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Don Chesterman

Dear Board Members,

I would like to be considered for a position on the Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Board. I have two years' experience working as a chemist in a lab doing water and soil testing for inorganic chemicals. I have taught Chemistry, Ecology, Physical Science and Biology at the high school level. I also spent 30 years with the California Department of Corrections before retiring in 2007. During that time, I was part of the activation team at Salinas Valley State Prison, establishing and supervising four Law Libraries, 17 Academic Classes, and 20 Vocational Programs, as well as the Recreational Activities and Rehabilitation Programs. This included hiring qualified staff and supervisors, purchasing equipment, setting up the shops and classrooms and filling the programs.

Since retiring in 2007 I have volunteered at the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Reserve, mostly working in the maintenance department doing a wide variety of duties to include mowing weeds for eradication of the non-native species, cutting eucalyptus trees for habitat restoration, constructing owl boxes, and maintaining the wildlife watering sites on the property. I also volunteer with the research department monitoring bird boxes for a study on nesting birds in the various woodlots that has been going on for the past 15 years and have worked with the nursery collecting and propagating native plants for use in restoration projects.

I am a very good communicator, have good computer skills and take an interest in my neighbors in the Prunedale area. I have been an officer of the Berta Meadows HOA for 14 of my 20 years living in that development, holding every position except the vice-president position over the course of the 20 years. I have also volunteered at the Castroville Library as the photographer for the Art Literacy Program which my wife ran for seven years.

I know the importance of the water systems overseen by Pajaro Sunny Mesa and was ecstatic when they took over from the previous company which had done such a poor job with the Normco system it was put into receivership. I feel it is a good time to give something back and so I am volunteering for a position on the board.

Thank you for considering me for the position.

Sincerely

Don Chesterman