

**DISTRICT RECOMMENDATION FOR  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
APPOINTMENT TO FILL AVAILABLE SEATS**

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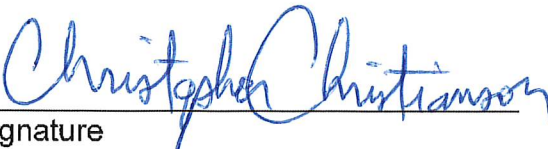
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The Resort Improvement District No. 1 recommends the Humboldt County Board of  
Supervisors make the following appointments to the District's governing board.  
(district name)

Division/Trustee Area	Name of Appointee	Residential Address	Term (2 years / 4 years)
Director	See attached letter		4 years

The District makes this recommendation with the understanding that each person recommended is registered to vote in Humboldt County and lives within the District.

Date: 9-20-2024

  
Signature

Christopher Christianson, General Manager  
Name and Title



**RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**SHELTER COVE – HUMBOLDT COUNTY – CA**  
9126 Shelter Cove Road, Whitethorn CA 95589-9079  
707-986-7447, Fax: 707-986-7435  
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September 20, 2024

Humboldt County Office of Elections  
2426 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501-0788

RE: District Recommendation to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors for  
Appointment to Fill Available Seat

Dear Christina,

This letter is a response to your mailing dated August 19, 2024 requiring a District recommendation to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors for appointment to fill the remaining available seat on the Resort Improvement District No. 1's Board of Directors. The Board held a meeting on September 19, 2024 where they considered applicants for the final seat. The directors were unable to make a selection from the three applications that were received.

I am enclosing the three applications and resumes our office received for this position and the District Recommendation for Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Appointment to Fill Available Seat form.

Please call if you have any questions or need any further information.

Thank you,

Christopher Christianson  
General Manager

Enclosures



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# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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## APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

APPLICANT NAME: MICHAEL SNYDER  
MAILING ADDRESS: 1328 Toth Rd. Whitehorn, CA. 95589

TELEPHONE: Home: 707-601-0775 Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: frogman1957@yahoo.com

OCCUPATION: Retired

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) TOM CHASTAIN PHONE: 916-595-0945

(2) KENNY HOWARD PHONE: 707-407-5275

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE?  NO  YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

As a resident of Shelter Cove, I feel a responsibility to keep this community safe and secure so that the residents have a more meaningful life in this beautiful natural surroundings.

Additionally, I want to listen to the needs of the residents, and help them with problems and budget related issues that arise within this community in a timely manner.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 8-27-24 SIGNATURE: Michael Snyder

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

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ NOT APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

# Mike Snyder

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## Mike Snyder

1328 Toth Rd.  
Whitethorn, CA 95589

707.601.0775  
frogman1957@yahoo.com

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## Skills

- Time Management
  - Critical Thinking
  - Leadership
  - Problem Solving
  - Self-Motivation
  - Work Ethics
  - Teaching community college
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## Experience

### Self Employed, HVAC

2013 - PRESENT, WHITETHORN, CA

Installation, management, and troubleshooting of HVAC

### Homeowner Association / Board of the Director

2008 - 2013, SACRAMENTO, CA

Worked as one of the board of directors on a homeowner association to help manage a thirty unit condominium complex for creating a safe community and keeping the housing environment updated.

### Perryman Mechanical / Foreman

2005 - 2012, SACRAMENTO, CA

Installation of HVAC on state and federal construction projects within California. Managed a crew of workers to accomplish projects on time and within a state requirement.

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## Education

### California Association of Builders and Contractors

1995 - 1998, SAN DIEGO, CA

Education of HVAC Mechanical contractor

### OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

1971 - 1975, OCEANSIDE, CA

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## Awards

Earned a fourth place finish in a National HVAC competition in Phoenix, AZ.



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APPLICANT NAME: Wesley Bannheim  
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 193 Whitehorn, CA 95589

TELEPHONE: Home: 415-260-1273 Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Wes@bannheimlaw.com

OCCUPATION: attorney

PERSONAL REFERENCES:  
(1) Holly Sweet PHONE: 707-223-0327  
(2) Jeff Hildeoth PHONE: 707-616-8843

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE?  NO  YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

*I am interested in serving on the Resort Improvement District because I would like to give-back to this amazing community in which we live.*

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 8/16/2024 SIGNATURE: [Signature]

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# WESLEY M. BONNHEIM

Whitethorn, CA | 415.260.1273 | <https://www.linkedin.com/in/wesleybonnheim/> | [thebonnheim@gmail.com](mailto:thebonnheim@gmail.com)

## Expert in Commercial Contract Negotiation, Risk Management, and Legal Strategy Development

As an attorney and law professor, I bring versatile experience in offering practical, business-friendly advice by clearly communicating legal considerations to non-legal audiences. My strengths lie in commercial contract review and negotiation, risk management, and training. I thrive in goal-oriented team environments with varied job duties and where my casual demeanor and positive sense of humor are appreciated.

## Experience

### Monterey College of Law

Professor, Shelter Cove, CA (remote)

09/2023 through present

- Create Torts course syllabus, exams and evaluate students' performance. 4.6/5 average student rating.
- Mentor students and other faculty members and prepare students for the California Bar exam.

