



## Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board Member Bios (September 2018)

**THEODORE J. (TED) TAYLOR:** (Board Chair) Governor John Kitzhaber appointed Ted to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board in 2013, and he was re-appointed by Governor Kate Brown in 2017. His second term ends on Feb. 28, 2021.

Ted was born in Kansas, where he attended public schools. He graduated from Wichita State University with a B.A., and earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Kansas.

His career includes 14 years as a university associate professor of economics, with emphases in macroeconomic theory and policy and energy economics. Ted also served in Texas in an Executive Management position as Director of the state's Energy Policy Division. He worked in federal government service for more than 22 years at the Department of Energy, serving in Texas, Ohio and New Mexico in high level radioactive waste disposal, nuclear defense production, and environmental restoration. Prior to his retirement in 2005, he served as Deputy Designated Federal Officer for the Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board and as Project Manager for the Los Alamos Land Transfer Project.

Ted presently serves on the Boards of the Grande Ronde Model Watershed, the Wolf Depredation Compensation Committee of Union County, and the Wallowa Union Historic Trail Consortium.

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**KRISTEN McNALL:** Governor Ted Kulongoski appointed Kristen to the Board in 2010 and she was reappointed by Governor Kitzhaber in 2014. Her second term runs July 9, 2014 through July 8, 2018.

Kristen has organized her life to enable participation in many interests. She has made the Columbia River Gorge her home because many people there have made similar choices. She balances her work commitments with activities such as playing on, and in, the river, gardening, bicycling, and learning. One of her priorities is protecting the gorge so that it will provide food, recreation, and a home for generations to come. She also wants to participate in the community that has become her home. Thus, Kristen is active in organizations that oversee Hanford Cleanup, such as the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board and the Hanford Advisory Board. She is co-chair of the Mosier Watershed Council, and an EMT with Mosier Fire. She tends her garden and gives away lots of ultra-local produce each year.

Kristen supports these activities with various sorts of high technology consulting. Her work supporting patent litigations has taught her about the legal system and the attitude that nothing is so complicated that one can't learn enough to have an opinion—both useful for Hanford work. She has taught at various levels, including countless corporate workshops plus several stints at Dartmouth College, worked as a software engineer, and slung hay bales and fencing for bicycle races.

Kristen has traveled throughout many parts of the world, met and worked with many people, and has learned to consider credentials unimportant most of the time. However, sometimes she finds it useful that she holds an AB summa cum laude from Dartmouth College and an MS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, both in Computer Science. She is a Registered U.S. Patent Agent, and a licensed EMT. She speaks English, German, Spanish, and a bit of French.

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**JOHN HOWIESON:** Governor John Kitzhaber appointed John to the Board in 2013 and he was reappointed by Governor Kate Brown in 2017. His second term ends February 28, 2021.

John was born in New York City in 1929 where he lived until completing primary school. His family then moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he attended high school and two years of college. He then transferred to the University of Kansas where he completed an undergraduate degree in chemistry, a master's degree in human anatomy and an MD.

While in the U.S. Public Health Service John was transferred to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Service in Portland where he studied topics related to radiological defense at Reed College. He then completed specialty training in Radiology at OHSU (then called the University of Oregon Medical School) followed by a time in private practice and a stint on the faculty of the University of Kentucky medical school. He then completed a second residency in Neurology at Yale University in Connecticut.

Returning to Oregon in 1977, John became Professor of Radiology at OHSU specializing in imaging of the nervous system where he worked until retirement from the faculty in 1994. John then completed a master's degree in marine biology at OSU where he also taught classes in human anatomy and physiology.

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**LORI BROGOITTI:** Governor John Kitzhaber appointed Lori to the Board in 2013 and she was reappointed by Governor Kate Brown in 2017. Her second term will end February 28, 2021.

Lori is the fourth generation of an Eastern Oregon farming family and has been involved in production agriculture and other natural resource based industries for most of her life. She has a background in irrigated/dry-land cropping systems and livestock production.

Lori is co-founder and officer of Northwest Agricultural Services, Co., an agricultural consulting and crop insurance agency located in Pendleton, Oregon.

