



EL DORADO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 6, 2006

TO: Cindy Keck
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

FROM: William J. Stephans *WJ Stephans*
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures

**SUBJECT: BOARD APPOINTMENT TO FILL AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MEMBER POSITIONS**

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RECOMMENDATION:

The independent Review Panel recommends that the Board of Supervisors appoint Chuck Bacchi to represent the *Livestock Industry* and Tom Heflin to represent the *Fruit and Nut Farming Industry* on the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission for a four (4) year term beginning January, 2007 and expiring January, 2011.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The Agricultural Commission is comprised of seven members, not officials of the county, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, representing the following industries: Forestry/Related (1), Livestock (2), Fruit and Nut Farming (2), Agricultural Processing (1), and Other Agricultural Interests (1). In addition, the Commission has a Registered Professional Forester as an ex-officio member.

In accordance with Agricultural Commission Bylaws adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 31, 2004, a *Notice of Terms of Office Expiration* was submitted to the local newspapers and to county agricultural organizations. In addition, an independent Review Panel comprised of industry representatives as identified in the Agricultural Commission By-Laws § 4(a), met on December 4, 2006, to review applications and interview candidates. As a result, the independent Review Panel recommends the Board of Supervisors appoint Chuck Bacchi to represent the *Livestock Industry* and Tom Heflin to represent the *Fruit and Nut Farming Industry* on the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission for a four (4) year term beginning January, 2007 and expiring January, 2011.

The Review Panel is comprised of ten members from the following organizations:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	Dave Pratt, <i>Fruit & Nut Farming Industry</i> Lloyd Walker, <i>Other Agricultural Interests</i>
APPLE HILL GROWERS ASSOCIATION	Maryann Argyres
CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION	Tim Curran
CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ASSN.	Dee Kobervig (<i>did not attend</i>)
EL DORADO CO. FARM BUREAU	Merv de Haas
EL DORADO WINEGRAPE GROWERS	John Zentner
EL DORADO WINERY ASSOCIATION	Pam Miller
FARM TRAILS ASSOCIATION	Wendell Smith
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER	Bill Draper

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact associated with the recommended appointment.

NET COUNTY COST:

There is no net county cost impact.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING APPROVAL:

1. Agricultural Commission appointees, Chuck Bacchi and Tom Heflin, to begin their terms (January, 2007 to January, 2011) at the regularly scheduled meeting of January 10, 2007.



EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Member Position Applying For: Livestock Insulator

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NAME: Chuck Bacchi

OCCUPATION: Rancher

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Describe the agricultural activities in which you are currently involved.

2 separate herds of cattle, both winter in El Dorado + Sacramento Counties.
one herd Summer in Oregon, another on public + private lands in Placer
+ El Dorado Counties.

1 goat herd raising kids for meat

Describe your experience in the field of agriculture (please be specific).

1978-present - Bacchi Ranch partner

1996-present E Bar LLC. partner

2005-present partner in goat herd with Marcus Bacchi

Former State Director, CEA, Former president, El Dorado, Amador, Sacramento Cattlemen's
Directors, El Dorado Co. Farm Bureau
Advisory Member, Klumb Basin Rangeland Trust

Please give the reasons you wish to serve as a member of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission.

Agricultural lands + products provide many amenities to the residents
of El Dorado Co. yet there is a lack of understanding as to how County plans
and ordinances designed to "help" agriculture may in fact "harm" agriculture
and thereby destroy the biggest single driver of quality of life so important
to residents

I make my living from producing agricultural products and will
bring a ^{different} perspective to the Commission if I am chosen to serve.

Chuck Bacchi

EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Application for Membership: Date November 3, 2006

Member Position Applying For: Livestock Industry

Name: Vincent Di Vittorio

Occupation: Retired Educator Daytime Phone:

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Describe the agricultural activities in which you are currently involved.

I own a ranch in the Gold Hill area and have raised Cattle, Sheep, and 4 years ago started raising Boer Goats. My flock consist of 2 Billy goats and 21 Nanny-goats. The young goats are sold for meat and the mature ones are breeders. I also had a vineyard and sold grapes to local wineries and home wine makers.

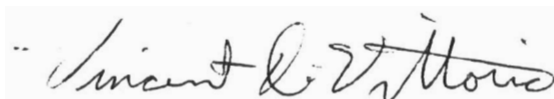
Describe your experience in the field of agriculture:

I worked on family farms and ranches. During my high school education I was an F.F.A. Member. I attended Chico State University and received a B.S. degree in Animal Science. I continued my education earning a M.S. in Vocational Agriculture Education. I attended agricultural workshops at U.C. Davis and C.S.U. San Luis Obispo. During my graduate year, I organized Future Farmers of America events and workshops.

Please give reasons you wish to serve as a member of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission.