### Bonnheim & Bonnheim, LLP (Civil Litigation Firm)

Founding Partner, Arroyo Grande, CA

09/2018 through present

- Secure favorable settlements in contentious construction disputes protecting clients' financial interests through litigations, negotiations, mediations, and arbitrations.
- Provide guidance to clients on complex cannabis licensing processes including explaining risks of different approaches and managing expectations resulting in launch of legally compliant operations.
- Develop, negotiate, and redline construction and cannabis-related agreement templates increasing efficiency for my clients including vendor services, consulting, master services agreements, partnership agreements, RFIs, statements of work, contract amendments and non-disclosure agreements.
- Advise clients based on their individual business risk tolerances on legal issues related to partnerships, contract terms and obligations, and litigation strategies.

### Blueprint Construction Counsel, LLP (Boutique Construction Litigation)

Litigation Associate, Shelter Cove, CA (remote)

01/2021 through 09/2023

- Lead teams of attorneys and experts in complex construction litigation cases, achieving positive outcomes and protecting clients' interests in the fast-paced, high-volume dynamic and intellectually challenging environment of high-value construction litigation.
- Draft and negotiated construction and manufacturing contracts, mitigating risks, and ensuring favorable terms for clients based on their individualized risk-tolerance, including redlining of same.
- Advise client leadership on legal strategies and risk management, resulting in improved decision-making and avoidance of potential disputes.

### Papich Construction Company, Inc. (General Engineering Contractor)

General Counsel, Grover Beach, CA

05/2015 through 02/2018

- Redesign the contract management and administration processes by implementing standardized templates and procedures for construction contracts, MSAs, and supply contracts, resulting in increased efficiency and improved interdepartmental communication.
- Negotiate favorable terms and conditions with subcontractors and suppliers, reducing costs and ensuring prompt project completion.
- Work with and collaborate with cross-functional teams and establish relationships with and collaborate on projects with internal and external partners.

- Develop a proactive compliance program to ensure adherence to federal, state, and local regulations, minimizing legal liabilities, and creating an always-current database accessible to senior management.
- Develop and conduct regular training sessions with project managers and the safety manager on contract review, conflict management with owners and subcontractors, and other potential legal pitfalls.

### **Additional Relevant Experience**

<b>Pippin Law Firm</b> (General Civil Law Firm) Associate, Williston, ND	08/2014 through 05/2015
<b>Maverick Logistics, LLC</b> Business Development and Legal Advisor, North Dakota	09/2013 through 08/2014
<b>Autodesk</b> Project Manager, Cloud Security, San Francisco, CA	11/2012 through 09/2013
<b>Fidelis, Inc.</b> (Veteran Focused Education Startup) Transition Coach, San Francisco, CA	03/2012 through 10/2012
<b>U.S. Army</b> Signals Intelligence Specialist, Spanish Linguist	01/1998 through 01/2003

### **Education**

**Juris Doctor (J.D.) University of Missouri School of Law, Columbia, MO**  
National Order of the Scribes 2010 (outstanding legal writing skills) | Journal of Dispute Resolution | Research Assistant

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA**  
Honors Thesis: Epicurean Epistemology and the Epicurean Concept of Prolepsis | Harry Girvetz Memorial Award (faculty award for one philosophy student each year)

### **Professional Affiliations | Publications | Additional Skills**

- Member: California Bar
- Former Vice President, Central Coast Veterans Helping Veterans, Veteran Mentor for San Luis Obispo County Veterans Treatment Court
- Published: *Immunity and Justice for All: Has the Second Circuit Overextended the Doctrine of Absolute Immunity by Applying it to Arbitration Witnesses?* ("Missouri Law Review")
- Proficient in Spanish
- Intermediate in French
- Proficient with Windows; MacOS; Android; Linux; Microsoft's full suite of products; Zoom; Clio; Ebility; various e-discovery platforms; Adobe; Populi; Gmail and Google's suite of online products such as Drive, Docs, and Sheets; Lexis; Westlaw; Judicata; and OnLaw.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Superior interpersonal skills and attention to detail (you misspelled "Palantir" in your "Nice to haves" section).
- Enjoy falconry, cooking, reading, writing, tinkering, and gaming.



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## RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

APPLICANT NAME: Eugene Duane Abbott III

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 451 Whitethorn, CA  
95589

TELEPHONE: Home: 707-223-5800 Work: 707-223-5800 Fax: n/a

E-MAIL ADDRESS: westernstar tree company@gmail.com

OCCUPATION: Tree Service owner

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) David Gilchrist PHONE: 707-299-0720

(2) Kelley Sherlock PHONE: 916-717-1567

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE?  NO  YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

I would like to serve on the Resort Improvement District to represent every member of our community with equality and foresight. With so many younger children living in Shelter Cove these days, I am interested in being a voice for their benefit. They are the future of our community and supporting their interests should be a priority. Living in Shelter Cove is truly a blessing. Dedicating myself to the improvement of this resort district would be an honor.

