



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

January 10, 2025

Karen J. Bower Turjanis

Napa CA 94558

County Executive Office

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Neha Hoskins
Clerk of the Board

Re: Napa County Resource Conservation District

Dear Mrs. Bower Turjanis:

You have been a valued member of the **Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD)**. The term of your position expires on November 27, 2024. If you wish to request reappointment for another 4-Year term, please check the following box:

Yes, I would like my name, this letter and application forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for possible reappointment to the **Napa County Resource Conservation District** for the term commencing immediately and expiring November 30, 2028.

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If you have chosen to request reappointment, please check **one** of the two boxes below regarding your last application.

I confirm that all the information on my last application is current.

Some of the information on my last application is no longer current or is five (5) years old or older. I will submit a new or revised application.

(To complete a new application form either contact the Napa County Executive Office or go to the following link to complete your application online:

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/1420/Committees-Commissions>

After checking the appropriate boxes, **sign and date on the lines below and return this letter to the County Executive Office by mail, email, or fax.**

Karen Bower Turjanis
SIGNATURE

16 JAN 2025
DATE

Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position

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.

Public Records Act

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.

Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code

[California Fair Political Practices Website](#)

Please note that appointees may be required by state law and county conflict of interest code to file financial disclosure statements.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Napa County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors: Submitted

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying

Director

Profile

Karen _____ J _____ Bower Turjanis _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Home Address Suite or Apt

Napa _____ CA _____ 94558 _____
City State Postal Code

Which supervisorial district do you reside in? *

District 2

To find your supervisorial district go to <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2051/Find-my-supervisor-and-district> and enter your address.

Question applies to Napa County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors

Are you a registered voter in the State of California?

Yes No

Primary Phone

Napa Valley Unified School
District

Employer

Education Specialist

Job Title

Teacher

Occupation

Education/Experience

I received a B.S. in Fermentation Science in 1991 from U.C. Davis and worked in the wine industry as a winemaker/vineyard manager for 25+ years. I returned to school to earn a teaching credential as an Education Specialist Mild/Moderate at Touro University and completed the program in 2019. I have been teaching full time since 2017 and currently teach SDC Math to students with Individual Education Plans at Napa High School.

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

Andrew Turjanis - Napa Autowerke, Inc., Owner

Resume

[KTurjanis_resume_01_2023_RCD_pdf.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Letter of Recommendation or Supplemental
Attachments

Professional or occupational license, date of issue, and expiration including status

Clear Education Specialist Instruction Credential Original Issue: 3/11/2020 Issued: 6/1/2022 Expiration: 6/1/2027 Status: Valid

References: Provide names and phone numbers of 3 individuals who are familiar with your background.

Mary Maher John Woodbury Chris Cahill

Community Participation

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

I am deeply committed to the protection and preservation of our environment and feel strongly that we can achieve our greatest influence at the community level. As an educator, I believe that it is vital to include our youth in this conversation and help foster a curiosity and respect for the natural world. As a parent, I have tried to model these same values for my own children, their peers, as well as, my students. As a community member, I have supported and volunteered for organizations that are environmentally centered such as the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District and Friends of the Napa River. As a former wine industry professional, I was dedicated to using thoughtful, environmentally sensitive practices and benefitted from the excellent services offered by the Napa RCD. I would like to combine these experiences to help support and grow the Napa RCD.

Karen J Bower Turjanis

Nature of activity and community location

I have been a member of the Napa Valley community since the early 1990's and have included community and professional affiliations on my attached resume.

Other County Board/Commission/Committee on Which You Serve/Have Served

Please refer to my attached resume for details about my affiliations. These include, but are not limited to, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, Past Director for Ward One and Friends of the Napa River, Foundering and Past Board Member.

Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating (List all court or other public administration actions impacting your credit rating within the past ten (10) years)

None that I am aware of.

Electronic Signature Agreement

I meet the criteria required to serve in this position.

Yes No

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Yes No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

I Agree

Electronic Signature (First M. Last)

Karen J. Bower Turjanis

Date

1/26/2023

KAREN JEAN BOWER TURJANIS

[REDACTED]
Napa, Ca 94558
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

B.S., Fermentation Science -- 1991

TOURO UNIVERSITY

Graduate School of Education,

Teaching Credential/Education Specialist Mild/Moderate -2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teacher -Special Education (Mild/Moderate), 2018-PRESENT

Napa High School, Napa, Ca

Provide instruction at Napa High School to ninth to twelfth grade students in SDC Math (General Algebra and Consumer Math), as well as, Directed Studies. Also, case manage the Individual Education Plans for twenty-eight students.

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teacher -Special Education (Mild/Moderate), 2017-2018

Crystal Middle School, Suisun City, Ca

Provided instruction at Crystal Middle School, a Title I school, to sixth grade students in co-teach English Language Arts, sixth to eighth grade students in Resource Specialist Program Math, as well as, case managed the Individual Education Plans for twenty-seven students using SEIS.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE AS WINEGROWER

TURJANIS WINES and CONSULTING, Napa, CA

Owner & Winemaker, September 2000 - 2017

CLOUD VIEW VINEYARDS, St. Helena, CA

Winemaker, May 2000 - property sold in July 2008

KAMEN WINE ESTATE, Sonoma, CA

Winemaker, June 1999 - June 2004

PAUL HOBBS WINES and VINEYARDS, Graton, CA

Winemaker and Vineyard Manager, 1999-2000

CARDINALE/ LOKOYA/ PEPI, Oakville, CA

Assistant Winemaker, 1995 - 1999

KAREN JEAN BOWER TURJANIS

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, Director Ward One
Appointed in September 2013. Elected to two 4-year term in 2014 and 2018.

Friends of the Napa River, Founding & Past Board Member, 1994 - 2013

Participated in establishing what would become Measure A, the Flood Control Project and the Living River Guidelines. Organized a variety of aspects of the Napa River Festival. Contributed to the organization's reenergizing and refocusing on its mission as the community's voice for responsible protection, development and celebration of the Napa River and its watershed.

University of California Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener, Class of 2014

Stone Bridge School, Charter Council member, 2014 - 2016

Elected by the parent-body of Stone Bridge School, Napa's only Waldorf-inspired Public Charter School, to the Parent-At-Large position on its Board of Directors. Previously served the school community as Parent Council co-Chair, Fundraising Chair, Treasurer, Grant and Budget committees and Charter Renewal co-Manager. Led and supported numerous auction and fundraising events utilizing AuctionMaestro Pro and Quickbooks software.

Napa Valley Nursery School, Ways and Means Chair, 2006-2007

Chaired one of the highest net income wine auctions in this cooperative, parent-participation school's history. Used Greater Giving auction software.

Napa County Park and Open Space Advisory Committee, Member, 2002-2006

Appointed by Supervisor Mike Rippey. Efforts made by this advisory committee eventually led to the voters approving Measure I establishing the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in November of 2006.

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Napa Valley Wine Technical Group, Officer and Board Member

Napa Valley Vineyard Technical Group, President

American Society of Enology and Viticulture, Member

CERTIFICATION

National Outdoor Leadership School, Wilderness First Aid, January 2013

TRAVEL

France, New Zealand, Australia, Costa Rica, Portugal, Spain, Italy and Latvia

REFERENCES

Upon Request