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Fresno County Elections



COUNTY OF FRESNO
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES APPLICATION FORM

Please be advised that you may be required to file a Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interest

Name of Applicant: Donald Lee Dukleth
Home Address: City: Zip:
Current Employer: Retired
Business Address: City: Zip:
Home Phone: Work Phone: Supervisorial District No. 5
E-mail Address:

NOTE: Please check above the address and telephone number you would like listed on the roster if you are appointed. The roster information may be released as a public record.

COMPLETE NAME of Board/Committee/Commission(s) you are interested in serving on as well as the position for which you are qualified (if necessary). If you are applying for the Behavioral Health Board, Fresno Child Care & Development Local Planning Council, In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, or Children and Families Commission, please also complete the supplemental application. If you are applying for the Workforce Development Board, please note a different application form is required.

California Sierra Resource Conservation District Board, Director

List past or present County appointments, as well as any other public service appointments, or elected positions held (please list dates served):

None

What experience or special knowledge can you bring to your area(s) of interest?

33 years of employment for Southern California Edison as a Forester. Also California Registered Professional Forester #2644

List community organizations to which you belong:

None

in past Fresno County Tree Mortality Taskforce

Convictions and Penalties - Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, give dates(s), location(s) and penalties. (Convictions are evaluated for each position and are not necessarily disqualifying).

None

List any affiliation you or your spouse has with public service agencies:

None

I HAVE READ THE "FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NO. 35" REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR BOARD APPOINTEES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AT ALL TIMES WHILE AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE INTERESTED NAMED COMMITTEE. AT PRESENT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS IN MY SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE

3/3/2026

(Signature)

(Date)

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hall of Records, Room 301
2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721
Telephone: (559) 600-3529, Option 4
Fax: (559) 600-1608

APPLICATIONS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR.
Please re-file after that time if you are still interested in serving on a Board, Commission or Committee

Donald Lee Dukleth**Consulting Forester - Retired**

Results oriented Forester with proven track record of building partnerships with Co-works and professionals in the organizations to accomplish projects and complete them while staying in compliance and on budget. I have 33 years of experience working in the natural environment and with 30 years dealing with regulatory issues and solutions. I use my extensive experience and background to develop relationships with stakeholders and leverage technology to innovatively solve problems with agencies and stakeholders under shifting priorities.

Key competencies include:

- Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) # 7121
- Qualified SWPPP Developer (QSD)
- ISA Certified Arborist WE-13623A
- California Registered Professional Forester (RPF) #2644
- Certified as an Archaeologist for Natural Resource projects.
- Building & Maintaining Positive Cooperative Relationships
- GIS Design, Development, and Admin.
- Environmental/Cultural Project Support

Professional Experience

Consulting Forester after retiring from Southern California Edison (1/2026 – Present)

Southern California Edison Company (5/1993 – 1/2026)

District 50 Utility Forester – Shaver Lake (3/2020 – 1/2026)

Lead Utility Forester for Shaver lake area managing all aspects of powerline protection. I provide expert technical analysis on tree health, hazard trees, vegetation management, resource protection, tree work safety, and regulatory requirements. Act as a mentor in areas of specialization for other junior members of a diverse team of utility workers. Internal and external stakeholders consider me an expert and the main point of contact in many environmental fields.

- Powerline clearing operations: Act as part of a team to ensure that multiple consultants do quality work in the following portions
 - Inspecting lines for trees requiring mitigations
 - Provide training for all involved on how to identify hazard trees using key assessment factors.
 - Work with problem customers to ensure proper mitigations and quality work is completed to protect lines.
 - Supporting tree crews with guidance on proper methods of safely removing trees to protect environmental resources.
 - Supported up to 600 tree crew members with guidance, organization and oversight during backlog operations.
 - Processing and approval of all invoices totaling in the millions of dollars each

year 2020-2022.

