

November 24, 2020

Truckee, California

Richard Anderson
Supervisor, 5th District
County of Nevada

Dear Richard,

The time has come for me to step down as your representative on the Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission. Kristin and I will be permanently moving to our new home in Reno in December and will become Nevada residents. Her U. S. Geological Survey field station in Riverside, California, has been moved to Reno and a daily, winter commute from Truckee is problematic at this point in our lives.

I tender my resignation with some regrets but also with many fond memories after a tenure of over thirty one years on the Commission. It has been a pleasure to work with our county employees and especially those in the Agricultural Commissioners office. They have always been attentive to requests and helpful in finding solutions to problems. The same goes for the staff of the County Board of Supervisors, including the Clerk of the Board, the analysts, and counsels. The citizens of Nevada County have been fortunate over the years to have such a dedicated team of public servants.

I feel especially enriched from the wildlife professionals encountered through Commission activities over the decades. The agency biologists with the Department of Fish and Wildlife have been first rate. The wardens continually put in the extra mile for the resources and the public. The work of the university researchers is inspiring, and fostering students to become future leaders in management and conservation is essential. Nevada County is blessed with special relationships with UC Davis and University Nevada, Reno, and the public is astounded when they discover how much wildlife and natural resource research is being conducted here in the Truckee River watershed.

Finally, my colleagues on the Commission exemplify the finest traditions of volunteerism. They have had a special place in my life. While we may disagree on how issues can be resolved, we seldom disagree on the issues. Most importantly we usually come together in a unanimous vote for a recommendation to move forward, and all discussions are respectful of the opinions of other commissioners. I have made many enduring friends. This was the most difficult factor in my decision to resign.

Best Wishes on all your future endeavors, Richard. It has been a pleasure working with you for so many years on the good fight.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Butler". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font. The first name "Ray" is written with a large, looped 'R' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. The last name "Butler" is written in a similar cursive style, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.