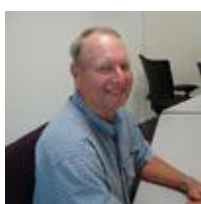


PNSSNS Board of Directors



President - Ed Sills Sutter County

Mr. Sills represents South Sutter County and grows rice, popcorn, wheat, oats, beans, and almonds organically on approximately 2400 acres in Pleasant Grove, California. Mr. Sills has served as Vice-President and Board Member of the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) organization and was a member of the University of California Sustainable Agriculture Public Advisory Committee. He was named California Conservation Farmer of the Year by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation in 1989. Mr. Sills has testified before several congressional hearings on the topic of Sustainable Agriculture. He has been a cooperator on several University of California research projects on his farm, including rice straw incorporation, green manures, weed ecology, and beneficial insects. In 2009 Mr. Sills became a board member to add the voice of organic farming in the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program development.



Vice President - Alan Lauppe North Sacramento County

Born in Sacramento and raised in Sutter County, Mr. Lauppe is owner and operator of El Rio Farms for 30 years. He is a diversified farmer growing rice and row crops. Mr. Lauppe is a founding member of PNSSNS and became involved to represent Sacramento County with large parcels that have disappeared to development over the past years.



Treasurer - Bonnie Ferreira Placer County

Mrs. Ferreira is a long time resident of Placer County starting the Auburn Ravine Ranch in 1967. She is a cattle rancher and diversified farmer. Mrs. Ferreira is a founding member and became involved due to her concern that, while agriculture should be responsible for any ag pollutants detected in surface waters, the program must be reasonable and cost effective.



Secretary - Jim Gates Nevada County

Born and raised in Rough & Ready, California, Mr. Gates has been a cattle rancher all his life. He graduated from University of California, Davis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business. He owns and operates organic Nevada County Free Range Beef. Mr. Gates serves on the NID Drought Board, Farm Bureau Livestock Committee, and the Cattlemen's Association Livestock Committee. The Union (newspaper) 23rd Annual Home and Garden Show proclaimed Mr. Gates the 2008 "Sustainable Rancher of the Year." He is featured on "You Tube" with a video entitled "Meat Jim". In 2007, Mr. Gates became involved due to his concern that "low threat" organic operations like his own, could be regulated out of business.



Director - Carol Scheiber Placer County

Born in Fairfield with most of her life spent in Placer County, Carol is long time cattle rancher (47 years) in Lincoln. Now in the 5th generation of Scheiber's running the ranch, Carol has served on a number of boards including the Placer County Farm Bureau, Lincoln High School Farm Foundation, Election Board, Lincoln Relay for Life, and Granite Springs Church in Lincoln. In 2013, Carol volunteered to become a PNSSNS board member to be a voice for farmers and ranchers to keep water in our area at an affordable price.



Director - Matt Conant South Sutter County

Born and raised in Marysville, California Matt Conant farms walnuts on both sides of Yankee Slough (the dividing line between Butte-Yuba-Sutter Water Quality Coalition and PNSSNS). He serves on the South Sutter Water District board, California State Farm Bureau board and is a past president of the Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau board. Mr. Conant also represents Sutter County on the Butte-Yuba-Sutter Water Quality Coalition board. In 2010 Mr. Conant became involved with PNSSNS to represent large orchard farming.

Executive Director – Lesa Osterholm



Past Manager Linda Watanabe

As secretary, Linda conducts all administrative business of the organization. As editor of the “Subwatershed News,” she writes the bi-annual newsletter as well as info flyers when needed. She coordinates monthly board meetings and the annual PNSSNS membership meeting. It has been said that the PNSSNS meetings are the “best” meetings to attend because Linda’s ‘healthy chocolate chip cookies’ are a standing bribe for all who would attend.