



**COUNTY OF NEVADA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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Sean Powers, Community Development Agency Director

AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY: Applicant must be a Nevada County resident and represent an agricultural interest (i.e. serve on Agricultural Advisory Commission, Farm Bureau, or a bona fide, active, and professional involvement in the Agricultural Industry) in the County.

APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) TO GATHER COMMUNITY INPUT AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEVADA COUNTY CANNABIS ORDINANCE APPLICATION ONLINE <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/cda/Pages/CannabisConversation.aspx>
APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 19, 2017 BY 5:00 P.M. - LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

DELIVER IN PERSON OR MAIL TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADDRESS ABOVE
POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED - INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
SCANNED PACKETS: EMAIL TO ComDevAgency@co.nevada.ca.us OR FAX (530) 265-9851

NAME: Last: *NAGANO - WOLFE* First: *JESSE*

Physical Residence Address (Must be a resident of Nevada County):

Street:

City:

NEVADA CITY

Zip:

95959

Mailing Address, if different from residence address:

Street:

City:

Zip:

Phone number:

E-Mail Address:

Supervisorial District (1-5)

Find your District: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/bos/Pages/Find-Your-Supervisorial-District.aspx>

A resume or additional sheets may be attached containing any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. Letters of recommendation and references for support are encouraged, but not required.

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Nevada County Community
Development Agency

3:34pm

- Please provide a narrative that describes your experience or expertise related to agriculture in Nevada County.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE I MOVED BACK TO NEVADA COUNTY TO TAKE CARE OF MY MOTHER. AS A TYPICAL 9-5 CONFLICTED WITH BEING ABLE TO CARE FOR HER I FOUND FARMING AS A GREAT WAY TO APPLY MY KNOWLEDGE AND TO BE MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE FOR FLEXIBILITY IN MY SCHEDULE. I BEGAN WORKING WITH VERMICROP ORGANICS WHICH GAVE ME AN OUTLET TO BEGIN DEVELOPING SOILS AND FERTILIZERS (ALL ORGANIC) AS WELL AS TO MEET MANY LOCAL FARMERS WHO NEEDED A LITTLE TO A LOT OF ADVICE IN THEIR OWN PRACTICE AND APPLICATIONS.

- Please provide your last two years of employment history, if any, including name, address, phone number and e-mail address of your employer and a brief description of your job duties and how those relate to agriculture. If self-employed, please provide the business address, phone number, and a brief description of your business and how it relates to agriculture.

VERMICROP ORGANICS [REDACTED]

- RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AND LAB TESTING OF/FOR NEW AND EXISTING PRODUCTS.
- CUSTOMER CONSULTATION & SERVICES

UNION COLLECTIVE FARMS THROUGH BLACK FOREST MANAGEMENT

- ONSITE OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

VITAL GARDEN SUPPLY [REDACTED]

- Please describe your relevant qualifications to serve on the Community Advisory Group representing agriculture.

I GRADUATED ~~BE~~ FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ WITH A DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES WITH ~~A~~ FOCUS ON SOIL SCIENCE AND BOTANY. IN ADDITION I HAVE BEEN FARMING FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS, AND CONSULTING FOR ORGANIC GARDENS FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS.

- Please explain why you wish to serve on the County's Community Advisory Group representing agriculture..

I BELIEVE MY EXPERIENCE WOULD BE A HELPFUL ADDITION TO THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS(ES) OF HOW NEVADA COUNTY MOVES FORWARD WITH THE EMERGING CANNABIS INDUSTRY AS IT DIFFERS GREATLY THAN MOST TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE.

- Are you now or have you ever been affiliated (as an officer, owner, director, trustee, partner, advisor, consultant, etc.) with any cannabis businesses? If yes, please explain. Yes No

I HAVE CONSULTED, IN MY PERSONAL TIME, FOR CANNABIS GARDENS.

- Do you own real property, personal property, financial holdings, or receive income from any source which might present a potential legal conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, with your requested appointment? If yes, please explain. Yes No

Communication Style and Openness to Other Perspectives

- Please provide a short paragraph describing your interest in and willingness to be open to other perspectives and new information.

I AM ALWAYS WILLING TO HEAR OUT THE PERSPECTIVES OF OTHERS AS THIS CAN LEAD DIFFERENT OR BETTER SOLUTIONS TO A PARTICULAR SUBJECT. I THINK IT IS A GREAT WAY FOR ALL PEOPLE TO LEARN; I MIGHT BE MISINFORMED OR INCORRECT ABOUT A SUBJECT, BUT IF I'M CORRECTED I LIKE TO TAKE THAT AS LESSON LEARNED RATHER THAN A FAILURE.

Association/Organizational Experience

- Please describe any experience you have participating in a group advisory, committee or decision making process.

MY EXPERIENCE IN A DECISION MAKING PROCESSES LARGELY CAME FROM VERMICROP ORGANICS IN WHICH R&D HAD TO WORK WITH RETAIL, MARKETING, AND PRODUCTION TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST LOGISTICAL PROCESS FOR RELEASING NEW PRODUCTS.

- Please list any of your past or present affiliations with associations or organizations.

OTHER THAN THE PRIVATE COMPANIES I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED WITH, I HAVE NEVER SERVED WITH AN ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION.

References

- References. Please provide contact information for two individuals who can serve as a reference for the expertise and capabilities you describe in this application.

