

# EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Member Position Applying For: FRUIT AND NUT FARMING INDUSTRY

NAME: DAVID BOLSTER

OCCUPATION: REALTOR DAYTIME PHONE: 295-2945

ADDRESS: 1961 LARSEN DR, CAMINO, 95709

Describe the agricultural activities in which you are currently involved.

Operate and manage the family farm,  
Bolster's Hilltop Ranch. Current Chairman El  
Dorado County Chamber of Commerce Ag Council Board  
of Directors, El Dorado Land Trust.

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

Please see attached sheet -

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

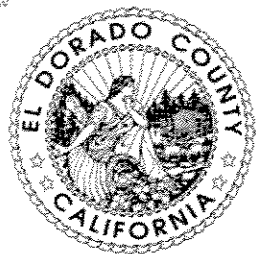
To promote the interests of, and advocate  
for the agriculture industry in El  
Dorado County.

**Describe your experience in the field of agriculture.**

Public and private sector experience in agriculture includes:

- \* 15 years, Senior Agricultural Biologist, El Dorado County Dept of Agriculture.
- \* 28 years operating and managing Bolster's Hilltop Ranch, Camino/Apple Hill, growers of apples, blueberries, and Christmas trees.
- \* 5 years as President of the Apple Hill Growers Association, including 18 years on the Apple Hill Growers Association Board of Directors.
- \* Member of the original Ranch Marketing Ordinance Industry sub-committee in 1987.
- \* Two terms as the El Dorado county industry representative to the USDA Farm Services Agency Regional County Committee.
- \* Represented the El Dorado county agriculture industry in the US Agency for International Development's "Farmer to Farmer" program in Guatemala in 1998.
- \* Sacramento Metro Chamber Agriculture Industry Committee representative for the Capitol to Capitol program in Washington DC in 2005.
- \* One term, Board of Directors, El Dorado County Farm Bureau.
- \* 6 years as Chairman of the El Dorado County Chamber's Agriculture Council.
- \* Board of Directors, El Dorado County Land Trust
- \* Member of 2009 Ranch Marketing Ordinance industry sub-committee.

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**Member Position Applying For:** Fruit and Nut Farming Industry

**NAME:** John L. Smith

**OCCUPATION:** Grape Grower, Winemaker

**DAYTIME PHONE:** 530-620-5303

**ADDRESS:** 6460 Slug Gulch Road, Fair Play, CA 95684

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), including 14 varieties in seven estate vineyards. I am the owner and founding winemaker of Oakstone Winery, and owner and winemaker for Obscurity Cellars.

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

I have grown wine grapes in New York and New Jersey beginning in 1974, and have been growing wine grapes 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, obtained two winery building permits, and one special use permit for a winery in this County.

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

As the Fair Play Winery Association representative, I have attended most of the Ag Commission meetings between 1998 and 2009. I have served on the industry and steering committees to assist in revising the County Winery ordinance, and have worked aggressively to ensure its passage. During this process, I have established an excellent rapport with the leadership of the Planning Services Department and with members of the Board of Supervisors. I have become familiar with the zoning ordinances and regulations that govern agriculture in El Dorado County and with the policies and practices of the Ag Commission, and I am experienced with the interpretation of legal issues and documents. I am firmly committed to the growth of agriculture in this County, and I will be diligent in working to create a climate in which agricultural pursuits are valued and encouraged by the community and its leaders.