

SCOTT RIVER WATER TRUST
Board of Directors: 2009-2010



Directors Brad Erickson, Dave Krell, Marilyn Seward, Peter Yolles, and Jim De Pree (left to right)

Peter Yolles -- President

Mr. Yolles is the owner and sole proprietor of Water Insight, a consulting company engaged in water, energy and climate issues. Water Insight consults businesses, government agencies and NGOs about water use, river restoration and water's relationship with energy consumption and climate impacts. He also continues to advise on water rights and water transfers. Water Insight is based in Tiburon, CA. Most recently, Peter Yolles was Director of Water Resource Protection for The Nature Conservancy. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Scott River Water Trust. Previously, Mr. Yolles was vice president of Western Water Company where he negotiated water sales and transfers, including completing a 7,000 acre-foot water transfer approved by the State Water Resources Control Board. From 1997 to 1999, he worked for GE Capital analyzing water, energy and timber transactions. He holds a B.A. degree in political science from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and received an M.B.A. degree in finance and a Master's of Environmental Studies in Water Science, Policy and Management from Yale University.

Marilyn Seward -- Secretary & Chief Financial Officer

Resident, Scott Valley 41 years. Retired teacher /school administrator. M.A., Chico State University, Ed. Adm. Co-pastor, Scott Valley Berean Church 33 years. Acting pastor at Grace Community Church, Yreka; involved in working with drug/alcohol rehabilitation of young mothers and children. Coordinator, Scott Valley Salvation Army. Officer, Scott Valley Chamber of Commerce, advocating business and agriculture cooperation in economic, environmental, social betterment in the Valley. Serving 2nd term on Etna City Council (mayor for 2 years); wrote successful Prop. 50 grant for renovation of City water supply dam and new fishway, presently directing that project. Wrote several grants which led to completion of new Etna Public Library. Wrote grants for Scott Valley Swimming Pool renovation. Member of Technical Review Committee (for Siskiyou County), North Coast Integrated Regional Management Plan, review and score all grant applications for region. Member, Scott River Watershed Council Executive Committee. Secretary/Treasurer Siskiyou Institute, a non-profit foundation which has served as a co-sponsor of Water Trust grants.

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James De Pree

Mr. De Pree retired from working for Siskiyou County as the Natural Resource Policy Specialist on Dec. 31, 2007. He worked for the Board of Supervisors in the resource areas of water, fish, and forestry issues, while coordinating with federal, state, and local agencies; citizen groups; and County staff. He was instrumental in involving the County and its citizens to help solve resource problems. Previously he has worked as a Consultant, including being an expert witness, a Land Manager/Ecologist, a Forester/Economist, a Meteorologist, and a Secretary-Manager. He holds a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Idaho with majors in Forest Resource Management and Forest Business Management. He also has a major in Meteorology (U. of Utah) and a minor in Economics. He holds a California Community College Instructor Credential in Earth Sciences and in Forestry, Natural Resources and Related Technologies after taking Education classes at Calif. State University at Chico.

Brad Erickson

Brad was born in Solvang, California, raised in Morro Bay, and graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1976 with a degree in Biology (specializing in Wildlife Management). He came to Scott Valley in 1979 to work on a ranch and fell in love with the area. Buying a local farm in 1988, Brad married the following year and has “been poor but happy ever since.” He enjoys making hay, working with horses, hunting, and fishing. Brad became a Board Member of the Scott River Water Trust in 2009.

David Krell

For 22 years, Dave was a hay grower in Scott Valley. A long time Farm Bureau member, he served as a board member for several years and one term as President. He also served a four year term on the Siskiyou RCD Board of Directors. He is currently the co-owner of Etna Brewing Company. Dave holds a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cal Poly, Luis Obispo and maintains licenses in Mechanical Engineering in both California and Oregon. He is a past partner in a company that manufactures solar power drive conversions for irrigation wheel lines. Prior to moving to Siskiyou County he worked as a design engineer for the Missile Launching and Handling Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Sunnyvale, CA, a plant engineer for the ACI Medical Products Division of Corning Glass Works in Mountain View, CA and as a plant engineer for the Refractory Division of Kaiser Aluminum in Moss Landing, CA and as an engineer for the same division of Kaiser Aluminum in Oakland, CA.