Lori's past public service commitments have been: Environment and Regulations Committee chair for the Oregon Wheat Growers League; Board of Director for the Pacific Northwest Direct

Seed Association; Committee member for the National Environmental Conflict Resolution Advisory Committee; Committee member for The Climate Trust of Oregon; and Vice-Chair of the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council.

Lori is committed to finding workable solutions in the environmental and agricultural communities associated with controversial environmental policies.

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**DAN SOLITZ:** (Board Vice Chair) Governor Kate Brown appointed Dan to serve the remainder of an unexpired term in 2015 and he was appointed to serve a full term in 2018. That term ends December 31, 2021.

While Dan was born and spent the first six months of his life in Butler, Pennsylvania, he considers himself a proud fourth generation Oregonian as his mother's family has lived in Central Oregon since the mid-1800s. Dan was raised in Prineville, and as the oldest of ten children, he learned group process early and well. He graduated from Crook County High School in 1965 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Dan completed the one year Naval Nuclear Propulsion training in Vallejo, California and A1W Prototype training in Arco, Idaho 1966-1967. Following his training, He served four years as an electrician on the USS Enterprise nuclear aircraft carrier.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Dan returned to Oregon and attended the University of Oregon from 1972-1975, studying literature and business. He worked at the Weyerhaeuser Particleboard Plant from 1975 to 1998.

From 1974 through 1980, Dan volunteered on the Oregonians for Nuclear Safeguards, Construction Work in Progress and Citizens Action for Energy Security ballot initiatives. In 1979 he began attending and participating in the Energy Facility Siting Council's deliberation on need for power. In 1980 through 1988, Dan joined Common Cause Northwest Energy Task Force and Lane Energy Plan Committee to lobby Congress on the Regional Power Bill.

Since 1988, Dan and his wife have managed their Willamette Valley rental properties. After leaving the Navy, he continued his interest in nucleonics and in 2010 followed the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future and submitted comments. Since 2013, Dan has attended the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board meetings.

Dan lives in Eugene with his wife Susan Connolly and nearby to his five grandchildren. Dan also enjoys music, travel and reading and has, from time to time, sang in a Russian Choir.

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**BRYAN WOLFE:** Governor Kate Brown appointed Bryan to serve the remainder of an unexpired term in 2015 and he was appointed to a full term in 2018. That term expires February 28, 2022.

Bryan is a farmer and former feedlot owner-operator and makes his home in Hermiston. He has served his state and his community for many decades, including serving on and Chairing the State's Energy Facility Siting Council; serving as Director of the Oregon National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and serving as Director of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative. Bryan is a graduate of Oregon State University and in 2000 was name to the OSU Agricultural Hall of Fame. Bryan has been married to Lou Ann for 50 years, and together they have four sons, 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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**STEVE MARCH:** Governor John Kitzhaber appointed Steve to the Board in 2013. His first term began July 1, 2013, and will end June 30, 2021.

Steve was born on a ranch and farm in Northern California where the family primarily raised cattle, alfalfa and barley, though later row crops. They also owned dry-land wheat property in Eastern Washington until 1992. Steve is still involved in many decisions regarding the California property and manages other family property in Oregon.

Steve received his undergraduate degree (BA) from Sacramento State and graduate degrees (MUS, PhD) from Portland State University. He is currently the elected Multnomah County Auditor, having served in that capacity since 2009. He is a Certified Internal Auditor and worked for a previous Auditor for five years. Prior to returning to Multnomah County he was the financial and budgetary officer for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Portland State.

Steve also served three terms as a State Representative in the Oregon House from 2001-2006. Among his assignments during that service was serving as one of the Speaker's appointees to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board and Steve is very happy to return to serving on the Board as the Governor's appointee. The successful cleanup and remediation of Hanford and especially the Columbia River is something that is vitally important to Oregonians throughout the state.

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**JUSTIN IVERSON:** Justin represents the Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) on the Cleanup Board and has served in this role since April 2016. Justin is a Registered Geologist and holds an Honors BS and MS in Geology from Oregon State University. Justin was a consulting hydrogeologist for 13 years, where he focused on water resources management and groundwater development for water supply in the United States, Canada, Australia, and the South Pacific. He is currently the Groundwater Section Manager at OWRD.