- Support SCE Environmental Department with advice and ideas on how to organize and execute the submission of key topics in the USFS MSUP packages.
- Ensure proper disposal of all material from line clearing using approved methods.
- Act as lead for SCE in submitting Utility Exemption Documents to CalFire to ensure compliance with State regulations.
- Emergency Operations and Projects: Support all emergency actions on the District requiring tree crews.
 - Respond immediately to all tree emergencies when I am the one in the best position for support. Working at all hours and in all weather.
 - Ensure all reporting is completed as required to track operations and ensure safe work.
 - Monitor trees for high hazard conditions and elevate to Emergency work when identified.
 - District 50 has mitigated more than 1,200 trees as emergency as a group in the last 16 months.
- Creek Fire 2020: Acted as situation lead for 1,200 members of the vegetation team.
 - Organized groups to ensure all that went into the fire perimeter had tree crew support and a guide no matter which portion of the company they were from. Tree crews were to ensure safe entry and exit in case of trees in the road.
 - Monitored fire behavior and kept management in the loop about fire spread, hot spots and behavior.
 - Acted as liaison with agencies to ensure safe operations and effective communication in challenging events.
 - Supported several training events to ensure the right hazard trees were being selected for removal when agencies challenged operations.
- Creek Fire Restoration: Developed the plans, mapping, and processes for cleaning up the fire debris.
 - GIS map polygon creation
 - Developed and assigned prescriptions for each area
 - Field support for verification of points
 - Field QC for completed work and support to mitigations and methods of removal for efficiency and effectiveness.

Generation Vegetation Manager (Regulatory/Compliance Advisor) – Big Creek (5/2016 – 3/2020)

Lead scientist in environmental compliance on vegetation for Generation Facilities and liaison with USDA Forest Service (USDA-FS). Provide expert technical analysis and recommendations on forest ecology, hazard tree, vegetation management, fire prevention, sensitive archaeological work, erosion, and environmental compliance GIS database, after considering alternatives, which have a major impact at the corporate and business unit level. Act as mentor to others in PPD work unit. Both internal and external stakeholders consider me the focal point of contact for many complex regulatory, environmental, technology, innovation, and with my varied background I am often the person contacted on many issues that need to be resolved.

- Generation Off Cycle Inspection (GOCI) vegetation lead for Enhanced Overhead Inspection (EOI) process. Working as a team of two for all of generation to develop the complete program to ensure that generation assets were not a source of wildfire ignition. This project is operating under an IMT on an accelerated schedule in addition to regular duties.
 - Developed a list of facilities and inspection form for all AORs.
 - Developed inspection standards and training to accompany the Survey 123 application.
 - Presented the training to all inspectors and planners.
 - Supported inspection challenges and made adjustments to application.
 - Reviewed all 300+ inspections that required notification as part of gatekeeping process.
 - Directed process to ensure compliance during mitigation.
 - Established creative solutions for fire clearance where challenges occurred.
 - Ensure that all areas requiring treatment are included in long term vegetation plan.
- Lead at Generation for all IPM vegetation management, by analyzing requirements, developing and implementing standards, obtaining approval, and monitoring implementation of vegetation projects across all AORs.
 - Direct development of O&M treatments for facilities to maintain compliance with State and Federal requirements for both Dam Safety and Structure Protection.
 - Registered under personal QAC with 4 county OINs each year to support Generation operations.
 - Develop annual documentation for use of IPM treatments including use of pesticides on Federal lands with multiple agencies involved. This includes working with PCA to develop PCRs to be used in obtaining approved PUPs and supporting compliant reporting to agencies using a custom tracking and reporting system in Access.
 - Supporting Transmission efforts to develop a long term IVM plan under recently cleared corridors on USFS lands.
 - Provided expert advice to upper management on protective methods that can be used for the Tule Flume which may allow economical rebuilding and operation.
- Lead at Generation for all Hazard Tree operations by identifying issue, developing a plan, obtaining management approval and funding, obtaining regulatory permits, completing procurement process for contracting, and monitoring the removal of trees within compliance of regulations.
 - Continuously collaborating with T&D vegetation management to identify hazard trees and which department holds responsibility to remove. Leaving gaps would cause a safety issue. Also ensuring compliance by T&D with Generation, USFS, and Calfire regulations and guidelines to maintain good relationships.
 - 2017 support of Shake Flat Project removed 900+ trees to protect crews from hazards.
 - 2018 facility and access road protection removed 2,000+ trees to protect facilities and access roads with CEMA reimbursement
 - 2019-2020 facility and access road protection 8,400+ trees estimated for removal along roads for evacuation route and facility protection (\$3,600,000)
- Authorized Edison Representative (AER) for SCE contracts. Responsible for 9 Purchase Orders ranging from \$25,000 to \$1,200,000. Completed all aspects of procurement process: obtaining authorization for project, authorization for contract, development of bid package, execution of bid, evaluation of RFP, tracking all safety compliance, processing all invoices, tracking expenditure for each PO by project, processing all change orders, and ensuring quality results.

