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County Executive Office
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE OR TASK FORCE

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NOTE: 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPOINTEES MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

For information about Form 709 Conflict of Interest Code click on this link [Committee List of Form 709 Filers](#)

*Application for Appointment to: (Name of Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force)

Napa County Local Food Advisory Council

*Category of membership for which you are applying:

(This information can be found on the news release announcing the opening. You may apply for more than one category if more than one position is open.)

Community at Large - Agriculture

*Supervisorial District in which you reside:

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*Full Name:

Leigh Sharp

*Date:

12/11/2014

*Current Occupation: (within the last twelve (12) months)

Executive Director, Napa County Resource Conservation District

*Current License: (Professional or Occupational, date of issue and/or expiration including status)

None

*Education/Experience: (A resume may be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.)

M.S. Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics; B.S. Environmental Science; 14 years experience with Napa County Resource Conservation District, Leadership Napa Valley graduate

*Community Participation: (Nature of activity and community location)

Parent Council Representative, Stone Bridge School, Napa (present)
Treasurer, Sierra Club, Napa (2003)
Volunteer with Napa Valley CanDo and volunteer at environmental events, Napa

*Other County Board/Commission/Committee on which you serve/have served:

I have not served on any County Board/Commission or Committee however, I am very familiar with the role and operation of such committees.

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Names, addresses and phone number of three (3) individuals familiar with your background:

*Name:

Frances Knapczyk

*Address:

[Redacted Address]

*City:

Napa

*State:

Ca

*Zip Code:

94559

*Telephone:

[Redacted Telephone]

*Name:

Sandy Elles

*Address:

[Redacted Address]

*City:

Napa

*State:

Ca

*Zip Code:

94559

*Telephone:

[Redacted Telephone]

*Name:

Jon Kanagy

*Address:

[Redacted Address]

*City:

Napa

*State:

Ca

*Zip Code:

94559

*Telephone:

[Redacted Telephone]

Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married (For Conflict of Interest purposes):

Jeff Sharp, Water Resources Planner, Napa County

*Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute:

I would like to serve because of my interest in diversified agriculture, youth engagement with ag., and env. sustainability. Although I would not serve in my capacity as Executive Director of RCD, I believe there are synergies that could be built.

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APPLICANTS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN OATH OF OFFICE.

All applications will be kept on file for one year from the date of application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

The following information is provided in confidence, but may be used by the Board of Supervisors when making the appointment, or be used by the Committee/Commission/Board/Task Force following appointment for purposes of communicating with the appointee.

*Full Name:

Leigh Sharp

*email Address:

[Redacted]

*Home Address:

[Redacted]

*Work Address:

[Redacted]

*City:

Napa

*State:

Ca

*Zip Code:

94559

*City:

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*State:

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*Zip Code:

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LEIGH K. SHARP

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"Despite his artistic pretensions, his sophistication and his many accomplishments, man owes his existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains." - Anonymous

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- More than 13 years of experience and progressive responsibility working for and managing the Napa County Resource Conservation District.
- 7 years of management experience working with a Board of Directors and leading a diverse and professional staff in an atmosphere of collaborative teamwork.
- Budgeting and strategic planning experience, implementing annual and 5-year strategic plans, organizational budgets, policies, procedures, and natural resource conservation programs.
- Strong collaboration skills - able to communicate effectively with local, state, and federal resource agency officials; elected officials; technical consultants; diverse members of the public; and co-workers.
- Ability to effectively build and leverage partnerships to improve delivery of conservation and sustainability programs.

EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2006 – PRESENT

NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, NAPA, CA

- Supervise a team of 8 well-educated, professional, collaborative and dedicated individuals with diverse scientific, technical and administrative backgrounds.
- Manage District finances, develop annual budgets (approximately \$1.5M with 15% from tax revenue and 85% from grants, contracts, and agricultural sales), carryout financial policies and protocols and oversee annual financial audits.
- Represent the District at local, regional and statewide hearings, forums and meetings, including presentations to local and state elected bodies.
- Provide leadership in statewide efforts to further the mission of conservation districts throughout CA – host of the 2013 state association conference, active member of District Manager’s Leadership Committee (2012- present), Co-Chair of the CA Organization of District Employees (2008 – 2010).
- Engage staff and community partners to build, innovate and adaptively manage District programs to meet urban and rural conservation needs.
- Oversee operation of all District programs including conservation education, watershed assessment & monitoring, conservation planning, conservation and restoration project implementation, and operation of a 20-acre sustainable demonstration vineyard.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AND STEWARDSHIP FACILITATOR, 2001- 2006

NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, NAPA, CA

- Worked with District management and Board to develop plans and policies, including Long Range Plans and Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Regularly represented the District at local, regional, and state forums and meetings.
- Successfully identified and obtained grants to fund District programs – over 75% of grants submitted were approved for funding.
- Coordinated and facilitated diverse stakeholder groups through the process of developing, funding, and implementing watershed management plans.
- Administered and managed Federal, state and local grant and professional service agreements.

WATER CONSERVATION SPECIALIST, 1999-2001

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY, SANTA ROSA, CA

- Developed, implemented, and managed urban water conservation programs.
- Gathered water resource planning information from Agency water contractors and prepared the Agency's regional Urban Water Management Plan pursuant to California Water Code.
- Prepared and delivered presentations to local interest groups and officials.
- Developed request for proposals and managed contracts and contractors.
- Represented the Agency's interests in water conservation at local and state water forums.

RESEARCH CONSULTANT, 1998-99 & GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, 1996-99

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE ECONOMICS, CORVALLIS, OR

- Supported the development of Oregon's State of the Environment Report (2000) by assimilating and reporting information on the status of water resources to an independent science panel.
- Designed and conducted surveys of landowners in Oregon to obtain socio-economic information relative to Oregon's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which utilizes market-based approaches to address resource challenges.
- Analyzed data from the CREP survey and reported results to the State of Oregon, the USDA, and the American Agricultural Economics Association.
- Served as an advisory member of an interagency team to develop Oregon's CREP and submit grant applications for its approval and funding by the USDA.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR, 1992 - 1997

OREGON TROUT, SALMON WATCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR, PORTLAND, OR. 1995 – 1997

BLUE RIDGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER, EDUCATOR, TACCOA, GA. 1994

DESERT SUN SCIENCE CENTER, EDUCATOR, IDYLLWILD, CA. 1993

CAMP CAMPBELL OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL, INTERN, SANTA CRUZ, CA. 1992

EDUCATION

M.S. AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR. 1999

MINOR, WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, Water Resources Research Institute, Oregon State University, Corvallis OR
Thesis: An Economic Analysis of Farmer's and Rancher's Willingness to Participate in Oregon's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP): A survey of riparian landowner's in Union and Washington Counties.

B.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, University of California, Riverside. 1992

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Special District Leadership Academy – California Special District Association, 2013

Facilitating and Negotiating Effective Environmental Agreements – CONCUR, Inc., 2002

Leadership Napa Valley Graduate, 2002

Western Management Development Center: Healthy Watersheds: Community-Based Partnerships, 2001

Conversational Skills for Convening People and Influencing Decisions – The Oregon Initiative, 1997

INTERESTS

I enjoy gardening, recreational kayaking, camping, reading, knitting, bluegrass music and festivals, and spending time with my daughter and family.