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Bret is a STEM Coordinator/SIMMS Grant Director for Science and STEM Integration/Innovation at San Joaquin County Office of Education. He received his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 1997 and Master of Science in Education (Curriculum and Instructional Strategies) from the University of New England in 2009. As STEM Coordinator for the San Joaquin County Office of Education, he provides STEM professional development and support for K-12 teachers throughout the area as well as grant coordination for the CaMSP, Cohort 10 SIMMS Project. Bret has sixteen years of middle school and high school science teaching experience where he also served as a science coordinator, department chair and health science coordinator. For the past eight years he has had the opportunity to help develop and eventually instruct an Environmental and Energy Technologies Teacher Research Academy at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as well as taking on other roles as a Faculty Scholar. Most recently Bret was a Master Teacher for the Cal Poly (STAR), STEM Teacher and Researcher Program. He was also a Staff Developer for the K-12 Alliance where he gained valuable experience facilitating the Teaching Learning Collaborative (TLC) Lesson Study process. Bret's hobbies include outdoor recreational activities such as hiking, running, hunting and fishing. Bret is married and has two children, one in middle school and one in high school.