

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 Wildlife Conservation Commission: Submitted

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying

Public at Large

Profile

Leslie _____ Lew _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ _____
Email Address

_____ _____
Home Address Suite or Apt

Napa _____ CA _____ 94559
City State Postal Code

Which supervisorial district do you reside in? *

District 4

To find your supervisorial district go to <https://www.countyofnapa.org/1334/About-the-Board>, click on "Look Up My District" and enter your address.

_____ _____
Primary Phone

Sonoma County Agricultural
Preservation and Open
Space District

Employer

Natural Resource Specialist

Job Title

Preserve Manager

Occupation

Education/Experience

BS Landscape Architecture, UC Davis National Park Service, Interpretive Ranger, Yosemite National Park US Army Corps of Engineer, NEPA, Environmental Restoration Project Manager US Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Refuge Planning, California/Nevada Refuges Sonoma Ag + Open Space, Planner, Preserve Manager

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

Tom Farella, Vintner

Resume

[2025.4.10_Resume_Lew-2.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Letter of Recommendation or Supplemental
Attachments

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

Landscape Architect, California #3323, expired

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

Kim Batchelder, [REDACTED] Ina Pisani, [REDACTED] Patricia Roberson, ([REDACTED])
[REDACTED]

Community Participation

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

When I was in first grade, a trip to Yosemite cemented my lifelong passion for plants and wildlife. My entire career has been spent as a conservation professional: I have over 30 years of experience. I am dedicated to conservation and am very interested in contributing to the welfare of our Napa County wildlife with the Wildlife Conservation Commission. I have been the recipient of grants from the Commission, for which I am very appreciative, and have also been a grant reviewer. Because I have experience as a reviewer and applicant, I have knowledge and experience to contribute to the Commission's mission of identifying, selecting, and stewarding grants for wildlife habitat conservation. Having worked as the Chief of Wildlife Refuge Planning for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, I have experience and expertise in managing wildlife for both sport and conservation.

Nature of activity and community location

I am applying for the Wildlife Conservation Commission in Napa County. Letter of Recommendation furnished upon request.

Leslie Lew

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

None

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

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)

Leslie J. Lew

Date

20 April 2024

Leslie Lew

Education

B.S. University of California, Davis, Landscape Architecture

Summary of Qualifications

- Excellent communicator; adept at solving problems and building relationships
- Broad personal and professional experience with science-based preserve management
- Extensive project management experience; skilled at maximizing team success
- Success in natural resource conservation, habitat restoration, and environmental planning
- Seasoned presenter, trainer, and environmental educator

Preserve Management and Planning

- Open space preserve manager
- Develop management plans for endangered species Wildlife Refuges
- Facilitate mountain lion research
- Project manager and consultant for trails design, construction, and maintenance
- Design and implement ridgeline fuel break and other fuel reduction projects
- Proven weed management success
- Design and implement successful prescribed grazing projects
- Design and deliver vegetation monitoring for evaluating habitat response to management activities

Outreach

- Manager of Sonoma Ag and Open Space outings, environmental education, and volunteer program
- Manage volunteers for major fundraising events
- Demonstrated skill at organizing conferences

Project Management and Environmental Compliance Experience

- Significant management experience, including managing staff, volunteers, and consultants
- Experienced project manager, organized, and outcome-focused. A proven problem-solver
- Effective grant writer: secured funding from foundations, and local, state and federal agencies
- Endangered Species Act Compliance - prepared Biological Assessments and implemented mitigation projects to comply with the ESA
- Extensive experience preparing environmental documents, including planning studies, CEQA and NEPA documents, and permit applications

Employment Experience

- 2005-Present Natural Resources Specialist, Sonoma Ag and Open Space District
- Chief, California-Nevada Refuge Planning Division, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Environmental Restoration Project Manager, Interpretive Trail Developer, US Army Corps of Engineers,
- Interpretive Ranger, Yosemite National Park

Boards and Certifications

- 2023-Present. Steering Committee. Napa County Prescribed Burn Association
- 2022-Present. Chair Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund and Advocacy
- 2021-Present. Member. Good Fire Alliance, EcoTribal Cultural Burning Crew
- 2021-Present. Wildland Firefighter, Fire Behavior, Portable Water Pumps, Firing Ops instructor
- 2020-Present. Director. Planned Parenthood Northern California
- 2020-Present. Chair. Audit Committee, Planned Parenthood Northern California