

# El Dorado County Board of Supervisors: Application for New Board, Commission or Committee

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## Instructions

Board or Commission Applying For	Planning Commission
Vacant Position or Title	Planning Commissioner - District 4 Appointee
First Name	Tim
Last Name	Costello
Email Address	
Primary Residential Address	
Residential City	Shingle Springs
Residential ZIP Code	95682
Daytime Telephone	
Mobile Telephone	
Occupation/Title	Retired. My career was in environmental engineering; most recent title was Senior Scientist / Associate with Tetra Tech, Inc.
Employer	Retired. My environmental engineering career was spent with McLaren Engineering (1984-2000) and Tetra Tech, Inc. (2000-2019)
List all County boards, commissions or committees to which you are/were appointed. Please include dates of service.	None.

Summary of qualifications	B.S. degree in Soil Resource Management, UC Berkeley, 1980. Three years post-graduate studies in Soil Science, UC Davis, 1982-1984. 1) 34-year career in environmental engineering. Advanced from entry level Staff Soil Scientist to Principal Soil Scientist at McLaren Engineering, and advanced from Senior Scientist to Senior Scientist / Associate at Tetra Tech. I managed the local Tetra Tech office in Rancho Cordova for several years, responsible for profit/loss and personnel in addition to managing my clients and workload, and
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obtaining work. The majority of my clients were in the private sector. During the final 20 years of my career I mainly focused on property transaction environmental site assessments (Phase I and II ESAs) and soil, groundwater and soil vapor investigations and cleanups from hazardous materials releases. During that time my clients were mostly developers, attorneys and land owners. I routinely negotiated with and performed work with oversight from regulatory agencies (local agencies - county environmental health departments and water districts; and state agencies - Regional Water Quality Control Boards, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Department of Pesticide Regulation). Work included developing sampling and analysis plans, well installations, sample collection, data evaluation, and technical report preparation. As a result of my work experience I approach projects analytically and objectively, and am familiar with the developer side of property acquisition. The majority of my Phase I and II ESA experience was in Silicon Valley (Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, San Jose) where I assessed and cleaned up commercial and industrial properties for residential redevelopment. I also have work experience in the greater Sacramento region including El Dorado County and the Tahoe Basin, as well as across the U.S. and in British Columbia. For the past 12 years I have been a member of the Shingle Springs Community Alliance. I have been active in reviewing proposed development projects in and around Shingle Springs. I occasionally submit comment letters to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Department on documents prepared by both project applicants and the Planning Department. This experience has allowed me to become generally acquainted with the General Plan, the Zoning and Sign Ordinances and Community Design Standards.

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**Affiliations with professional and/or community groups**

As stated above for the past 12 years I have been a member of the Shingle Springs Community Alliance. I worked on the Measure E campaign and Community Design standards for Shingle Springs, and have evaluated and commented on numerous proposed developments. I have also been involved with the Save Our County Joint Coalition group which helped me learn about development-related community concerns and community groups in other parts of the County. I was a past member of the Professional Soil Scientists Association of California.

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**Why do you seek appointment?**

I deeply appreciate the rural character of El Dorado County and have a desire to become more involved in decision making. As a Planning Commissioner for Supervisor Parlin I can take a more active role in evaluating proposed projects in the County with respect to conformance with our General Plan and ordinances. I also welcome the opportunity to more formally interact with Planning Department staff and with Supervisor Parlin again after working with her at the SSCA.

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**Additional Information**

My wife and I are 32-year residents of Shingle Springs. Both of my children attended the local schools (Buckeye, Camerado, Ponderosa) and I'm a big believer in our local school district. I like to be involved in my community. In addition to my SSCA activities I have coached Little League baseball and helped with the Ponderosa High School Academic Decathlon program back when my sons were in the program. I currently volunteer with local mountain bike groups and the American River Conservancy helping construct and maintain mountain bike and multi-use trails (El Dorado Trail, Folsom SRA and Auburn SRA trails).

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**If known, indicate the member of the Board of Supervisors who will receive a copy of this application**

Lori Parlin

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**File Attachments**

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**Signature of Applicant**