



Submitted application for Monterey County Regional Fire District

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First Name *

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Last Name *

Address 1 *

Address 2 (optional)

City *

East Garrison

State *

CA

Postal Code *

93933

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

White

Gender

Male

What district do you live in? *

District 4

What district do you want to serve in?

District 4

Primary Phone *

[REDACTED]

Alternate Phone

Please identify how you prefer to be contacted.

[REDACTED]

Email

Are you currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group? *

No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve

I have long felt it was my duty to use my experiences, time, and energy to help my community. I did this first as an Army officer, serving on active duty and with the Army Reserve and National Guard for 30 years. During my service I was friends with many first responders and have always felt a kinship with them. I am now a professor at CSUMB in the Department of Applied Environmental Science where I specialize in freshwater ecology. Although born and raised in southern California, I now consider the central coast my home. As a child I visited family in Carmel regularly and was stationed at Ft Ord prior to its closure. My family and I moved to Monterey for good in 2017, initially living in East Campus and later buying a house in East Garrison. This position on the board of directors for the fire district gives me an opportunity to contribute to my community in a way that uses my experiences and matches my interests.

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district.

Board membership gives me a unique chance to serve my community, representing parts of the county including the university's East Campus and East Garrison neighborhoods. My work takes me to all corners of the county, from work on the lower Salinas River to Carmel Valley and the Santa Lucia Preserve, which gives me a county-wide perspective. My research has given me a

chance to work with parts of the wider fire community, including CalFire, BLM, Forest Service, and local fire safe councils. I have conducted research on effects of the Soberanes, Carmel, and River fires and prepared fire pre-plans for the CalFire BEU unit. This research has given me an appreciation of the threats posed by wildfire, a familiarity with actions needed to reduce these threats, and an understanding of needs of our fire fighters and other first responders.

Have you served on an advisory group before?

Yes

If yes, please explain

Currently a member of the technical advisory committee for Rancho Canada Restoration and Moro Cojo Slough Restoration.

How did you hear about the position?

e-mail

County of Monterey Policy - states that Commissioners are required to attend meetings on a regular basis. If appointed, will you be able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill your duties as a member *

Yes

Background Information

Upload a resume with the names, addresses, and dates of employers for the last five (5) years.

[View Resume](#)

Employer

California State University Monterey Bay

Job Title

Associate Professor

Occupation

Teacher

Employer Address

Seaside CA

Information Regarding Conflict of Interest and Filing of Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700)

State and local law requires that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interest, including sources of income and interest in real property or investments. In addition, if appointed you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement that identifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate 12 months period prior to your appointment.

In accordance with Government Code Sections 87313 and the County of Monterey's Conflict of Interest Code, this Board/commission/Committee/District, you may be required to file statements disclosing certain types of information so that the public can be made aware of potential conflicts of interest. The types of disclosures are:

- Investments
- Interests in Real Property Held by a Business Entity or Trust
- Investments Held by a Business Entity or Trust Income (other than loans and gifts)
- Income – Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements
- Income gifts
- Business Positions
- Commission Income Received by Brokers, Agents, and Salespersons

- Income and Loans to a Business Entity or Trust Income from Rental Property

If you have any questions regarding disclosure requirements, please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at 831-755-5066.

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

N/A

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF DISQUALIFICATION AND TERMINATION, THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Enter Your Initials *

JRO

John R. Olson

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Education

Ph.D. (2012) Utah State University: Watershed Science
M.S. (2002) Columbus State University: Environmental Science
B.A. (1986) University of California, Santa Barbara: Geography.

Professional Experience

**Associate Professor
Freshwater Ecology** (2022- Present) California State University Monterey Bay – Department of Applied Environmental Science:
100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA, 93955.

**Assistant Professor
Freshwater Ecology** (2016- 2022) California State University Monterey Bay – Department of Applied Environmental Science:
100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA, 93955.

**Assistant Professor
Environmental Science** (2015- 2022) Desert Research Institute – Division of Hydrologic Sciences:
755 East Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119.

**Maki Postdoctoral
Fellow** (2014- 2015) Desert Research Institute – Division of Hydrologic Sciences:
755 East Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119.

**Senior Research
Engineering Officer** (2008 - 2015) U.S. Army Reserve/U.S. Army Research Laboratory - Battlefield Environment Division, Computational and Information Sciences Directorate: US Army White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002.

Postdoctoral Fellow (2012- 2014) Utah State University – Department of Watershed Sciences:
5210 Old Main Hill, NR 210, Logan, UT 84322.

Research Assistant (2002- 2012) Utah State University – Department of Watershed Sciences:
5210 Old Main Hill, NR 210, Logan, UT 84322.

Research Assistant (1999-2001) Columbus State University – Department of Environmental Science:
4225 University Avenue, Columbus, GA 31907.

Acquisition Officer (1995-1999) U.S. Army Infantry Center - Project management and requirement establishment for body armor, eye protection, & parachute programs.

Infantry Officer (1985-1995) Various assignments, including: Commander responsible for planning & leading 220 man company through 2 deployments; Personnel & Logistics Officer responsible for all human resource & logistics planning and execution for 550 man battalion; Senior Advisor to Iraqi Army in northern Iraq advising the Iraqi Army on training, logistics, & administration; oversaw a \$21 million construction & supply budget.