- Agency liaison for USDA-FS requires maintaining a continuous positive relationship with high level contacts within the USDA-FS and other agencies for project review and approval.
 - Obtain Road Use Permits, welding permits, and project approvals as needed.
 - Updates to the Fire Prevention and Response Plan annually.
 - Managed the successful removal of VELB form Big Creek FERC license over the course of 18 months.
- Review of projects proposed for USDA-FS lands including: evaluation of permit needs, analysis of impacts, working with engineering to develop proposal documents, coordinating project components that cross departmental boundaries, obtaining approval, writing clearance documents, and project oversight to ensure compliance. Project budgets range from \$2,000 to \$4,000,000.
- Stay apprised of and understand, and interpret regulatory and License language related to federal, state, and local regulations. After conducting analysis, make recommendations to senior management and implement processes to manage Compliance on a FERC project.
 - Lead the successful consultation with USFWS on the subject of SNYLF and YT protective measures for FERC licenses. The resulting document was reasonable and accepted by both parties.
 - Lead role in planning, executing and documenting annual consultation for FERC Project #2017.
- Successfully manage all aspects of GIS for NHD within my control to maintain or improve system integrity and quality.
 - Negotiate with senior management to obtain resources and finalize implementation schedules for environmental compliance GIS tracking systems.
 - Review all data improvements done by coworkers or contractors.
 - Generate complex, custom maps for projects.
 - Compiled a data layer for Business Resiliency department including all flammable generation assets that need to be protected during wildfires.
- Act as the Hydro representative on the Fresno County Tree Mortality Taskforce. Gained approval from SCE to share key data with taskforce to allow analysis of protection for SCE generation and transmission facilities. Working to obtain data to support OES evacuation plans and repair key roads for Hydro and public access.
- Frequently work with other departments, divisions, and consultant to obtain cooperative relationships and approvals on upgrades to facilities including obtaining quotes, conducting analysis, composing business case justification, and overseeing implementation.
 - Constantly support interdepartmental cooperation and communication to avoid safety or compliance issues.
- Completed ICS training and associated drills for Situation Unit Leader as part of PPD Incident Management Team #1. After the initial training, provided leadership with efficiency feedback to improve tools used by SITL and future training.
- SME for tracking and storage systems EHSync and eDMRM which require periodic administrative adjustments to maintain smooth operation of the systems that I developed.

Senior Forest Ecologist (TSP4) – Big Creek (11/2007 – 5/2016):

Lead scientist in environmental compliance for the Big Creek Hydroelectric Project and liaison with USDA Forest Service (USDA-FS). Provide expert technical analysis and recommendations on the forest ecology, fire prevention, sensitive archaeological work, construction stormwater erosion, and environmental compliance GIS database, after considering alternatives, which have a major impact at the corporate and business unit level. Act as supervisor and mentor to others in PPD work unit when

supervisor is unavailable. Both internal and external stakeholders consider me the focal point of contact for many complex regulatory, environmental, technology, innovation, and with my varied background I am often the person contacted on many issues that need to be solved.

