



Contra Costa County

Print Form

Please return completed applications to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 1025 Escobar Street, 1st Floor Martinez, CA 94553 or email to: ClerkofTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

First Name: Soumya, Middle Initial: [blank], Last Name: Suresh, Home Address - Street: [redacted], City: Pleasant Hill, State: CA, Postal Code: 94523, Primary Phone: [redacted], Email Address: [redacted], Resident of Supervisorial District: Ken Carlson, District Locator Tool, Do you work in Contra Costa County? Yes, If Yes, in which District do you work? 4, Current Employer: Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc, Job Title: Assistant Project Manager/Biologist, Length of Employment: 4.5 years, How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County? 3 years

Board, Committee, or Commission: Contra Costa RCD, Seat Name: Associate Board Member, Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying? Please check one: Yes, No, If Yes, how many? 3

EDUCATION

Check appropriate box if you possess one of the following: High School Diploma, CA High School Proficiency Certificate, G.E.D. Certificate

Table with 3 columns: Colleges or Universities Attended, Degree Type/ Course of Study/Major, Degree Awarded. Rows include University of California, Santa Barbara and Oregon State University.

Occupational Licenses Completed: [blank]

Other Trainings Completed: Wetland Training Institute- Wetland, Certificate Awarded for Training? Yes, No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings? Yes, No. If Yes, please explain: My job is currently 70% home office and 30% field. During the summer I may be assigned work in the field depending on other staff availability. I may still be able to attend the meetings online but it would depend on work location and internet connection.

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified? Yes, No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes, No

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

As a current Associate Board Member, I feel as though I have seen the wide range of projects that are currently talked about and participated in by the CCRCD. I find that I would like to have a voice in those decisions as I feel as though I can offer valuable knowledge and opinions. I also want to encourage discussion and in that discussion challenge certain items that may not be serving this organization as well and expand those that are beneficial. Even if I am not chosen for a voting position, I will continue to be curious about the projects that the RCD has and continue to participate in the meetings and events.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume).

I have only been an Associate Board Member for the CCRCD for a few months now but I find that I am invested in the programs, especially ones that are involved in outreach and education. My qualifications include my degrees in ecology but also my choice of career. I have been learning about the delicate balance of our environmental world for fifteen years. Starting in high school, I started high school community gardens in Fremont, moved on to learning and researching conservation and restoration in college and learned about wildlife and land management in my masters program. I have worked in community with people who know a lot more than me and maybe a little less than me and I find that every interaction is an opportunity for learning. My current position allows me to interact with stakeholders in private and public organizations in my work which help me understand how decisions about anthropogenic changes are made. I can provide a perspective from one who is currently working in the environmental field and as someone who continues to interact with the younger generation. I can provide my expertise in wildlife, restoration, land management and regulatory knowledge towards furthering the goals of CCRCD.

I am including my resume with this application:

Please check one: Yes No

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

Please check one: Yes No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

CCRCD

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

List any volunteer and community experience, including any boards on which you have served.

Volunteer: CCRCD Board, Local ongoing wildlife surveys for California threatened and endangered species.
Other Community Work: In my free time, I work for a organization called Aspiring Scholars Directed Research Program in which I teach high school kids how to process environmental DNA and learn about how this is used in ecological research.

Do you have a familial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section on page 3 of this application or Resolution No. 2021/234).

Please check one: Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the county, such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

Please check one: Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship: Sequoia Ecological Consulting has a contract with CCRCD fo

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand and agree that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

Signed: Soumya Suresh

Date: January 30, 2026

Submit this application to: ClerkofTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us OR Clerk of the Board
1025 Escobar Street, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Questions about this application? Contact the Clerk of the Board at (925) 655-2000 or by email at ClerkofTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: 1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and 2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships: (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter; (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter; (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter; (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297; (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner; (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.