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COUNTY OF LAKE  
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS /  
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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO LAKE COUNTY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

Application For: LAKE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN Seat Category: AGRICULTURE

Name of Board, Commission or Committee

Incumbent? Y/N: NO Supervisorial District: DISTRICT 5

Applicant Name: ZOLLER, SHARRON  
 Last, First

Home Address: [REDACTED] KELSEYVILLE 95451  
 Street City Zip Code

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]  
 (leave blank if same as above) Street City Zip Code

Primary Phone: 707-489-7225 Email Address: SZOLLER@HOTMAIL.COM

Current Occupation: FARMER Are you registered to vote in Lake County? Y/N: YES

Community organizations to which you belong: ATTACHED

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

LAKE COUNTY AG ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Briefly describe how your participation on this Board will help the Lake County Community:

ATTACHED

List any special qualifications or expertise you may have for the position and any other information you would like to include as part of your application:

ATTACHED

Do you or any member of your immediate family hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Commission? If yes, please explain:

NO

I certify that the above information is true and correct, and I have read the Lake County Advisory Board, Committee and Commission Conflict of Interest Policy. I agree to abide by that policy and to the best of my knowledge, I have no conflict of interest.

[Signature]  
 Signature

02/13/2024  
 Date

For Board Use Only:  
 APPOINTED YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
 APPOINTED ON:

## Qualifications

The project's description cites, 'carrying forward enduring County values like preserving and celebrating agriculture', which is a prominent feature adding a unique picturesque character to the communities in Lake County. In the 2022 Lake County Annual Crop Report, the gross value of the Ag crop was \$107,098,745.00, up 28% from 2021. In addition to the gross value of the crops grown in Lake County, the contribution of agriculture to the community is far ranging and runs deep. Many entities (business, social, and community) have a direct relationship and depend on ag for their economic survival. There are those whose connection is to regularly provide support goods, and other businesses/entities that deliver supplementary goods and services. And the economic contribution to the county's coffers is substantial.

Many decades as a first-generation farmer in Lake County, sustainably raising pears, walnuts, and wine grapes, building the managerial skills in the varied aspects of running a family farm and partnering in operating a pear shed, I am well grounded in agriculture to represent AG on the County's General Plan Committee. My commitment to preserving the prominent economic and community life which is Ag's contribution to the rich tapestry that is Lake County, is a perspective I may contribute.

Besides my life in agriculture, I have spent decades as an administrator in K-12 California public education and am currently a consultant with Head Start programs. This gives me a respectful appreciation of a thoughtfully developed strategic plan!

## Community

A perfect combination of hands-on farming and pear packing shed ownership, the knowledge of the inner workings of Lake County and California agriculture (historical, present, on-going, and future challenges) and decades of working in California public education, uniquely qualifies me to represent AG on the Lake County's General Plan Committee. Below please find AG focused and community centric activities, events, and recognitions (past and current).

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| ❖ 45 years (first generation) farming in Lake County | ❖ Lake County Farm Bureau                      |
| ❖ 25 years partner in Adobe Creek Packing Co         | ❖ California Farm Bureau                       |
|  | ❖ Lake County Wine Grape Commission            |
|  | ❖ California Pear Association                  |
| ❖ Lake County California Women for Ag--president     |  |
| ❖ California Women for Ag--statewide organization    | ❖ Lake County Land Trust-contributing member   |
| *State president                                     | ❖ Lake County Ag Advisory Committee            |
| ❖ American Agri Women (AAW) – national organization  | ❖ Lake County Sequential Committee             |
| *Executive Committee                                 | ❖ Lake County Agritourism Committee            |
| ❖ Ag recognition:                                    | ❖ Kelseyville Beautification Committee         |
| Star of Lake County – Agriculture 2019               | ❖ Lake County Wine Alliance Board of directors |
| Common Threads –State Ag award                       | ❖ Kelseyville Pear Festival (23 years)         |
| AAW Leaven Award for National Ag Leadership          |  |

LAKE COUNTY  
ADVISORY BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

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POLICY

In addition to any Federal or State conflict of interest requirements which may apply, no member of any Advisory board, commission or committee shall make, participate in making or in any way attempt to use their position to influence a decision in which he or she knows or has reason to know that he or she or their spouse has a financial interest. In all such cases, the affected member shall disclose his or her interests in the records of the board, commission or committee and shall refrain from participating in all discussions and votes concerning the matter in which he/she or his/her spouse has a financial interest.

