

ROBERT BURNES STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences, University of California at Davis, 1972.

EXPERIENCE

Board Member Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and Chair of Conservation Committee, 2006 to Present.

Board Member Environmental Council of Sacramento and Co-Chair of Habitat 2020, 2008 to Present.

Monitored land use projects and activities that could potentially threaten the National Wildlife Refuge and Sacramento area natural habitat. Reviewed, prepared comment letters and testified on proposed projects and their environmental impacts.

Senior Planner, Sacramento County Planning Department, 1991 to 2005.

South Area Project (1999-2006) Team Manager of development entitlement applications in Sacramento County. Responsible for workload management, report review and client relations. Provided principal staff support for Project Planning Commission meetings.

General Plan Section Manager (1991-1999). Managed section responsible for bringing a new General Plan through more than thirty public hearings. Negotiated compromise between environmental and building interests. Coordinated with other agencies in resolving plan policy and implementation issues. Developed implementation program for Plan. Managed follow-up Plan implementation efforts, including Agricultural Residential Study, South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan and North Natomas Urban Service Boundary Study. Developed work programs, provided policy direction and led multi-interest negotiations for these projects.

Associate Planner, Sacramento County Planning Department, 1980 to 1991

General Plan Elements. Supervised team responsible for preparing General Plan Open Space, Conservation, Agriculture and Public Facilities Elements. Tasks included:

- Preparing work programs;
- Researching open space, agriculture, resource conservation, water supply, sewerage and other public facility issues;
- Drafting issue papers;
- Developing goals, objectives and policies;
- Mapping floodplain, farmland, natural area and other resource lands;
- Providing staff liaison with Open Space Commission;
- Preparing RFP and contract for consultant vernal pool studies;
- Serving on advisory committee for Countywide farmlands classification system;
- Administering Energy Commission grant to prepare transmission line siting policies; and
- Coordinating with environmental interest groups, County departments and government agencies relevant to environmental matters.

Economic and Job Growth Studies. Project manager and principal author of "The Sacramento Region in 1990", a statistical analysis of employment trends, industrial growth and the demand for industrial land. Developed a methodology for estimating future employment and its effect on industrial land demand. Evaluated national state and regional growth trends in high-technology industries. Prepared report titled "Planning for a Jobs and

Housing Balance". Analyzed the relationship between worker housing affordability in a major new job center and potential housing supply within a reasonable commute distance. Evaluated ways to mitigate the resultant imbalance between jobs and housing.

Liaison with Placer County. Represented County on advisory committee to South Placer Policy Committee charged with developing regulations to assure that housing keeps pace with projected job growth.

Urban Alternatives Analysis. Prepared report evaluating five potential areas for residential growth. Identified constraints to residential development. Compared each site's proximity to potential new jobs in the region.

Current Planning. Supervised team responsible for current planning projects in 200,000 population urban area. Prepared staff reports on proposals to rezone over 1000 acres for industrial parks.

Information Management. Developed and maintained program to monitor new residential and commercial development in the County. Set up relational database. Served as County liaison for census data coordination.

Assistant Planner, Sacramento County Planning Department, 1976 to 1980.

Parking Management Study. Developed work program, conducted research, supervised parking survey fieldwork and developed recommendations to revise parking standards, increase landscaping requirements, and institute measures to discourage auto trips. Prepared comprehensive evaluation of numerous parking control measures.

AQMP. Worked with a department head task force to redraft implementation portion of Regional Air Quality Maintenance Plan.

Zoning Consistency Study. Responsible for study to update the Rio Linda Community Plan and bring zoning into conformance with the General Plan. Evaluated amendments to the plan and conducted parcel specific analysis yielding rezoning recommendations.

Agricultural Industry Study. Conducted study identifying optimal locations for agricultural industries seeking land disposal alternatives for process wastewater. Researched technical aspects of land disposal, evaluated rural industrial impacts, mapped resources, identified least constraint opportunities, and developed use permit regulations.

Environmental Specialist, Jones and Stokes Associates, 1972 to 1975.

Open Space Study. Principal author of "Open Space and Government Process", a report for the Commonwealth Club of California culminating a year-long study of governmental response to open space needs in the San Francisco Bay Area. Assessed governmental programs to regulate land use and protect open space values, researched legal, institutional and political obstacles and evaluated alternative preservation approaches.

Cosumnes River Parkway Plan. Principal author of plan to create a regional parkway along the Cosumnes River in Sacramento County.

Wildlife Protection Plan. Prepared portions of Fish and Wildlife Element of Suisun Marsh Protection Plan. Responsible for identifying wildlife habitat problems and recommending land use controls to protect marsh habitat. Developed an evaluation system for establishing acquisition priorities.