- Lead at NHD for all Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) issues, by analyzing requirements, supervising development and implementing, obtaining approval, and monitoring all aspects of erosion projects and 5 SWPPP projects to date.
 - Perform in-depth analysis on complex issues such as snowmelt sampling that are not defined in regulation. Independently composed proposed regulations about snowmelt for the Water Quality Control Board in collaboration with senior management and subject matter experts.
 - Develop, review, approve, and supervise installation of Best Management Practices (BMP) to maintain compliance with regulations and policies.
 - Develop quality relationships with high-level stakeholders to collaboratively negotiate and acquire mitigation and approval from USDA-FS, FERC, Water Quality Control Board, USGS, US-EPA, and Cal-EPA for construction stormwater permits.
- Agency liaison for USDA-FS requires maintaining a continuous positive relationship with high level contacts within the USDA-FS and other agencies for project review and approval.
- Review of projects proposed for USDA-FS lands including: evaluation of permit needs, analysis of impacts, working with engineering to develop proposal documents, coordinating project components that cross departmental boundaries, obtaining approval, writing clearance documents, and project oversight to ensure compliance. Project budgets range from \$2,000 to \$4,000,000.
- Stay apprised of and understand, and interpret regulatory and License language related to federal, state, and local regulations. After conducting analysis, make recommendations to senior management and implement processes to manage Compliance on a FERC project.
- Responsible for identifying and correcting root causes within PPD related to Licensing and Compliance. No issues were repeated after being initially resolved.
- Successfully manage all aspects of GIS for NHD within my control to maintain or improve system integrity and quality.
 - Negotiate with senior management to obtain resources and finalize implementation schedules for environmental compliance GIS tracking systems.
 - Review all data improvements done by coworkers or contractors.
 - Develop new GIS tracking systems using ArcPad to ensure future compliance with FERC license requirements.
 - Generate complex, custom maps for projects and train others on making their own maps as needed. More competent GIS users in PPD is the result.
 - Develop flood inundation map layers, and provide consultation to Division personnel engaged in the creation of a hydrologic model of the San Joaquin River Basin watershed, including mentoring related to GIS methodologies.
- Provide support to NHD Vegetation Manager as only employee certified to inject high value trees with chemicals to improve vigor and avoid successful bark beetle attacks.
- Act as the Hydro representative on the Fresno County Tree Mortality Taskforce. Gained approval from SCE to share key data with taskforce to allow analysis of protection for SCE generation and transmission facilities.
- Frequently work with other departments, divisions, and consultant to obtain cooperative relationships and approvals on upgrades to facilities including obtaining quotes, conducting analysis, composing business case justification, and overseeing implementation.
- Provide guidance and approval on projects with cultural impacts in concert with the NHD archaeologist. Successfully obtained procurement approval in 7 days for a \$200,000 HAER project

to support mandatory NERC-CIP modifications in 2009.

- Work within SAP to approve numerous projects needing regulatory approval once all permits are in place. Manage backlogged projects on a monthly basis and notify key project proponents of needs.
- Award of excellence of archaeological work on Shaver Lake Geomembrane Liner including \$300 in 2012.
- Completed ICS 100, 200, 300, 700, and associated drills for Document Unit Leader as part of PPD Incident Management Team #2. After first drill, provided leadership with efficiency feedback to improve future activations for all positions on the team.
- Provided leadership, direction, and database expertise to establish an eDMRM library for FL&C under extreme time constraints. As SME, developed structure and implemented data transfer of 19,000 documents. Developed Job aides while training and supporting users.
- As SME with EHSync, worked to transfer 371 RATS tasks into new system to maintain compliance.

Forester/GIS (TSP3) - Shaver Lake, Southern California Edison (5/1993 - 11/2007):

Lead the team of natural resource specialists in managing 20,000 acres of privately owned, uneven-aged timberland around Shaver Lake. I was the project manager and focal point of contact in the organizational unit for timber harvest and timber cruise.

