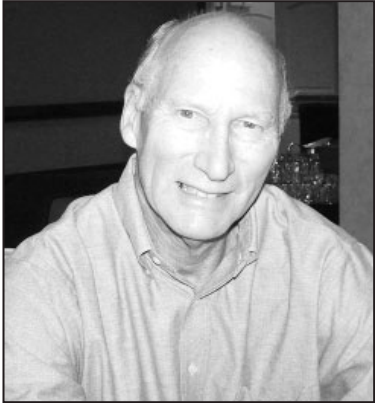


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“What are the greatest challenges you face as a planning commissioner?”

— asked at the 79th annual California County Planning Commissioners Association (CCPCA) Conference (Nov. 7, 2009, Sacramento)



Keith Williams
Planning commissioner
Yolo County

Our greatest challenge is the creation of a new “city” in Dunnigan, Yolo County. Seven thousand-plus homes are proposed, and there is no model to duplicate that I know of.



Norm Niver
Planning commissioner
Imperial County

I am concerned about the breaking up of farmland to accommodate large housing projects that are replacing agriculture. Another issue is the drying up of the Salton Sea and the impacts on the environment.



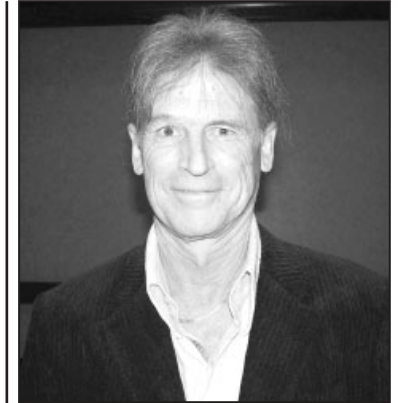
Melvin Gong
Planning commissioner
Tulare County

Planning for the future and generations to come. Our greatest challenge is to leave the next generation with sufficient resources, such as clean air, clean water, and a healthy world to live in.



Anne Eldred
Planning commissioner
Sierra County

We are at the headwaters of the middle fork of the Feather River, north and middle forks of the Yuba river, and the largest tributary to the Truckee River (Little Truckee River), representing three of the watersheds in the State Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Water is critical in all phases of Sierra County planning.



Dan Roberts
Planning commissioner
Mono County

In Mono County, our economy is almost exclusively tourist-based, yet we have a strong contingent of citizens — primarily composed of second-homeowners and retirees — who wish to impede our ability to attract tourism. This is probably a healthy balance, although difficult to maintain.