

Nevada County  
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Commission

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April 2, 2018

To: Boards of Directors  
Nevada County Independent Special Districts

From: Deborah Gilcrest, Clerk/Analyst

Subject: **Ballot Packet for Election of Regular Special District Member**

Thank you for submitting your nominations for the open District seat on the Nevada Local Agency Formation Commission. Enclosed is a ballot showing the names of the two nominated candidates. Their statements (and/or resumes) are also enclosed. Both nominations were made by District resolution:

Nick Wilcox (incumbent), Nevada Irrigation District

Patricia Nelson, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District

Please remember: The ballot cannot be photocopied --- **only the original ballot will be counted.** Only the Chair of the District's Board of Directors or an appointed substitute may complete and sign the ballot. (If a substitute is to sign the ballot, a copy of the resolution appointing him or her must be included with the returned ballot.) Lack of this person's original signature on the ballot will invalidate that district's vote.

The ballot must be received in the LAFCo office no later than the date stated on the ballot: **Monday, April 30, 2018.** Ballots received after 5:00 p.m. on that date will be invalid and will not be counted. To assure the vote occurs at your next regularly scheduled meeting, this information is also being sent via email. However, please remember --- **only the original ballot**, signed and returned by the deadline, will be counted.

Finally, the votes will be tallied by LAFCo staff, in the presence of a witness not affiliated with LAFCo or any nominee, within seven (7) days. Any person who wishes to witness the tally should call the LAFCo office to learn the date, time and place of the tally. Results of the election will be sent to each special district and each nominee.

Ballots must be **RECEIVED** in the LAFCo office **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2018:**

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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call the LAFCo office at 530-265-7180, or send an email to:

[Deborah.Gilcrest@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:Deborah.Gilcrest@co.nevada.ca.us).

Cc: Patricia Nelson, NCCFD Board Member and 2018 LAFCo District candidate  
Kurt Grundel, LAFCo Vice Chair, Penn Valley FPD – LAFCo District member  
Nick Wilcox, Nevada Irrigation District Board – current LAFCo District member  
Ed Beckenbach, North San Juan FPD, LAFCo Alternate District member  
Hank Weston, LAFCo Chair – LAFCo County member

Enclosures: Election Ballot  
Candidates' statements & resumes

Patricia L. Nelson, Statement of Qualifications for  
Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

As a Director of the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFire) since 2014, a Special District, I have developed a further understanding of the importance of the Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission's role in overseeing local government and special district changes to meet current and future community needs. My experience with NCCFire has broadened that developed as a professional environmental planner. As part of this work, I have experience developing annexation applications for projects situated in City of Grass Valley Spheres of Influence and also review of annexation plans developed for local Special Districts.

Other applicable volunteer experience and affiliations include:

- Mediator, Nevada County Conflict Resolution Center;
- U.S. Naval Station Treasure Island Base Realignment and Closure Citizens' Advisory Board. This committee oversaw the prerequisite environmental studies to enable of the City and County of San Francisco Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) to transfer the LRA status from San Francisco to the Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA);
- Association of Environmental Professionals

My educational background is:

- U.C. Berkeley, B.S. Conservation of Natural Resources
- University of San Francisco, M.B.A. Human Resources and Organization Development

Thank you for your consideration of me for this elective position. If elected, it would be an honor to serve the Nevada County LAFCo and I would do so reliably.

**PATRICIA L. NELSON**  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
415-847-0862 (C) | plnelsonco@gmail.com (E)

## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

A team oriented leader, successfully planning and directing complex environmental projects involving urban planning, regulatory compliance and community outreach programs to result in cost and schedule efficiencies. Has served State commissions and municipal governments, utility and industry clients in northern and central California for over ten years.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF SELECTED SKILLS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Understands Community Development Agency processes, principles and practices to support the public, applicants, Municipal Advisory Councils, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors through planning work associated with being Director, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, Treasure Island Base Realignment and Closure Citizens Advisory Committee member for the US Navy and City/County of San Francisco and California Coastal Commission staff while developing the Marin County Local Coastal Plan Preparation.
- Developed and delivered technical and procedural educational programs for environmental projects that involved agency and public participation, in accordance with local California and federal regulatory requirements for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Hydroelectric Project studies, California Oregon Transmission Project (among others), and fossil fuel power projects subject to NEPA for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
- Developed and implemented a community outreach program for the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project that resulted in a 72 percent project acceptance rating in a survey performed by the City of Grass Valley.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **PLNelson Company – Environmental, Grass Valley, CA**

