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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathy Barrett

Kathy served as a member of the Downtown Chico Business Association, a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley, and the Ex-Officio Board Member of the Chico Chamber of Commerce. Kathy was also the Arts Commissioner for the City of Chico. She is a member of the Marketing Committee for the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies. In 2000 she received the President's Award from the Chico Chamber of Commerce.

John Carlon

John Carlon obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy and Horticulture from C.S.U. Chico and a Masters of Science in International Agricultural Development from C.S.U. San Luis Obispo. Mr. Carlon owns and operates Sierra Cascade Blueberry Farm and has worked protecting and restoring rivers in California since 1991. In 1998 John and another local farmer started River Partners, which has grown to 33 full-time employees and has implemented over \$49 million dollars of habitat protection and restoration work in the California. In 2007, Mr. Carlon was the recipient of the James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award.

Ken Grossman

Ken is the President, founder and owner of Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. The brewery, well recognized for its commitment to environmental stewardship and conservation, has won numerous environmental and sustainability awards. Ken is on the Oversight Committee for Big Chico Creek Ecological Preserve and is active in conservation in Big Chico Creek Canyon. He also serves on the City of Chico's Sustainability task force. Ken is a member of the Western Rivers Conservancy board and a supporter of agricultural sustainability.

Allen Hackett

Allen is a retired Vice President from Gold Country Bank, and farms walnuts north of Chico. He received an undergraduate degree in Agriculture Business from California State University Chico and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from U.C. Davis. Allen contributes from his substantial base of knowledge and experience from years of working with farming, land ownership and water issues and institutions in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys of California. He has worked as loan officer/consulting/advising at various Banks/Companies in Agribusiness for the past 36 years. He serves on the River Partners finance committee and nomination committee.

Mark Kimmelshue

Mark is the co-founder and owner of Legacy Associates, Inc., a management and consulting firm which runs the daily operations of the Associated Rice Marketing Cooperative (ARMCO), a rough rice marketing cooperative that markets between 2.5 to 3 million hundredweight of rice annually. As a native of Butte County, Mark has a life-long experience of farming in the town of Durham. He obtained his Bachelors and Masters degrees from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and worked for the Farm Credit System in the San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria area. After returning to Butte County, Mark has served on the Butte-Sutter Basin Groundwater Users Corporation and the Butte Basin Water Users Association. In addition to sitting on the Board of Directors of River Partners, Mark serves as a Butte County Water Commissioner and an elected Trustee to the Durham Unified School District Board.

Tom Lando

Tom is the Principal/Owner of Lando and Associates, a planning, administration and management consulting firm. He previously served the City of Chico as City Manager, Executive Director of the Chico Redevelopment Agency and Airport. Tom has a Doctorate and Master's Degree in Public Administration, and a Master's Degree in City Planning. He serves on the board of several organizations, including River Partners, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Butte College Foundation. Among Tom's recognitions are Lifetime Achievement Awards from Chico Economic Planning Corporation, American Society of Public Administration and the Building Industry Association.

Suellen Rowilson, R.N.

Suellen obtained her Master of Public Administration/Health Services Administration Degree from the University of San Francisco as well as a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UCLA. She was a Public Health Nurse II in Santa Clara County Health Department part-time, extra-help; generalist-maternal/child health, communicable disease; advice. Suellen was the Gilroy City Councilwoman, and served two terms as Chair of South Zone Flood Advisory Committee. She was a member of the Water Commission, SCVWD; the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council; the Domestic Violence Task Force of South County, the Gilroy Community Collaborative; the Member Health Services Committee and the Housing Committee. Suellen is the Convener of Cultural Plan for Gilroy, and Convener of Task Force for California Conservation Corps in Gilroy. She received the Woman of the Year Award in 1987 from the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce for accomplishments in arts administration.

Irving Schiffman, Ph.D., J.D.

Irv has a law degree from New York University and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis. He is recently retired from California State University, Chico where he taught political science, planning law, and planning and environmental administration. He has researched planning and environmental issues in the United States and Israel and is the author of Alternative Techniques for Managing Smart Growth (UC Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies). He is a former chair of the City of Chico Planning Commission and of its Architectural Review Board.

Monroe Sprague, M.D.

Monroe came west as a young man from the University of Wisconsin with a BS in Chemistry, after a US Navy tour. He is an Ear, Nose and Throat physician and has been on the medical staff of Enloe Hospital for over 20 years. He has served on multiple committees of the two community hospitals and was the Chief of Staff of Chico Community Hospital for two years. Involved locally with the Boy Scouts of America, he has managed their major Christmas tree recycling projects over 15 years. He received their Distinguished Citizen Award in 2004. He enjoys small scale walnut farming in Chico and time on California rivers.