I have lived in El Dorado County for the pass 33 years. I retired last year from El Dorado Union High School District. I taught Vocation Agriculture classes and was the F.F.A. Advisor at El Dorado County Fair's. I advised students in showing Horses, Cattle, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry, and supervising their home projects. I have enjoyed a career in Agriculture and would like to stay active with a membership in the Agricultural Commission.

Sincerely





**EL DORADO COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Member Position Applying For: AG COMMISSION

NAME: HOWARD NEILSEN

OCCUPATION: RANCHER DAYTIME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Describe the agricultural activities in which you are currently involved.

OWNER/MANAGER NEILSEN RANCH

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AMADOR-ELDORADO-SACRAMENTO COUNTIES CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FARM BUREAU

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Describe your experience in the field of agriculture (please be specific).

RAISED ON FAMILY HOMESTEAD - LIFETIME CATTLE RANCHER

OWN/MANAGE FORESTLAND PROPERTY

PAST-AG COUNCIL MEMBER PAST-PRESIDENT AMADOR-ELDORADO-SACRAMENTO

CATTLEMEN'S ASSOC. PAST-PRESIDENT EL DORADO CO. FARM BUREAU PAST-VICE PRESIDENT
FOREST LANDOWNERS OF CALIFORNIA

Please give the reasons you wish to serve as a member of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission.

AGRICULTURE HAS BOTH A VITAL AND VIABLE ROLE IN EL DORADO COUNTY'S

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GROWTH. MY ENTIRE LIFE HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURE

AND IT'S RURAL LIFESTYLE AND I WANT TO ENSURE THAT OTHERS HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY.



EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Member Position Applying For: Fruit and Nut Farming Industry

NAME: John L. Smith

OCCUPATION: Grape grower, winemaker DAYTIME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Describe the agricultural activities in which you are currently involved.

I currently grow 24 acres of wine grapes (and planted 17 of the acres since 1996); 12 varieties in seven separate estate vineyards. I am the owner and founding winemaker of Oakstone Winery, and the owner and winemaker at Obscurity Cellars.

Describe your experience in the field of agriculture (please be specific).

I have grown wine grapes in New Jersey, New York and in California since 1989. I was the winemaker at Single Leaf Winery from 1992 to 1996, and built Oakstone Winery in 1996, and Obscurity Cellars in 2004. I have entered into two Williamson Act Contracts, and obtained two winery building permits and one Special Use Permit in this County.

Please give the reasons you wish to serve as a member of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission.

While serving as the Fair Play Winery Association representative at Ag. Commission meetings from 1998 to 2004, I attended virtually all the meetings during that time, and served on the Winery Ordinance Industry Committee for the Commission from 2001 to the present. I am very familiar with the zoning, regulations and ordinances that govern agriculture in El Dorado County, with the policies and practices of the Ag Commission, and am experienced in the interpretation of legal issues and documents. I am firmly committed to the growth of agriculture in this County, and will be diligent in working to create a climate in which agricultural pursuits are valued and encouraged by the community and by its leaders.



EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Member Position Applying For: FRUIT & NUT

NAME: TOM HEFLIN

OCCUPATION: FARMER DAYTIME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Describe the agricultural activities in which you are currently involved.

(see attached)

Describe your experience in the field of agriculture (please be specific).

(see attached)

Please give the reasons you wish to serve as a member of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission.

(see attached)

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Current agricultural activities: Owner-operator of Rainbow Orchards since 1977 harvest season. Rainbow Orchards is a vertically integrated farming operation growing a large variety of fruits and berries, marketing the entire crop through certified farmers markets and roadside sales. This includes ten varieties of peaches, seven varieties of nectarines, ten varieties of apples, bartlett and asian pears, and bushberries. In addition to land owned Rainbow Orchards also leases approximately forty acres of orchard land from other individuals and entities. Rainbow Orchard also processes fresh apple cider for retail sales and has agreements with seven growers to purchase all juice fruit they produce. Rainbow has nine full time employees and ten part time employees year round with obvious additions during harvest season. Currently engaged in developing new orchard and vineyard behind Camino school..

Rainbow Orchards is an active member of Farm Trails and Apple Hill Growers Associations. El Dorado Chamber of Commerce "Grower of the Year". Member, Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Member, El Dorado County Economic Advisory Committee. Member, El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce Ag-Council.

Experience: My family has roots in El Dorado County agriculture that go back to 1856. While I'm not quite that old, I did learn to drive a tractor at eight years of age, with irrigation, pruning and picking to shortly follow. If it has to do with apples and pears, I've been involved for fifty years. Have been extremely active in agriculture political activities during the development and current implementation on the General Plan. Testify and participate frequently.

Reasons I wish to serve: I am extremely proud of the contributions my past and present family members have made to agriculture in El Dorado County. I would like to make sure my current and future family members will be able to continue our agricultural heritage. Protection of agricultural land from ever encroaching population growth would seem to be a logical priority. Being involved in insuring availability of adequate water for agricultural use certainly is important. Having a viable county wide ranch marketing system so that products can be sold at a price that enable people to continue farming is a must. I have the time, the experience, the skills and most importantly, the passion necessary to do an outstanding job. Promote, preserve, protect agriculture in El Dorado County.



EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Member Position Applying For: FRUIT AND NUT FARMING INDUSTRY

NAME: DAVID E BOLSTER

OCCUPATION: REALTOR/FARMER

DAYTIME PHONE: () - -

ADDRESS: _ _ _ _ _

Describe the agricultural activities in which you are currently involved.

BOLSTER'S HILLTOP RANCH - We produce and sell apples, blueberries, pumpkins and Christmas Trees. 100% of the products produced on the farm are sold directly to customers at the farm. We have 43.4 acres total with approximately 14 in production.

Describe your experience in the field of agriculture (please be specific).

I worked at the El Dorado County Dept of Ag for 15.2 years as a senior Agriculture Biologist. I have worked and managed the family farm which my grandparents purchased in 1951.

Please give the reasons you wish to serve as a member of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission.

To promote, protect, and advocate for the agriculture industry in El Dorado county. And, to participate in the Ag Commissions role in implementing the Agriculture element of the El Dorado County General Plan.

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY
COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES OR ADVISORY BOARDS

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This form is used for consideration of appointments made by the County Board of Supervisors. Please complete front and back of this form and attach a resume if available. Return completed form to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County Government Center, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667.

- 1) Date: **12/22/06**
- 2) Committee, Commission, Board or principle area of interest:

Community Action Council

- 3) Application by: **Todd White**
- 4) List all County board, commissions or committees of which you are now or have been a member. Indicate dates of service.

El Dorado County Youth Commission, June,2004 - June,2005

- 5) Summary of qualifications related to group(s) listed above. (What experience or special knowledge do you bring to your area of interest?)

My qualifications related to this commission are that I have been active in writing and overseeing grants for non-profit purposes in the past. In 2000 I wrote a grant to help educate young people in El Dorado County about the hunger that exists in this county. This was in cooperation with the University of California Cooperative Extension with the consultation from Mike Sproull, Executive Director of the Food Bank of El Dorado County. We were awarded funds from Kraft Food, Inc. to complete this project.

Also I sat on the Executive Committee of the Vision Coalition of El Dorado Hills for 2 years. This non-profit's purpose is to gain grant funds to fund and develop program to prevent alcohol and drug use among underage use. This organization was responsible for collecting \$1.2 million in

grant money for El Dorado County. This organization receives its funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Sierra Health Foundation. After about a year and a half of serving on the Executive Committee I hired as the organization's Youth Liaison and my employment continued until November of 2006.

I will be graduating from Folsom Lake College in May 2007 with an Associate of Arts in Social Science and General Education. I will transfer into California State University Sacramento in Fall 2007.

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COUNTY OF EL DORADO

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Memo

To: Cindy Keck, Clerk Of the Board

From: Geri Silva, Interim Director
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Date: December 20, 2006

RE: Recommendations for Appointments to Commissions

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*Environmental
Health Division*

*Air Quality
Management
District*

*Solid Waste &
Hazardous
Materials
Divisions*

Vector Control

At the request of the Chief Administration Office this memo transmits the list of appointees and members of the El Dorado County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. There are no changes at this time.



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MEMBERS LIST

MEMBER	ALTERNATE	ASSOCIATION	APPOINTED	ORIGINAL	EXPIRATION
Farris, Sue	Harlow, Debi	Roll: El Dorado Disposal Appointed by: Full Board District: 3	1/11/2005	1/11/2005	1/1/2010
Hillyer, Dianna	Downey, Kristy	Roll: El Dorado Hills CSD Appointed by: Full Board District: 4	1/7/2003	1/7/2003	1/1/2008
Lear, Jeanne	Tillman, John	Roll: South Tahoe Refuse Appointed by: Full Board District: 5	1/7/2003	4/21/1998	1/1/2008
McCluskey, Bill	---	Roll: Public Member Appointed by: Full Board District: 4	1/15/2002	1/15/2002	1/1/2008
Mefford, Tammy	---	Roll: Cameron Park CSD Appointed by: Full Board District: 1	2/25/2003		1/1/2008
Nizolek, Don	---	Roll: Public Member & Vice-Chair Appointed by: Full Board District: 1	1/7/2003	4/21/1998	1/1/2008
Pigg, Gary	Pesses, Randy	Roll: City of Placerville Appointed by: Full Board District: 3	1/11/2005		1/1/2010
Rickerd, Smokey	Jenkins, David	Roll: City of SLT Appointed by: Full Board District: 5	2/7/2006	2/7/2006	1/1/2010
Schwarzback, Dickson, EdD	---	Roll: Public Member & Chair Appointed by: Full Board District: 3	1/7/2003	3/24/1992	1/1/2008
Spinella, Nancy	---	Roll: Public Member Appointed by: Full Board District: 4	1/11/2005	1/11/2005	1/1/2010