**2013 – present**

*Principal*

Environmental Services Planner providing environmental permitting and compliance support to construction projects, including: Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. (SMCI), Ausenco, Teichert Materials, and D.K. Barber PE and Associates. For SMCI, reviewed and developed strategies to address environmental considerations for the permitted construction of a Wet Weather Equalization Basin in City of Pacifica, CA, to address traffic circulation issues along the Coast Highway. For Ausenco, developed the Preliminary Construction Environmental Management Plan for the Rosemont Copper Mine Project proposed near Tucson, AZ, to address necessary mitigations to construction impacts for inclusion in the Final EIS and ROD. For Teichert Materials, led development of a Pre-Draft Prospectus Mitigation Bank Strategy for an aggregate mine located in the Goldfields in the Lower Yuba River for consideration of the Interagency Review Team. For D.K. Barber PE & Associates, developed Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans for construction materials facilities in northern California.

### **HDR Engineering, Inc., Sacramento, CA**

**2007 – 2013**

*Senior Management Consultant and Environmental Services Manager*

Developed a practice in performing environmental permitting and CEQA/NEPA document preparation for FERC hydroelectric projects in California for the HDR Hydroelectric Services Department. Individual projects include: Rio Bravo Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 4129) Maintenance Dredging Project Permitting; South Feather Power Project (FERC No. 2088) CEQA Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration; and Pit 3, 4, 5 Project (FERC No. 233) License Implementation Project. Directed and performed technical and regulatory analyses for and obtained 32 resource agency permits and CEQA documents, in accordance with CWA Sections 401 and 404, California Fish and Game Code, and completed ESA Section 7 and NHPA Section 106 and SHPO Consultations to avoid liquidated damages EPC contract clauses for construction of PG&E's Pit 3, 4, 5 hydroelectric project (FERC License No. 233) In-stream Flow Release Improvements, among others (e.g., road, bridges etc.). Prepared routing feasibility studies for the PG&E Guernsey Solar Photovoltaic Site Gen-Tie (Hanford, CA), Jefferson to Stanford Powerline No. 2 60 kV Routing and Feasibility Study Project (San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties) and Geysers No. 3 S/S (Pole 0/1) to Proposed Power Plant (Pole 0/18) - Biological Resources and Waters of the U.S. Constraints Analysis.

**Idaho Maryland Mining Corporation, Grass Valley, CA**  
*Director of Environmental Affairs*

**2005 – 2007**

As Director, was principal spokesperson for the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project, developed and implemented an educational program for the community where technical project information was explained, questions and concerns were collected for which responses were prepared, and relationships with community members were maintained. Authored and facilitated internal review of five permit applications to support the re-opening of the historic Idaho-Maryland Mine and submitted to the City of Grass Valley for review and action in accordance with CEQA and Surface Mining and Reclamation Act. The permit applications included: Formal Development Review, Mineral Exploration and Extraction (SMARA), General Plan Amendment, Rezone/Prezone and Annexation Permit Applications.

**AMEC Earth and Environmental, Petaluma, CA**  
*Program Manager and Principal Scientist*

**2000 – 2005**

Promoted AMEC's Environmental Services expertise in Northern California for commercial and government sectors. Was liaison between clients and on-site superintendents to facilitate performance of environmental surveys as well as manage financial aspects of contracts and subcontracts. Project work included: Socioeconomic assessment for the Sonoma Marin Area Rapid Transit (SMART) CEQA document as subcontractor for Parsons Brinkerhoff, Presidio Trust CEQA Document Preparation for Site Restoration; Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) permitting for rail line bridge replacements in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties for Union Pacific Railroad; Brown Pelican Survey at Elkhorn Slough for Union Pacific Bridge Replacement; Idaho-Maryland Mine Project Conceptual Permit Application, and Beale Air Force Base Wetland Assessment and Environmental Assessment to support the J Street and Flight line Water Main Replacement Project.