Contact #1 Name [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Name [REDACTED]

Contact #1 Address [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Address [REDACTED]

Contact #1 Phone [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Phone [REDACTED]

Contact #1 Email

Contact #2 Email

- Type of license or certificates, issued/received dates, and expiration date:

NOT A CURRENT HOLDER OF ANY LICENSES OR CERTIFICATE

Member Availability and Expectations

- Are you available to attend all scheduled CAG Meetings (7/25, 8/8, 8/22, 9/12) and any additional subsequent meetings on Tuesday afternoons?

Yes No

If not, which meetings could you not attend.

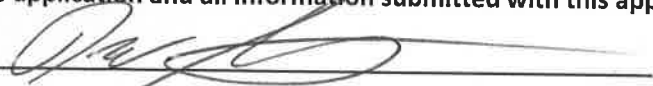
7/25 - I WOULD ALSO NEED TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT AT MY CURRENT JOB TO LEAVE EARLY FOR THE AUGUST MEETING DATES

Member protocols

I hereby submit my name for consideration to serve in an advisory capacity to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors. In doing so, I understand that:

1. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group must agree to follow and abide by all guidelines and protocols established by the County regarding civil discourse, active listening and communication, media protocols and, when appropriate, confidentiality.
2. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group must agree to attend all meetings of the CAG unless excused by the Community Development Director for good cause. Consistent attendance by members of the CAG is critical to the success of this process.
3. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group shall be volunteers and shall serve without compensation. Reimbursements for certain required incidental expenses will be allowed only at the discretion, and with pre-approval, of the Community Development Agency Director.
4. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group will be required to complete a Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest disclosing their personal assets and income.
5. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group are appointees of the Chair of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and serve at the will and pleasure of the Board.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information in this application and all information submitted with this application are true and correct.

X 

(Copy of signature required if submitted electronically)

Curriculum Vitae

Jesse B. A. Nagano-Wolfe



Place of Birth: Burbank, CA
Nationality: US Citizen

Introduction

Jesse Wolfe is an experienced horticulturalist and soil scientist with over 12 years of knowledge in the hydroponics industry. He attended the University of California at Santa Cruz and majored in Environmental Studies with a focus on botany and soil science. His experience includes indoor, outdoor, and greenhouse cultivation and customer service relating to consultation for organic soil and fertilizer applications. He is also skilled in organic soil and fertilizer development and analysis, agricultural testing, data collection, and authoring of scientific reports.

Education

- Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies from the University of California at Santa Cruz

Skills

- Planning and development of indoor, greenhouse, and outdoor farming operations
- Ability to engage in-person, over-the-phone and digitally with customers/clients with a friendly and positive attitude
- Experience in traveling to and setting up booths/exhibits at trade shows and customer appreciation events
- Ability to educate customers on organic farming methods/practices and requirements to maximize yields in their home or commercial gardens
- Formulation of organic and inorganic soils and fertilizers
- Analysis of organic and inorganic soils and fertilizers
- Experimental design, data collection, and authoring of agricultural testing

Professional Experience

April 2013 – June 2016

Horticultural Lab Manager and Product Developer at Vermicrop Organics
Olivehurst, California, United States



Customer support and consultation for organic soil, fertilizer and compost tea implementation on new and existing personal and commercial organic farms. Lab testing and analysis of existing customer soil samples and providing fertilization re-amending recommendations based on the results of those analyses.

- Conducted personal customer service at hydroponic trade shows and customer appreciation events located at Northern California hydroponics stores
- Provided in-house customer service by fielding questions via phone, text and e-mail
- Consulted for fertilizer and integrated pest management programs based on in-field sampling and analysis from customers' farms and making recommendations based on the results of analysis
- Managed a 16 light grow room dedicated to testing proprietary organic and inorganic products
- Aided in the Development of a leading brand of organic certified line of dry nutrients – VermiGrow, VermiBloom, VermiAll, and Vermi PK Boost
- Aided in the development of a leading brand of soilless growing media – VermiPro
- Improvement of VermiSoil by integrating a balanced formulation of macro, secondary and micronutrients
- Authored over 50 scientific reports involving implementation of feeding regimens and data collection

June 2016 – December 2016

Operations Manager at Union Collective Farm

Penn Valley, California, United States

Implementation of commercial organic farming organization, implementation of fertilizer regimens, procurement of market desirable varieties of onsite crops, propagation of onsite plant varieties through cutting/cloning, management of logistics relating to planting, harvesting of onsite crops.

- Developed and aided in the construction of an additional greenhouse
- Implemented an organized system using raised beds with the inclusion of organic soil and fertilizer regimens in new and existing greenhouses
- Conducted and educated staff in the propagation and transplanting of organic field crops through cuttings/cloning
- Conducted and educated staff in the fertilization of onsite field crops using dry and liquid nutrients throughout the vegetative and fruiting phases of growth
- Observed maturation of fruit for optimal harvest time of crops and schedule staff accordingly
- Conducted and educated staff in training and pruning of plants throughout the vegetative stage of growth

- Managed staff in accordance with different stages of growth from cutting to mature plants, including planting and harvest

Other Relevant Experience

September 2004 – December 2016

- Hobby (personal) indoor farming – 11 years
- Hobby (personal) greenhouse farming – 3 years
- Hobby (personal) organic outdoor farming – 12 years