The purpose of this policy is not only to avoid actual improprieties, but also the appearance of possible improprieties. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that any doubts as to whether a member shall refrain from participating in a particular matter should be resolved in favor of non-participation.

While recognizing that state law and regulations may specify categories of memberships on certain boards, commissions and committees, to the extent possible, no one shall be appointed to a board, commission or committee which recommends funding allocations to community based organizations, who is (or whose spouse is) a director, or officer of an agency or organization which competes in the funding process before that board, commission or committee.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall provide all applicants for County boards, commissions and committees with copies of this Conflict of Interest Policy. Additionally, the County's staff to each board, commission, and committee shall assist in monitoring compliance with the conflict of interest policy. Monitoring shall include annual review of appointee circumstances as they may change during each appointee's term of office.

All applicants shall state on their application for appointment what affiliation, if any, they or their spouse has with public service agencies. Additionally, all applicants shall certify prior to their participation as a voting representative of the Board of Supervisors that they have read this policy and can serve free of any conflict of interest. The certification will be made by an applicant/nominee by signing the application for their appointment. Further, should any conflict of interest arise during the appointee's term of office, the appointee shall so declare and abstain from participation on the proceeding and business as it relates to the area of conflict.

For those boards, commissions and committees which recommend funding allocations to the Board of Supervisors, no member shall participate in any discussions or decisions related to an agency of which the member or the member's spouse is a director or officer. Additionally, unless state law or regulation require otherwise, any such member shall also refrain from participation in discussions or decisions related to proposals which are in direct competition with a proposal submitted by the agency of which the member or member's spouse is a director or officer.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ADVISORY BOARDS  
(Policies & Procedures Manual, Section 1-7)

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In order to further community involvement in County government and to further the independence of advisory boards, it shall be the policy of the Board of Supervisors to discourage appointment of County employees to those advisory boards which are intended to consist of independent citizens and/or community members.  
(Adopted on 10/14/86 and amended on 4/12/94)

## County of Lake Code of Conduct for Boards, Commissions, and Committees

This Code of Conduct is incorporated in the Board of Supervisors, Committees Policy, Sec 1.6, Rule 6, "County of Lake Code of Conduct for Boards, Commissions, and Committees".

The County of Lake's (County's) wide range of boards, commissions, and committees serve a critical role as a mechanism for civic engagement. While no single code of conduct can address all the varied board, commission, and committee circumstances, the purpose of this universal Code of Conduct is to create standards and expectations of conduct that align with the County's values and are consistent with the protocols of the Board of Supervisors.

All members of County boards, commissions, and committees are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct. Each appointee to such boards, commissions, and committees shall acknowledge receipt, understanding, and agreement to abide by this Code of Conduct.

**By our conduct, we create an environment in which we adhere to and pledge to uphold the following values:**

- We acknowledge that the principal function of County of Lake boards, commissions, and committees (or representatives) is public service, and we therefore commit to serving the public interest and promoting the greatest public good.
- We recognize that our actions impact the community's trust in the County and government as a whole and commit to act with honesty and integrity.
- We commit to vigilance in avoiding bias or conflict of interest whether they be real or perceived, acknowledging that even the perception of such corrodes public trust.
- We commit to fairness, impartiality, active listening, and consideration of all points of view by setting aside our personal agendas, affiliations, and biases. We make informed decisions after carefully weighing relevant data and assessing the merits and possible impacts.
- We recognize that diversity is a strength and commit to promoting an inclusive and welcoming culture at public meetings and with each other to foster participation and representation across all our varied communities.
- We practice civility by fostering a professional environment of courteous, respectful, and equitable treatment of our fellow members, elected officials, County staff and the residents we serve, through our words and actions whether we agree or disagree.
- We are committed to fostering an environment free from violence, discrimination, intimidation, or harassment of any kind.
- We are committed to transparency, access to information, and promoting broad public engagement.
- We will respect and comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and County policies, including Board of Supervisors' Policy section 1.6 "Committees Policy", the County's Code of Ethics, the Political Reform Act, and the Ralph M. Brown Act.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above County of Lake Code of Conduct for Boards, Commissions, and Committees during my tenure as a member of a County board, commission, or committee.

Dated: 2/14/2024

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Code of Conduct for Boards, Commissions, and Committees