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Patrick Flora  
*Cities*

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*Districts*

Evans Phelps  
*Cities*

Josh Susman  
*Public*

Hank Weston, Chair  
*County*

Nick Wilcox  
*Districts*

Ben Aguilar  
*Cities Alternate*

Ed Beckenbach  
*Districts Alternate*

Gloria Glenn  
*Public Alternate*

Dan Miller  
*County Alternate*

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*Clerk/Analyst*

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*Administrative Accountant*

May 2, 2017

To: Boards of Directors  
Nevada County Independent Special Districts

From: Deborah Gilcrest, Clerk/Analyst

Subject: **Election of Regular Special District Member – Ballot Packet**

Thank you for submitting your nominations for the open District seat on the Nevada Local Agency Formation Commission. Enclosed is a ballot showing the names of the two nominated candidates. Their statement/resume are also enclosed. Both nominations were made by District resolution:

Ed Beckenbach (incumbent), North San Juan Fire Protection District

Patricia Nelson, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District

Please remember: The ballot cannot be photocopied --- **only the original ballot will be counted.** Only the Chair of the District's Board of Directors or an appointed substitute may complete and sign the ballot. (If a substitute is to sign the ballot, a copy of the resolution appointing him or her must be included with the returned ballot.) Lack of this person's original signature on the ballot will invalidate that district's vote.

The ballot must be received in the LAFCo office no later than the date stated on the ballot: **Wednesday, May 31, 2017.** Ballots received after 5:00 p.m. on that date will be invalid and will not be counted. To assure the vote occurs at your next regularly scheduled meeting, this information is also being sent via email. However, please remember --- **only the original ballot**, signed and returned by the deadline, will be counted.

Finally, the votes will be tallied by LAFCo staff, in the presence of a witness not affiliated with LAFCo or any nominee, within seven (7) days. Any person who wishes to witness the tally should call the LAFCo office to learn the date, time and place of the tally. Results of the election will be sent to each special district and each nominee.

May 2, 2017

Election of Alternate Special District Member

Ballots must be **RECEIVED** in the LAFCo office **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m.,  
Wednesday, May 31, 2017:**

Nevada LAFCo  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call the LAFCo office at 530-265-7180, or send an email to:

[Deborah.Gilcrest@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:Deborah.Gilcrest@co.nevada.ca.us).

Cc: Kurt Grundel, LAFCo Vice Chair, Penn Valley FPD – LAFCo District member  
Nick Wilcox, Nevada Irrigation District Board – LAFCo District member  
Ed Beckenbach, North San Juan FPD, current LAFCo Alternate District member  
Hank Weston, LAFCo Chair – LAFCo County member

Enclosures: Election Ballot  
Candidates' statement/resume

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NEVADA  
COUNTY**

**Special District Alternate Member**

(Term to expire in May 2021)

**Election Ballot 2017**

*Vote for one (1) candidate*

**NEVADA IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ed Beckenbach (incumbent)**, North San Juan Fire Protection District

*Nominated by:*

North San Juan Fire Protection District

\_\_\_\_\_ **Patricia Nelson**, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District

*Nominated by:*

Nevada County Consolidated Fire District

Chair of the Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**Must be received by LAFCo no later than  
May 31, 2017**



**NORTH SAN JUAN  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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*Serving Since 1862*

May 2, 2017

Hello again. In 2009 I asked you to vote for me to become the Alternate Special District Commissioner on the Nevada County LAFCo. You were kind enough to do so, and I am grateful. At that time I detailed my career as Manager of NASA's Medical Research Program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. While I am proud of contributions we made to the US space program, and applications of technologies from the space biz to down-to-Earth medical problems we developed, with the passage of time that life has receded in relevance. It has been largely replaced by a constantly growing appreciation for our wonderful County, its people, its institutions, and the quality of life it represents.

I believe I have made meaningful contributions to that quality of life. I continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the North San Juan Fire Protection District, served for a few years on the Board of the Sierra Family Medical Clinic, and, of course, have served since 2009 on LAFCo. I also have met many folks involved in Special Districts other than Fire Districts, and can assure you that I take seriously the obligation that I have to represent all Nevada County Special Districts, with their diverse areas of activity.

So here I am again, asking for your vote. Over the years, I believe I have represented your Special District ably, and can only promise to continue to do so if you honor me with your trust, and your vote.

Ed Beckenbach

Director, North San Juan Fire Protection District

# Patricia L. Nelson

P.O. Box 547, Grass Valley, CA  
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## SUMMARY

A Senior Project Manager with a specialty in engineering, construction and environmental compliance management for utility projects in northern and central California. Experienced Contract Manager for industry and engineering firms with experience developing and obtaining budget authorizations, monitoring and maintaining schedule obligations and mentoring staff.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Project Management
- Contract Management
- Supervision and Coaching
- Internal and External Team Coordination
- QA/QC Document Review

### ***Project Management***

PG&E Senior Environmental Engineer responsible for managing land and facilities improvement projects and contracts valued between \$1M and \$20M. Project manager and spokesperson with local, State and federal agencies (including the California Public Utilities Commission) for the six State Superfund cleanups that obtained closure certificates from the State within 10 years.

### ***Contract Management / Internal and External Team Coordination***

Developed technical scopes of work and requests for proposals associated with PG&E contracting environmental surveys and related documents, in accordance with regulatory agency requirements. Project spokesperson that developed and maintained working relationships between internal departments, agency staff, California Public Utilities Commission, community members, contractor and consultants.