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco, CA**  
*Senior Environmental Engineer*

**1983 – 2000**

As Senior Environmental Engineer was responsible for program development and administration to manage utility six improvement projects with contracts valued between \$1M and \$20M each for the Department of Environmental Affairs Manufactured Gas Plant Program. Project manager for the Site Remediation Unit that developed budgets, schedules and technical requests for proposals, contracted, planned, directed and oversaw environmental restoration construction activities for the six State Superfund cleanups that obtained closure certificates from the State within 10 years. Project spokesperson that developed and maintained working relationships between internal departments, agency staff, California Public Utilities Commission, community members, contractor and consultants, and managed budgets for internal and external audits.

**EDUCATION**

- M.B.A., Human Resources and Organization Development, University of San Francisco
- B.S. Conservation of Natural Resources, University of California, Berkeley
- Certificate in Conflict Resolution, John F. Kennedy University
- Certificate in Human Resources Management, California State University, Sacramento

**PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS/ AFFILIATIONS**

- Qualified Industrial Stormwater Practitioner, No. 00570
- Registered Environmental Property Assessor, No. 323739
- Founding Director, International Association for Public Participation
- Director, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Association of Environmental Planners
- American Exploration & Mining Association

## Bio for Nick Wilcox

Nick Wilcox was elected to the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) Board in November 2008 representing Penn Valley, Rough and Ready and parts of greater Grass Valley. He serves on numerous NID committees, including the Engineering committee and the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. Nick brings a variety of experience to his participation on the NID Board and the LAFCo Commission. He worked for many years for a local engineering firm as an environmental chemist. Nick is now retired from the State Water Resources Control Board where he held a supervisory position in the Division of Water Rights as an Environmental Scientist. Since 2014, Nick has served on Nevada LAFCo as a representative for the Independent Special Districts. In addition to his other duties as a Commissioner, Nick serves as a Committee member on the Policy Committee, and on the Sphere/MSR Staging Committee. Nick has also served as a commissioner for the City of Grass Valley Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board.

## Resume

### Nick Wilcox

14514 Bald Mountain Road  
Penn Valley, Ca 95946  
(530) 432-2171, nickwilcox@outlook.com

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#### ELECTED POSITIONS

##### *Nevada Irrigation District Board of Directors, December 2008 to present*

- Served on every Board Committee. Currently assigned to the Engineering and Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committees
- Served two terms as Board President

##### *Nevada County LAFCo, 2014 to present*

- Serve on the Policy and the Municipal Service Review Committees

##### *Nevada County Redevelopment Agency Oversight Commission*

- Recently appointed to this commission after having served on a similar commission for the City of Grass Valley

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

##### *State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Sacramento, Ca, 1992 – 2003, Retired from State service September 22, 2003.*

- Chief of the Bay-Delta Unit. Promoted to this position in April 1999 as an Environmental Specialist IV. Responsible for supervising a variety of hearing and compliance related projects.
- Joined the Bay-Delta Unit in July 1995. Promoted to Environmental Specialist III in October 1995. Participated in preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for Implementation of the 1995 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Provided staff support for the Bay-Delta Water Rights Hearing that began July 1997.
- February 1992 – July 1995, worked as an Environmental Specialist in the Environmental Assessment Section. Responsible for performing CEQA review of water right applications throughout the State.

##### *Cranmer Engineering Water Analysis Laboratory, Grass Valley, Ca, 1976 - 1990.*

Laboratory Director. Duties included chemical and bacteriological analysis of water and wastewater samples, report writing, fieldwork, client relations, promotion, personnel, and new methods development. Left to go to graduate school.

##### *John Woolman School, Nevada City, Ca, 1971 - 1976.*

Taught high school Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

##### *Germantown Friends School, Philadelphia, Pa., 1967-1971.*

Taught high school Biology and Introductory Physical Science.

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

*California State University, Sacramento. 1990 to 1992*

Enrolled in the masters program in Biological Sciences.

*Stanford University, Hopkins Marine Station, Pacific Grove CA, summer 1971.*

Studied marine intertidal invertebrates.

*Wesleyan University, Middletown CT, BA, 1967.*

Major: Biology.

*Germantown Friends School, Philadelphia, PA, High School Diploma, 1963*



**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NEVADA  
COUNTY**

**Special District Member**

(Term to expire in May 2022)

**Election Ballot 2018**

*Vote for one (1) candidate*

**NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Patricia Nelson**, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District Board Member

*Nominated by:*

Nevada County Consolidated Fire District

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nick Wilcox (incumbent)**, Nevada Irrigation District Board Member and LAFCo Commissioner

*Nominated by:*

Nevada Irrigation District

Chair of the Board of Directors

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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