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DATE: 9-12-24

SIGNATURE:

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**EUGENE DUANE ABBOTT III**  
Also known as "CHES"  
17 Pine Court - Shelter Cove, CA 95589  
P.O. Box 451 - Whitethorn, CA 95589  
1 707 223 5800

**Objective**

- > To be a positive, hardworking, dedicated, and intelligent addition to your business.
- > To utilize my skills and knowledge, learn new things and help your business grow.
- > I will work hard for you!

**Professional Experience**

March 2013 – Present

**Western Star Tree Company Incorporated** - 17 Pine Court – Shelter Cove, CA 95589

- > **Owner, President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Foreman, Head Climber**

>

June 2014 – October 2017

**Calico's Cafe – 808 Redwood Drive – Garberville, CA 95542 – 707-923-2253**

**Bar Manager, Bartender**

May 2010 - June 2010

**Trinity Lake Resorts** - 45810 State Hwy. 3 - Trinity Center, CA 96091

- > **Bartender**

January 2010 – February 2010

**Bay Area Arborists' Cooperative, Incorporated** - 334 Claremont Boulevard, Suite 1 - San Francisco, CA 94127-1108 -

Operations Manager: Andrea 415 759 5420

- > **Head Tree Climber**

September 2009 - 2010

While working at the Trinity River Lumber Mill, the mill burned down. During the rebuilding of the mill, I worked with the two companies listed above, as well as the following past employers: **Boak Logging Inc., MD's Tree Service, Smiley's Schooner Saloon and Hotel, Swift Tree Care, and Trinity River Lumber Mill** (after it was rebuilt).

August 2008 – September 2009

**Trinity River Lumber Mill** - 1375 Main Street - Weaverville, CA 96093

Supervisor: Joe 530 623 5561

- > **Twin Resaw Operator and Green Chain Puller**

November 2007 – June 2008

**Indigo Night Club** - 535 Fifth Street - Eureka, CA 95501 - Owners: Jeff and Maria: 707 444 3381

- > **Bartender**

September 2007 – August 2008

**MD's Tree Service** - P.O. Box 6937 - Eureka, CA 95502 - Mike Davidsen: 707 444 6221

- > **Head Tree Climber – Crew #1**

June 2007 – October 2007

**Boak Logging Incorporated** - 1739 Bella Vista Road - McKinleyville, CA 95519

Owner: John Boak 707 839 3001

- > **Tree Climber, Chokersetter, Chaser, Hooktender**

April 2004 – June 2007

**Swift Tree Care** - P.O. Box 416 - Forest Knolls, CA 94933 - Owner: Craig Swift 415 488 0522

- > **Head Tree Climber, Foreman**

July 2004 – June 2007

**Smiley's Schooner Saloon and Hotel** - 41 Wharf Road - Bolinas, CA 94924

Owner: Don Deane 415 868 1319

- > **Bartender, Security**

February 2006 – April 2007

**The Marin Yacht Club** - 24 Summit Avenue - San Rafael, CA 94901

Club manage: Gabrielle Single 415 453 9366

> **Bartender**

March 2003 – March 2004

**Western Tree Service** - Bellingham, WA 98225 - Owners: Russ and Marlene Riviere 360 752 2154

> **Tree Climber**

March 2003 – March 2004

**The Station Pub** - Railroad Avenue - Bellingham, WA 98225

> **Bartender**

August 2002 – July 2005

**Paul Kayfetz Incorporated** - Jute Road - Bolinas, CA 94924

Foreman: Memphis Russum 415 868 2830

> **Carpenter**

September 2000 – March 2003

**Sand Dollar Bar and Restaurant** - 3458 Shoreline Highway - Stinson Beach CA 94970

Manager: Sam Temer 415 868 0434

> **Bartender, Sous Chef, Server**

January 1999 – March 2003

**Western Star Tree Company** - P.O. Box 495 - Bolinas, Ca 94924

Owner: Russ Riviere Sr. (Deceased)

> **Tree Climber, Treeman**

October 1999 – November 2002

**Sean Thackrey Wines** - Bolinas, CA 94924 - Owner: Sean Thackrey 415 868 1781

> **Winemaker**

August 1992 – September 1998

**Parkside Cafe** - P.O. Box 948 - Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Owners: Bill and Janet Scott 415 847 1586

> **Snack bar Manager, Line Cook, Dishwasher, Cashier**

March 1998 – February 1999

**Sandell Construction Company** - 255 Elvia - San Rafael, CA 94903

Owner: Jeff Sandell 415 491 4755

> **Carpenter**

May 1997 – September 1998

**National Park Service (GGNRA)** - P.O. Box 548 - Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Foreman: George Giambastiani 415 868 0822

> **Seasonal Laborer (WG – 02)**

October 1997 – February 1998

**Togo's Eatery** - 12955 El Camino Real #CT6 - San Diego, CA 92130

Managers: Jim and Sharon 619 481 3821

> **Slicer, Sandwich Maker**

September 1991 – August 1994

**David vanLeeuwen – Artist** - P.O. Box 762 - Bolinas, CA 94924 415 868 1685

> **Artist's Apprentice**

>

References

Available upon request.