### ***Supervision and Coaching***

Hired and mentored staff for the HDR Engineering, Inc. Hydropower Services Department Environmental Services Group to use and maintain project management tools and manage technical natural resource studies (e.g., Preliminary Application Documents, Applications for New License) under the PG&E Environmental Licensing and Permitting Master Services Agreement.

### ***QA/QC Document Review***

Performed QA/QC review on environmental and construction permitting documents developed to obtain 32 resource agency permits in accordance with CWA Sections 401 and 404, CEQA, California Fish and Game Code, and completed ESA Section 7 and NHPA Section 106 and SHPO Consultations to avoid liquidated damages construction contract clauses for construction of PG&E's Pit 3, 4, 5 hydroelectric project (FERC License No. 233) In-stream Flow Release Improvements.

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## EXPERIENCE

**Principal, 07/2013 to Current**

**P.L.Nelson Company - Grass Valley, CA**

Environmental Services Manager providing environmental permitting and compliance support to Ausenco, Teichert Materials, Sapper West and D.K. Barber PE and Associates. For Ausenco, developed the Preliminary Construction Environmental Management Plan for the Rosemont Copper Mine Project proposed near Tucson, AZ. For Teichert Materials, led development of a Pre-Draft Prospectus Mitigation Bank Strategy for a mine reclamation site located in the Yuba Goldfields in the Lower Yuba River for consideration of the Interagency Review Team. Key aspects of the strategy included a review of regulatory requirements for active mine and reclamation sites with potential for regional aquatic and terrestrial habitat uplifts. For Sapper West, DK Barber, PE and Associates prepared compliance evaluation and SWPPP reports, respectively, for the California Department of Parks and Recreation and a variety of construction materials plants in northern CA.

**Senior Management Consultant, 10/2007 to 07/2013**

**HDR Engineering, Inc. - Sacramento, CA**

Client and Contract Manager for the PG&E Environmental Licensing and Permitting Master Services Agreement for the Hydropower Services Department. Managed the environmental survey and permitting component of the EPC contract with Barnard Construction for the PG&E Pit 3,4,5 (FERC License No. 233) Instream Flow Release construction to avoid liquidated damages. Hired and mentored ten environmental staff to successfully perform environmental analyses for this and other hydroelectric projects. Also led and managed technical natural resource studies (e.g., Preliminary Application Documents, Applications for New License) staff, contracts and budget for the following projects: PG&E's Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2310), NID's Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2266), Rio Bravo Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 4129) Maintenance Dredging Project Permitting; and South Feather Power Project (FERC No. 2088) CEQA Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**Director of Environmental Affairs, 04/2005 to 09/2007**

**Idaho-Maryland Mining Corporation - Grass Valley, CA**

Developed and managed the technical scope, budget, schedule and contracts proposed for a proposed 2400 TPD hard rock gold mine in Grass Valley, CA. Prepared the following Idaho-Maryland Mine Project Permit Applications: Formal Development Review, General Plan Amendment, Re-Zoning, Annexation and SMARA for City of Grass Valley CEQA review. To evaluate on-site U.S. Waters, led the project pre-application consultations with the USACE and preparation of applications to support a jurisdictional determination for incorporation in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Prepared and managed the surface water and domestic well monitoring programs and staff that prepared summary documents to support the applications. Developed and implemented the project community outreach program and as a principal spokesperson for the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project maintained relationships with community members.

**Principal Scientist, 06/2000 to 04/2005**

**AMEC - Petaluma, CA**

Developed and managed environmental and safety management plan for the City and County of San Francisco Jailhouse No. 3 Replacement Project in San Mateo County for the construction manager, AMEC Construction Management. Project work included preparation and delivery of the construction Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), environmental health and safety/SWPPP training, federal and State Endangered Species Act surveys and construction monitoring plan preparation, implementation, and compliance monitoring. Developed and negotiated contracts and subcontracts for utility and industry clients.

**Senior Environmental Engineer, 09/1983 to 05/2000**

**PG&E - San Francisco, CA**

Developed budgets, schedules and technical requests for proposals, contracted, planned, directed and oversaw environmental restoration construction activities associated with six State Superfund legacy utility waste remediation projects for the Environmental Affairs Department's Manufactured Gas Plant Program. Developed and maintained working relationships between internal departments, agency staff, California Public Utilities Commission, community members, contractor and consultants and was project spokesperson. In accordance with PG&E's Environmental Health and Safety Practices, delivered internal Hazardous Materials Business Plan training and preparation for operating facilities, and performed environmental audit activities.

Managed the preparation of the required FERC-required environmental and recreational plans Exhibits E and W (NEPA/CEQA equivalent documents) for the Crane Valley (FERC No. 1354) and Tule River (FERC No. 1333) Projects. Principal negotiator for a utility company with the Department of Interior/ Bureau of Reclamation developing the Memorandum of Understanding/ permit allowing the construction of additional hydroelectric facility, Newcastle Powerhouse, on Lake Folsom as part of the Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2310).

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**EDUCATION**

- M.B.A., Human Resources and Organization Development, University of San Francisco
- B.S., Conservation of Natural Resources, University of California, Berkeley
- Certificate, Conflict Resolution, John F. Kennedy University
- Certificate, Human Resources Management, California State University, Sacramento

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

Qualified Industrial Storm Water Practitioner, No. 00570

Registered Environmental Property Assessor, No. 323739