- Accomplishments:
 - Interviewed, hired, trained, supervised, and coordinated 3-5 seasonal interns each summer to conduct the timber cruise and other duties.
 - Prepared for the timber harvest by marking trees and identifying the areas to be harvested and protected.
 - Accurately compiled the data and documentation for the next year's timber harvest.
 - Adjusted to constantly shifting priorities to meet deadlines.
- Provided justification, benefit to cost, impact of budget and revenue to upper management and shareholders for many aspects of my projects.
- Wrote, signed, and carried out all aspects of the Timber Harvest Plans (THP). A THP is a 100-400 page functional equivalent of an EIR under CEQA. Annual gross income to shareholders of \$1-\$3 million for harvesting 4-6 million board feet. Each harvest plan covered 2,700-4,500 acres.
- Conducted job walks with contractors, maintained an updated list of contractors in the local area, processed the bids, wrote the contract, pre-work meetings with successful bidder, management of work progress, monitored timber yield and filled out the yield tax forms and submitted to the State Board of Equalization, closed out the contract when the work was complete.
- During a tax audit in 2007, the auditor complemented my methods and processes.
- Handled regulatory issues during the project and bringing them to an acceptable resolution. This frequently involved determining root cause and resolving the issue to maintain Compliance.
- For the THP process, created a friendly, cooperative relationship with the loggers, coworkers, and regulators to achieve quality results and inspected work sites regularly to ensure that quality and compliant work was being completed.
- Wrote a custom inventory application for Field Data Recorders that is used for SCE's forest inventory. The cruise data can be output in a variety of formats including GIS or processed by CACTOS for growth and harvest simulation.
- Computer administrator for the office even after IT began supporting the area.
 - Initiated and developed the GIS program in 1993 by selecting ArcInfo with TIN and GRID, configuring the system, designing the database structure, and creating the data.
 - Converted all of Edison Forestry's GIS data from ArcInfo coverages to an ArcGIS geodatabase

in 2006.

- Developed the web page for Camp Edison and Forestry in 1997 and collaborated with Corporate Communications during the website redesign in 2000.
- Received awards for excellence (200-500 ace points) almost every year I worked in forestry.

Project Land, GIS Project / Honey Lake Resource Conservation District, Susanville, CA(4/1992 - 4/1993):

GIS Technician

Operated Atlas GIS on a project to update the county's general plan. Obtained existing data for Lassen County. Provided support to one of the many planning projects as available. Responsible for training the planning department staff on Atlas GIS through interagency cooperation.

Society of American Foresters / Professional Society, (1993 – Present):

Volunteer work for SAF

Perform most Chapter level positions to the support the organization. Co-leader for Forest Conservation Days (environmental education event) since 2001. Attend monthly meetings to stay informed on forestry and natural resource issues and use my knowledge to educate the public with verifiable facts at special public events.

- Currently the High Sierra Chapter, Policy Chair which entails writing professional response letters to forest management projects as part of the NEPA and CEQA process.
 - 2016 letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein on the bark beetle infestation in Fresno County received a positive response from the senator.
 - Response letters must meet consistency review criteria of State and National SAF before being transmitted.
- Co-leader of Forest Conservation Days (FCD), Lead the steering committee to arrange and execute the week long event. FCD targets inner city 5th grade students and the general public and has impacted more than 70,000 people since it began in 1993. FCD moved from the Bay Area to Sierra Nevada mountains in 2012 requiring creation of all logistics.
 - Arrange for professional level displays to be delivered, staffed, and presented to meet the theme of the event. Filling in as presenter at any display that cannot provide support at a moments notice.
 - Designed, layout, and created the talking points for the nature trail so that volunteers can consistently deliver a similar message to the students.
 - Training and supervising of 100 volunteers from differing backgrounds each year, including new arrivals daily.
 - Arranging logistics for advertising, venue, displays, meals, and housing for volunteers.

