



CLERK OF THE BOARD
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE
GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY BOARD**

APPLICANT NAME: Debra L. Garnes
MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED] 124 Cherry Lane, Rio Dell, CA 95562
TELEPHONE: Home: [REDACTED] 707-267-5313 Work: _____ Fax: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: sidwags@gmail.com
OCCUPATION: Mayor, City of Rio Dell - Retired Hazardous Materials Specialist

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

1. Melanie Bagby PHONE: [REDACTED] 707-891-9449
2. Alex Stillman PHONE: [REDACTED] 707-845-3900

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? Yes

**PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

My wish to serve is driven by the desire to contribute to one of the largest conversion restoration projects the north state has ever tackled. Being a part of cleaning up the disaster left by the Rail Authority & converting it into a trail system that will be enjoyed by untold numbers of people is an honor. The economic, tourism & beautification values added to the communities within the 300-mile trail will be immense. I want to help ensure that Humboldt County & the entirety of the Eel River Valley are strongly represented. I understand both the importance of standing for the values & beliefs of our communities, & the importance of listening, learning, respecting & working with our regional Tribal Communities to address their concerns surrounding sacred lands & irreplaceable artifacts.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: April 7, 2026

SIGNATURE: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Applications will be accepted via email at cob@co.humboldt.ca.us or by mail to Humboldt County Planning Commission, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth St., Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501

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DATE RECEIVED _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

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CURRENT

City of Rio Dell

January 2021 – Present

- Mayor

December 2014 - December 2020

- Councilmember

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sacramento Municipal Utility District – Rancho Seco, Herald, CA

Retired - 2003

February 1997 - December 2002

- Hazardous Waste Technician

July 1994 - February 1997

- Decommissioning Technician

March 1991 - July 1994

- Senior Utility Clerk – Licensing

September 1988 - September 1989

- Utility Clerk

KLLM Trucking, Woodland, CA

October 1989 - March 1991

- Fleet Payroll Supervisor

Vanguard Security – Rancho Seco, Herald, CA

1987 - 1988

- Security Officer

American National Insurance – Sacramento, CA

1986 - 1987

- Insurance Agent

United States Navy

November 1981 - November 1985

- Second Class Petty Officer – GMG2 (Gunner's Mate Guns)

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

Cosumnes River College

- Associate of Arts – General Education

California Specialized Training Institute

- Hazardous Materials Instructor Certification
- Hazardous Materials Specialist
- First Responder Awareness/Operations Outreach Instructor
- First Responder Awareness/Operations

Butte-Glenn Community College District – Public Service Center

- Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Specialist
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Technician

University of California, Berkeley – University Extension

- Lead-Based Paint Inspection and Assessment
- Lead-Based Paint Supervision and Monitoring
- Lead-Based Paint Project Design
- Practices and Procedures in Asbestos Control
- Asbestos Contractor/Supervisor
- Asbestos Building Inspector/Management Planner
- Asbestos Abatement Project Designer

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BOARD AFFILIATIONS

CURRENT

Great Redwood Trail Agency – City Representative, Board Member

Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission – Governor Appointee, Commissioner, Vice Chair

Humboldt Transit Authority - Board Member, Vice Chair

Mayor City Select Committee - Chair

LAFCO – Alternate Board Member

RCEA - Alternate Board Member

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Rio Dell/Scotia Chamber of Commerce

- Member

CalCities

- Environmental Policy Committee
- President, Redwood Empire Division – 10/2020 - 10/2021
- First Vice President, Redwood Empire Division – 12/2019 - 10/2020
- Second Vice President, Redwood Empire Division – 10/2019-12/2019
- Member 2015 – Present

North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce

- Business Member 1996 - 2001