



COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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COMMISSIONER APPLICATION

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Occupation: Technical Training & Writing Administrator

Present Employment: East Bay Municipal Utility District

Education: BS and MS in Soil Science

Professional and Fraternal Memberships (including any offices held):

Member of Temple Isaiah, on social action committee for climate change.

How did you hear about the Contra Costa Commission for Women (CCCW)?

from the County website

What experience, if any, do you have with county commissions and how long did you serve on each?

I don't have any experience serving on a County commission at this time. My experience and developed life skills have prepared me well for such an important service to my local community.

Do you have any experience/skills in any of the following areas (circle all that apply)?

<u>Law/Legislation</u>	<u>Government</u>	<u>Community Services</u>	<u>Event Planning</u>
Accounting	Health	Graphic Arts	<u>Diversity</u>
Marketing	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Public Relations</u>	Women Vets
Finance	<u>Computer/IT</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
<u>Web Development</u>	Writing/Blogging	Social Media	

Other Skills/Areas of expertise you can contribute to the Commission:

By nature I am a positive person and value teamwork, so I tend to rally people together and energize the team.

Do you serve on any Board of Directors/Trustees? If so, which ones and for how long did you serve on each?

Recently the Women's March Contra Costa leaders organized and incorporated, and I am on the Board of Directors.

Have you had any board orientation and/or training?

This year I successfully completed Temple Isaiah's class, leading with a Jewish Heart, and the Central Labor and EBASE partnership class, Commissions and Boards.

Are you involved in any other community organizations or activities? If so, which ones?

I am involved in Temple Isaiah and am an active member of the social action group focused on climate change.

Why do you want to serve on the CCCW? What goals would you like to see the Commission achieve?

My daughter is 13 and is a constant reminder of how I want to leave the world a better place for her. Gender inequity issues must be addressed and

PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME

I'd like to see the Commission achieve a successful education campaign in our County.

A Commissioner assures that all actions of the organization further the Commission's mission to improve economic status, social welfare, and overall quality of life for women in Contra Costa County.

I want to help and support such an effort!

Heidi Benenson

KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Excellent communicator who interfaces between the gamut of heads of corporations and committees to staff positions.
- Self-starter who plans, prioritizes, manages, and completes tasks with fast paced, deadline-driven situations.

KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| • Project Manager | • Problem Solver | • Leader |
| • Organizer | • Communicator | • Event Planner |
| • Detail Oriented | • Team Builder | • Strategic |

VOLUNTEER WORK

WOMEN'S MARCH CONTRA COSTA

Board of Directors, Volunteer Position (JANUARY 2017 – PRESENT)

- Facilitated and coordinated Women's March of Contra Costa on 1/21/2017, coordinated security with an estimated attendance of 10,000
- Developed idea for and implemented ring around Walnut Creek Islamic Center, 2/2017
- Organizer and lead in preparation of Women's March of Contra Costa for Earth Day Science March, 4/22/2017
- Frequent interactions with local politicians ranging from City to Federal positions

TEMPLE ISAAH AND INTERFAITH, Lafayette, CA

Volunteer Participant

- Member of Temple Isaiah since 2000 and served on various committees and was a Crew Chief for Winter Nights
- Interfaith group participant in Neighbor to Neighbor program since 2014
- Panel member at International Women's Day Interfaith event 3/2017
- Member of Social Action Climate Change committee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, ASSET MANAGEMENT, Oakland, CA

Technical Training & Writing Administrator (July 2014 – Present)

- Focus on knowledge retention and documentation to minimize loss of institutional knowledge for the Operations & Maintenance Department
- Support 1,000+ employees in order to maintain high quality, clean, safe, reliable treatment and distribution of drinking water

Senior Environmental Health and Safety Specialist (October 2003 – 2014)

- Primarily operational function for waste acceptance and control program enhancement
- Lead to staff and streamlined processes and standard operating practices focusing on waste acceptance and control, for new Resource Recovery Program bringing revenue from \$2 million to \$10 million annually
- Assisted Division Manager with various projects, including presentations and Business Plans for the Board of Directors

ALTAMONT LANDFILL, WASTE MANAGEMENT, Livermore, CA

Technical/Receiving Manager (October 2001 – October 2003)

- Managed waste acceptance process for over 400 customers and a variety of waste streams and maintained compliance with regulatory agencies
- Evaluated each waste then approved or rejected it; if accepted waste directed how to properly manage it
- Assisted District Manager with all aspects of managing operations and maintenance

RPI/BIO GRO, A WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPANY (ACQUIRED BY SYNAGRO) Irvine and Oakland, CA

Technical Services Manager (August 2000 – October 2001)

- Managed N. CA and special projects for all biosolids related projects, \$7 million of business annually
- Interpreted laboratory analysis to ensure biosolids quality satisfies federal, state, and local requirements
- Continued same duties as Technical Services Coordinator

Technical Services Coordinator (June 1997 – August 2000)

- Interfaced with environmental regulatory agencies (federal, state, and local), the public, and farmers in order to promote and continue land application of biosolids in CA
- Participated in the CEQA process by preparing environmental documents and provided comments

Technical Specialist (1996-1997)

- Managed compliance of S. CA land base supporting \$5 million business annually
- Sales experience, involved cold calling and maintenance
- Developed and submitted site permit packages for clients, U. S. EPA, RWQCB, and local regulatory agencies

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, TECHNICAL AND ECOLOGICAL SERVICES, San Ramon, CA

Engineering Technician 1 (1991-1992)

- Organized soils database for Geographic Information System (GIS); delineated historic wetland boundaries for the Federal Relicensing package of the Pit River Dam project
- Developed technique to evaluate an epoxy coated pipeline's ability to resist scratching from local bedding sources from the Cascade Range portion of the PGT-PG&E pipeline expansion project
- Mapped concrete supports within intake structure of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

EDUCATION

M. S. in Soil Science, 1996, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

B. S. in Soil Science, 1993, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA