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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Date: 9/22/2017

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Appointment of Meighan Dietenhofer to County Park Commission

For placement on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the meeting of: October 10, 2017

I would like to recommend the ☒ appointment/ ☐ reappointment of the following person to the Park Commission:

Salutation: ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☒ Ms.  
Full Name of Appointee: Meighan Dietenhofer  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointee will represent the Third District on this commission.

☒ Check box only if this appointment is filling an unexpired vacancy.

Third District Supervisor: Joan Hartmann

Signed by: Joan Hartmann

### COB Information Verification

- ☐ Letter of Resignation on file
- ☐ Vacancy Notice on file

Term:

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ years
- ☐ Beginning date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Ending date \_\_\_\_\_

Jefferson Litten  
Chief of Staff  
jlitten@countyofsb.org

Elizabeth Farnum  
District Representative  
efarnum@countyofsb.org

Gina Fischer  
District Representative  
gfischer@countyofsb.org

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## Profile

Meighan

First Name

Dietenhofer

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

### Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application \*

☒ Third District - Joan Hartmann

Home:

Primary Phone

Home: ( )

Alternate Phone

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Park Commission: Submitted

Kevin Merk

Reference 1 Name

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Telephone

Biologist, Kevin Merk Associates

Reference 1 Occupation

Kate McCurdy

Reference 2 Name

Reference 2 Address

Reference 2 Telephone

Biologist, Sedgwick Reserve

Reference 2 Occupation

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Esther Bates

Reference 3 Name

Reference 3 Address

Reference 3 Telephone

Executive Director, Elverhoj  
Museum

Reference 3 Occupation

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**If you are now, or have ever been employed by the County of Santa Barbara, please list the department in which you worked, your title, and the dates you were employed.**

Biological intern/Environmental Specialist with Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, May 1998 - August 1998. Planning technician with Santa Barbara County Water Agency (part of "Project Clean Water" program), May 1999 - August 1999. Environmental Educator with Santa Barbara County Water Agency, June 2001 - September 2001.

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## **Interests & Experiences**



**Please explain why you are interested in serving, and what experience you bring to the Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.**

I am interested in serving on the Park Commission, because I have a deep appreciation for our County's parks and would love the opportunity to work toward continued care for and improvement of our parks. As an individual and a mother, I very often make use of parks throughout the County. I appreciate the opportunities for healthy out-door time, connection with nature, exercise, recreation, and community interaction that they provide. I hope to help all individuals in our County enjoy the wonderful resource we have in local parks.

**Give any information explaining qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for the above Board, Commission or Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.**

My educational background in biology and environmental science and management (water resources management) has prepared me for understanding and making decisions about our use of natural resources, including for recreational purposes. The management portion of my master's degree included background in the financial aspect of decision-making about resources, which should prove useful in any considerations of park finances that may need to be made. My work experience as a biologist and environmental consultant has included review of, and document-writing to adhere to, environmental and community planning policies. This experience should be useful in reviewing and making decisions about park policies and actions. In addition, I have experience volunteering with a variety of local groups: Los Olivos Elementary School, Bethania Lutheran Church, the Elverhoj Museum in Solvang, the Santa Ynez Valley Botanic Garden, Sedgwick Reserve, and a variety of other community fund-raising activities and public lands clean-up activities. Volunteering with these groups has provided experience in balancing work, family, and volunteer time, and has allowed me to realize how rewarding volunteering and bettering the community can be. My personal interest in and use of parks will also aid me in appropriately considering decisions for a strong local park system.

[Meighan\\_Dietenhofer\\_resume\\_2017.doc](#)

Upload a Resume

Please attach any additional documents here

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## Demographics

**Ethnicity**

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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☒ Female

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Date of Birth

**Education Completed:**

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Santa Ynez High School, 1995 Bachelor of Science in Biology, University of Puget Sound, 1999 Master's in Environmental Science and Management (MESM) in Water Resources Management, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, 2002

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree that upon submission of this application all information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.**

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☒ I Agree \*



# MEIGHAN DIETENHOFER

Phone:

E-mail: 1

## EDUCATION

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### **Master of Environmental Science and Management—Water Resource Management (2002)**

#### **Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management—UC, Santa Barbara**

- Group Project Thesis: Analyze fate and transport of pollutants through the Newport Bay watershed. Research toxicology of pollutants on affected species. Recommend best management practices to prevent pollutant loading.

### **Bachelor of Science in Biology—University of Puget Sound (1999)**

- Senior Thesis: "*The predator-prey relationship between the nudibranch and the sea anemone*"
- Honors: Recipient Murdoc Grant for biological study; Member of Phi Sigma, biological honors society
- Study Abroad Program: Institute for European Studies, Vienna, Austria

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Biologist**, Kevin Merk Associates. (03/17-present)

- Carried out biological monitoring for protection of protected resources, including riparian systems and protected vegetation and wildlife species, such as southwestern willow flycatcher, least Bell's vireo, steelhead trout, three-spined stickleback, tidewater goby, California red-legged frog, and southwestern pond turtle

### **UC Staff Researcher**, Sedgwick Reserve (UC Santa Barbara reserve). (06/15-08/17)

- Prepared a management plan for Sedgwick Reserve, summarizing the current state of biological, historical, cultural, agricultural, resources and planning how to manage such resources in the future. Management of fire planning, emergency preparedness, and other land use and safety issues had to be considered.

### **Sales Representative and Merchandising Head**, Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co. (06-09-present)

- Visited establishments throughout southern California to offer samples, tasting, and information on products, in order to open and maintain accounts.
- Prepared orders for clothing and other merchandise displaying the company logo.

### **Project Biologist**, Impact Sciences, Inc. (4/05-6/09)

- Conducted rare, threatened, and endangered plant and wildlife surveys, including southwestern willow flycatcher, least Bell's vireo, California burrowing owl, California red-legged frog, arroyo toad, western spadefoot toad, and southwestern pond turtle
- Prepared written documentation of findings of biological resource evaluations
- Prepared EIRs and MNDs in compliance with CEQA
- Permitted projects for regulatory compliance with federal, state and local agencies
- Planned and oversaw restoration of riparian habitat in compliance with regulatory permits

### **Associate Biologist**, Rincon Consultants, Inc. (8/01-4/05)

- Performed rare, threatened, and endangered plant and wildlife surveys
- Permitted projects for regulatory compliance with federal, state and local agencies
- Prepared biological documents for compliance with CEQA and NEPA

### **Water Resource Specialist**, Project Clean Water, Santa Barbara County Water Agency (9/01-8/02)

- Field-truthed GIS maps of storm drain inlets throughout Santa Barbara County using GPS units
- Analyzed GPS location data for accuracy on GIS maps using ArcView 8.0
- Organized inventory of creek-walking data and photographs on county network system



**Waste Management Consultant**, Sheri Eiker-Wiles Associates (4/01-8/02)

- Wrote grant project proposals for governmental and private agencies to obtain funding for environmentally friendly projects
- Prepared waste audits for hazardous waste collection sites
- Conducted business and government agency waste surveys for compliance with state waste reduction laws

**Environmental Educator**, Project Clean Water, Santa Barbara County Water Agency (6/01-9/01)

- Prepared and distributed environmental education materials
- Taught water pollution prevention to children at summer camps through presentations and activities

**Laboratory Technician**, Gaines Marine Laboratory, University of California, Santa Barbara (9/00-6/01)

- Collected algal and invertebrate samples, gathered data, and carried out experiments in the marine intertidal zone
- Analyzed samples and entered data in the laboratory

**Planning Technician**, Project Clean Water, Santa Barbara County Water Agency (5/99-8/99)

- Examined streams for possible sources of bacterial pollution
- Created Microsoft Access database of point source runoff entry into streams
- Sampled stream, ocean, and estuarine waters for high bacterial levels

**Environmental Specialist**, Santa Barbara County Flood Control Agency (5/98-8/98)

- Inspected vegetation at wetland mitigation site for identification and health status; organized information in Excel
- Created wildlife exclusion fencing and removed endangered species from construction zone

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**EXTENSION EDUCATION**

- Field Studies of California Birds, University of California at Los Angeles, 2004
- Introduction to Bird-Banding, University of California at Riverside, 2005

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**WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE**

- Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Survey Training Workshop, Southern Sierra Research Station, 2008
- California Tiger Salamander Workshop, Alameda County Conservation Partnership, 2006
- California Red-Legged Frog Workshop, Alameda County Conservation Partnership, 2005
- Flora of the Sedgwick Reserve: Introduction and Keying, Friends of the Jepson Herbarium, 2003
- Post Construction Storm Water Runoff Control Workshop, Regional Water Quality Control Board and University of California at Santa Barbara, 2003
- Desert Tortoise Council 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Surveying, Monitoring, and Handling Techniques Workshop, The Desert Tortoise Council, 2002
- CEQA/NEPA Document Preparation Workshop, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2002
- Project Management Workshop, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2002

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**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- Serve as Docent, Elverhoj Museum of History & Art, 2016-present
- Parent volunteer at St. Marks' Preschool and Los Olivos Elementary School, including fund-raising, aiding in event organization, in-class help, and grant-writing, 2013-present
- Lead informative hikes at Sedgwick Reserve, directing groups and providing information on the natural world, 2013-present
- Teach school children about birds in the Buellton Botanic Garden, 2013-present
- Hummingbird Banding and Monitoring, Hummingbird Monitoring Network, 2006-2008
- Western Snowy Plover Survey, Los Angeles Audubon Society, 2007-2008

- Bird-Banding of Fall and Spring Migrant Birds, Stephen Myers, AMEC Earth and Environmental, 2005-2008
- San Gabriel Mountains Bighorn Sheep Survey, California Department of Fish and Game and US Forest Service, 2008
- Statewide Survey of Breeding Burrowing Owls in California, The Institute for Bird Populations, 2006-2007
- Naturalist, Rancho Alegre Sixth-Grade Science Camp 2000
- Led groups of 15 to 20 students and teachers on educational hikes through the Los Padres National Forest
- Inner City Tutor, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Learning Center 1999
- Tutored inner-city children in after-school program covering all subjects and grade levels 1999, 2007

#### PERMITS/CERTIFICATES

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- California Scientific Collection Permit, (SC-007168) California Department of Fish and Game
- Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plant Voucher Collecting Permit, (09020) California Department of Fish and Game