



Napa County Regional Park
and Open Space District

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1195 Third Street, Second floor, Napa, CA 94559

*Please submit applications no later than **4 pm on Monday, May 26, 2014** at the second floor of the Napa County Administration building at 1195 Third Street, Napa, CA 94559, or electronically to jwoodbury@ncrposd.org. Each municipality and each County Supervisor has been asked to nominate a member to the committee. Applications will be forwarded to the municipality and the County Supervisor in whose District the applicant resides for their consideration when they make their nominations. They may also solicit applications directly. The District Board of Directors may nominate up to five additional members to ensure the committee represents the diversity of interests in the County. All nominations are subject to appointment by the District Board of Directors*

1. FULL NAME: DENICE BRITTON SMITH

2. DATE: 4/29/14

3. CURRENT OCCUPATION (within last 12 months):

CONSULTING ARBORIST

4. CURRENT LICENSE(S) (date of issue and/or expiration including status):

1984 ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST 6/30/14

2006 CA QUALIFIED PEST CONTROL LICENSE 12-2014

5. EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE (list schools, dates enrolled, degree obtained if any):

1981 MS UC Berkeley, Urban Forestry

1979 BS UC Berkeley, Plant Pathology

6. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION *(list membership on Boards and Commissions of public agencies and involvement with non-profit organizations, including nature of participation, and dates of service):*

See attached resume

7. OTHER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES *(describe activity, date(s), your role):*

See Attached Resume

8. NAME AND OCCUPATION OF SPOUSE WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS, IF MARRIED
(for identifying potential conflicts of interest)

Mike Smith, Owner, The Cottages of Napa Valley, 1012 Darms Lane, Napa

9. PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE AND HOW YOU
FEEL YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE:

I hike, bird watch and enjoy the county parks and open space

Having been the Urban Forester for the City of Chico, I am familiar with invasive
plants, forest management and park management issues. I have extensive experience
working on Boards and am familiar with government processes and
routines.

Having retired, and only working part time, I am interested in giving back to my
community. I am very familiar with the County, having lived here for many years and am
interested in serving the County in a positive way. I don't know exactly what the task will
include, but as team worker, I am certain I can contribute. As an outdoor enthusiast, I am
interested in seeing as many outdoor areas as possible available to the community, and would
strive to increase the number of acres within the district, as well as assist in better managing
the areas that are currently in the district.

10. PERSONAL INFORMATION *(the following information is provided in confidence, but may be used by the Board of Directors when making the appointment, or be used by the District following appointment for purposes of communicating with the appointee)*

a. Email address:

b. Home address:

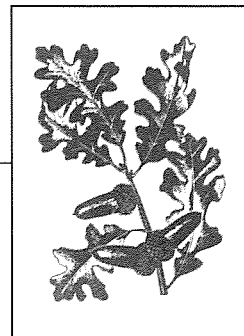
_____ Napa, CA 94558 _____

c. Telephone (home): _____ same as below _____

Telephone (office): _____ same as below _____

Telephone (cell): _____ _____

All applications will be kept on file for one year. Applications are public records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Information provided by the applicant is **not** regarded as confidential **except** for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant's personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.



4/24/2014

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 1979 -Bachelor of Science, Biology of Natural Resources, with emphasis in Plant Pathology, University of California, Berkeley. *Summa cum Laude*.
- 1981 -Master of Science, Wildland Resource Sciences, with emphasis in Urban Forestry, University of California, Berkeley. *Magna cum Laude*.
- 1984-2014 -Certified as an Arborist, WE-0108A, by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).
- 1984 -California Community Colleges Instructor Credential for Ornamental Horticulture, Credential No. 15 2 Fro 001 (#304717).
- 1989-2014 -Registered Consulting Arborist #296, American Society of Consulting Arborists.
1995 Graduate, ASCA Arboricultural Consulting Academy.
- 1992-2006 -California State Contractors License, Qualifying Individual, Limited Specialty Tree Service, C61/D49 #693647
- 2006 -Certified as an Urban Forester by the California Urban Forests Council (CaUFC)
- 2013 -ISA Qualified Tree Risk Assessor #1842

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1981-84 -**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, Berkeley. Urban Forestry Specialist.**
Develop an Urban Forestry outreach program to assist municipal foresters and arborists in setting up tree management programs. Provide technical expertise to University and Extension personnel regarding tree problems.
- 1984-2006 -**BRITTON TREE SERVICES, INC. ST. HELENA, CA.**
Consulting Arborist. Evaluate trees on client estates, and for public agencies, to develop maintenance programs. Consultation regarding the care of trees in the landscape, hazard evaluation, mitigating construction damage and improving cultural conditions around trees. 1985-2001: Co-owner and General Manager.
- June, 2006-
June 2013 **CITY OF CHICO, CA. Urban Forest Manager.**
Manage street and park trees for the continuation of Chico's urban forest, including species selection, planting, pruning and removal. Oversee contract(s) for maintenance of public landscapes. Assist in planning review of new development projects. Review plans for tree preservation and landscape designs.
- July, 2013-
Present **BRITTON ARBORICULTURAL SERVICES. Consulting Arborist.**
Provide consultation in management planning, tree appraisal risk assessment, and expert witness regarding trees.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 1981-2014 - **International Society of Arboriculture**
Certification Examination Committee, 1988-92
- 2002 **Honorary Life Membership** – In recognition of material and substantial contribution to the progress of arboriculture and having given unselfishly to support arboriculture.
- 1981-2014 **Western Chapter ISA, President, 1990-1991**
Board of Directors, 1986-90
Chairman, Regional Meetings Committee, 1981-88
Chairman, Certification Committee, 1982-87
Member, Certification Committee, 1987-92
- 1985 **Award of Merit.** In recognition of outstanding meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideals and practices of arboriculture.
- 1983-2013 -Member of **California Arborists Association**
Secretary-Treasurer, Napa Valley Chapter, 1986-87, 1992-93
- 1989-2014 - **American Society of Consulting Arborists**
President, 1998
President-Elect, 1997
Vice President, 1996
Secretary-Treasurer, 1995
Board of Directors, two year term, 1992-94
- 1985-2006 -Member, **National Arborists Association, Now Tree Care Industry**
- 1986-93 -**Trustee, St. Helena Beautification Foundation**
- 1991 -Member, **California Urban Forest Advisory Council** to the California Department of Forestry regarding expenditure of funds allocated by the **America The Beautiful** program to the US Forest Service.
- 1981-2013 Member, **California Urban Forests Council**
Elected to Board of Directors, 2003
Treasurer, 2004-2006

PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES

Ms. Britton has authored several publications on the care, appraisal and maintenance of trees. Her work has been published by the University of California Cooperative Extension Service, and in the *Journal of Arboriculture*, *Journal of Urban Ecology* and in the trade magazines *Arbor Age* and *California Oaks*. She wrote and published a quarterly newsletter, *Out on a Limb*, for clients and associates of Britton Tree Services, Inc, from 1991 to 2005.

Denice Britton has lectured at numerous professional association meetings on the successful care and maintenance of trees. Since 1995, she has taught a semi-annual course on tree pruning for the University of California Extension at UC Davis.

A detailed Curriculum Vitae can be provided upon request.