Education:

- B.S. Forest Management with minor in Natural Resources Interpretation from Humboldt State University in May of 1991.
- Advanced Dbase Programming class in 1994
- Completed training classes in 1998 on: Win95 System Admin, Advanced Excel, Advanced Power Point, Advanced Access, Internet Page Authoring, and SQL Server Admin.
- Completed training in Incident Command System 100, 200, 300, 700, and Document Unit Leader in 2016.
- Completed position specific training for Situation Unit Leader in 2017.
- Maintain RPF, QAC, and CPESC certifications through required continuing education.

Awards:

- 2019 SCE Encore Safety Award for increasing safety with execution of Hazard Vegetation Control Program.
- 2015 SAF Presidential Field Forester of the Year for District 3.
- 2012 SCE Award of excellence of archaeological work on Shaver Lake Geomembrane Liner
- 1991 USFS Certificate of Merit for achievement on District Cone Collection Project.

Tools used:

- Macintosh, Dos, Windows, and Unix based computers, computer programming in several languages.
- MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, Dbase, ArcGIS, ArcPad, Collector, GPS unit, field data recorder.
- pH meter, turbidity meter, Arborjet tree injection, clinometer, diameter tape, angle gauge, prism, relaskop, Biltmore stick, scaling stick, compass, maps, increment bore, stereoscope, chain saw, barge, paint gun, drip torch, altimeter, pacing, transit, theolite, and total station.

Background:

- Member of Fresno County Tree Mortality Taskforce, Competent Toastmaster (CTM), Certified in First Aid and CPR, Red Cross volunteer, and Eagle Scout.
- Current Chapter Policy Chair for SAF, Past Chapter Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for SAF.
- 2001 to present Co-Chair for SAF Forest Conservation Days,
- 1997, 2000, and 2003 Continuing Forestry Education Certificate,
- SAF member, CLFA member, CASQA member, PAPA Member, Nature Conservancy member.
- Past president HSU fencing club, past college intramural softball team manager.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR LANDOWNER AND ELECTED SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Complete Name of Landowner or Elected Special District: Donald Lee Dukleth

List the name of the person who previously held the seat you are interested in: Vacancy

I meet the statutory requirements to be a board member per the following requirement(s) (Check all applicable requirements):

TYPE OF DISTRICT	QUALIFICATIONS
Community Services District (Water) Conservation District Fire Protection District Health Care District Hospital District Public Utility District Recreation and Park District (County) Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the District and (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the _____ Division of the District. or <input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the _____ Zone of the District.
Drainage District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am: <input type="checkbox"/> A holder of title to land within the District, or <input type="checkbox"/> The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District; or <input type="checkbox"/> A designated representative of a holder of title to land within the District, if the holder of title to land is not a natural person and the holder has filed with the district written evidence of the designation. or <input type="checkbox"/> I am: <input type="checkbox"/> A holder of title to land within the _____ division of the District, or <input type="checkbox"/> The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the _____ division of the District; or <input type="checkbox"/> A designated representative of a holder of title to land within the _____ division of the District, if the holder of title to land is not a natural person and the holder has filed with the district written evidence of the designation.
Irrigation District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a landowner in the District and/or <input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the District
Memorial District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the District and (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> I have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.
Police Protection District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a resident of the District.
Reclamation District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a landowner or the legal representative of a landowner in the District.
Resource Conservation District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in <u>Fresno</u> County, California, and: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I reside within the District and: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I own real property in the District, or <input type="checkbox"/> I have served, pursuant to the District's rules, for two years or more as an associate director providing advisory or other assistance to the board of directors; or: <input type="checkbox"/> I am a designated agent of a resident landowner within the District.
(California) Water District (Landowner)	<input type="checkbox"/> I am: <input type="checkbox"/> A holder of title to land within the District; or <input type="checkbox"/> The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District; or <input type="checkbox"/> A representative designated by a holder of title to land within the District, if the holder has filed with the District written evidence of that designation.

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 3/3/2026

Signature: _____

Name: Donald Lee Dukleth