includes SCADA development, renewable energy technologies, and a commitment to driving sustainability in the energy industry. Darshan is passionate about leveraging his skills to contribute to a cleaner, more resilient energy future.

Mack Rice
Engineering Manager

Mack has worked in the Power and Automation industry since 2016. His background in Traditional Generation led him to Nor-Cal in 2021 where he started as an Automation Engineer. Mack specialized in utility scale SCADA projects including multiple projects in the ERCOT, CAISO, and DUKE regions, before moving to a management role in 2023.

Mike Maldonado
IT/OT Manager

A seasoned Cybersecurity leader with over 22 years of experience in engineering, IT operations, and cyber defense—most notably serving as a senior member of the United States Air Force before joining Nor-Cal in 2023. Mike has led teams securing global enterprise networks, managing large-scale data center operations, and driving high-impact cybersecurity initiatives. With deep expertise in network engineering, threat detection, and strategic project execution, he brings a mission-driven approach to building resilient, scalable, and secure environments that support renewable energy systems.

Riley Stephenson
Project Manager I

Riley has worked in the photovoltaic industry for the past 11 years. His passion for this field began while studying alternative energy at Appalachian State University. Since then, he has gained experience across various industry sectors, starting with residential projects, then moving to C&I, and ultimately settling into utility-scale.

Notably, he spent the last five years working as a commissioning manager for an EPC. During this time, he supported many projects nationwide, collaborating with entities such as Duke Energy, Dominion Energy, Southern Company, and ECROT. This experience led him to Nor-Cal, where he has been a project manager for six months.

Rob Lopez
Chief Business Development Director

As employee number three to join Nor-Cal Controls, Rob initially supported engineering in the field while also managing projects. He later transitioned into Business Development, where he excelled in building out key departments including proposals, sales, and marketing. As a result of his natural leadership abilities, Rob now holds the position of Chief Business Development Officer. His adaptability and strategic foresight have been instrumental in Nor-Cal's continued thriving and expansion within the industry. Building on his foundational experience, Rob has always maintained a strong focus on customers, treating each project with singular dedication. He looks forward to strengthening those existing relationships and forging new partnerships.

Steven Austin
Technical Support Administrator

Steven started in the industry with Nor-Cal in 2020 as a control panel technician. He is passionate about knowledge and is always seeking to improve himself and the systems of work around him. After quickly learning the SCADA systems, he stepped into the role of technician trainer, and eventually into his current role in our support team.