



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

October 20, 2021

Tosha Comendant

Napa, CA 94558

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**Minh C. Tran**  
County Executive Officer

Re: **Watershed Information and Conservation Council of Napa County (WICC)**

Dear Tosha:

You have been a valued member of the **Watershed Information and Conservation Council of Napa County (WICC)** representing the Public at Large. The term of your position expired in August 2021. 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 **Watershed Information and Conservation Council of Napa County (WICC)** for the term commencing immediately and expiring August 2025.

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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- ☐ Some of the information on my last application is no longer current or is five (5) years old or older.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 box, **sign and date on the lines below and return this letter to the County Executive Office by mail, email, or fax.**

Tosha Comendant  
SIGNATURE

11/18/21  
DATE

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**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?**

Watershed Information and Conservation Council of Napa County: Submitted

**Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying**

Member at Large

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**Profile**

Tosha

First Name

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Middle Initial

Comendant

Last Name

  
Email Address

  
Home Address

Suite or Apt

Santa Rosa

City

CA

State

95404

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.

  
Primary Phone

Pepperwood Foundation

Employer

Conservation Science Manager

Job Title

Ecologist and Evolutionary  
Biologist

Occupation

## Education/Experience

Undergraduate: BA, UC Berkeley, Integrative Biology, 1995 Graduate: PhD, UC Santa Cruz, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2002 Postdoctoral: UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow, 2002-2003

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

Everett Kaplan, Strategic Planning Officer, US Coast Guard

## Resume

[21-06-07\\_TOSHA\\_COMENDANT\\_CV.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Letter of Recommendation or Supplemental  
Attachments

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

PhD, UC Santa Cruz, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 2002

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

Dr. Lisa Micheli, Pepperwood Foundation CEO [REDACTED] Mike Palladini, Stewardship Land Trust of Napa County [REDACTED] Anne Cottrell, JD, Napa County Planning Commission [REDACTED]

## Community Participation

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

I am seeking reappointment because WICC plays a crucial role in sharing natural resource information with the community, providing opportunities for public engagement through meetings and symposia, and encouraging sustainable environmental stewardship. I have experience serving on boards, including WICC, and a track record of participation (Board Vice-chair and chair, website development, outreach to schools/development of WICC focused projects, etc). I can contribute scientific expertise (e.g. fire ecology, active forest restoration and watershed balance research, wildlife), partnership development, and by conducting outreach at community events in Napa.

### Nature of activity and community location

WICC Board Member, Napa County Land Trust of Napa County Member Site School Council, Northwood Elementary (Napa) Various public lectures in Napa (e.g. watershed symposia, Napa Wild, St. Helena Library)

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

WICC Board

**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

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**Electronic Signature Agreement**

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)**

Tosha Lynn Comendant

**Date**

12/01/21