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**THOMAS (TOM) ROBERTS:** Tom is the Emergency Manager for Umatilla County. He was appointed to the OHCB in June of 2017. Tom's Previous Related Work Includes being the Emergency Management for US Army at three Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Sites including the Umatilla Chemical Depot in Hermiston, Oregon, the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo, Colorado, and the Bluegrass Chemical Depot in Richmond, Kentucky.

Education and Training: Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Management from Clackamas Community College and Graduate of Hermiston Senior High School. FEMA Trained Master Exercise Practitioner and Advanced Public Information Officer.

Volunteer Experience: Served as a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for 20 combined years with the Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services, the Pendleton Fire Department and as a Lieutenant with the Irrigon Fire Protection District.

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**JURGEN HESS:** Living through WWII in Germany has given Jurgen a passion to use his life for protecting and restoring Earth's landscapes.

Jurgen has a BS in Landscape Architecture from Iowa State University. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 34 years managing public forest lands, including appointment to the Columbia River Gorge Commission representing the federal government. Jurgen was awarded the Vice residentP Al Gore Golden Hammer Award for innovation in planning. Jurgen has also given the international presentations on Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Jurgen's public service also includes being the Chair of the Hood River City Planning Commission; guest lecturer on public forest policy at the PSU business school (for four years); Conservation Chair Friends of Mount Adams; Cascade Forest Conservancy board; Member of Society of Environmental Restoration.

With wife Susan, Jurgen formed *Columbia Insight*, an on-line magazine creating stories of environmental issues facing the Columbia Gorge and the Northwest. Some of their stories have included climate change, anadromous fish survival, pesticides, recreation, mining, Malheur Refuge takeover and Hanford cleanup.

An award winning photographer/photojournalist, Jurgen gives presentations on wildfire, including the recent Eagle Creek Fire. The focus of those presentations is helping people understand the role of fire in shaping our natural environment. He teaches photography for beginning to advanced students.

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**ERICA ELLIOTT:** Erica was born in Toledo, Ohio, in the heart of the Rust Belt. After completing an undergraduate degree at Kenyon College, she moved to Oregon and began a doctoral program in Environmental Sciences, Studies, and Policy at the University of Oregon. Her dissertation, which she completed in 2014, focused on how the federal government shapes public perception of Hanford. Erica also taught an undergraduate course on Hanford’s history and waste problems.

Erica lives in Eugene with her partner, Peter, and their rescue dog, Rodeo. She is committed to social and environmental justice. In her spare time, Erica mentors a middle schooler and works with the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County.

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**SENATOR BILL HANSELL:** Senator Bill Hansell was appointed to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board by the Senate President in 2013. Bill represents Oregon Senate District 29, which is the closest Oregon Senate district to Hanford. A former Umatilla County Commissioner, serving for 30 years, he has long had an interest in what has and is happening at Hanford.

Bill has ancestors that came to Oregon in 1853 on the Oregon Trail, making him a sixth generation Oregonian. He lives in Athena, where he was raised on a wheat and cattle ranch. During his 30 years as a county commissioner, Bill served on a number of local, state, and national positions. These included president of the Association of Oregon Counties (1988) and the president of the National Association of Counties, based in Washington DC in 2005.

Bill was elected to the Oregon Senate in 2013. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he met and married his wife Margaret 47 years ago. They are the proud parents of six children and even prouder grandparents of six grandchildren. “For what is now seven generations my family has lived in this area. I am pleased to have been asked to serve on this Board, and to be involved in working on the issues Hanford presents.”

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**REPRESENTATIVE GREG BARRETO:** Representative Greg Barreto was appointed to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board by the Speaker of the House in 2015.

Greg was born and raised in Lebanon, Oregon and has been married to Chris for 36 years. Together they have been blessed with eight children and five grandchildren. Their family resides in Cove, Oregon.

In 1982, Greg designed and built the industry’s first all-hydraulic tiller. He sold that first tiller to his employer at the rental yard, who rented it for over 20 years. Looking for an opportunity, Greg and Chris started their own business out of their garage in Keizer in 1983. They officially incorporated their business as Barreto Manufacturing in 1984. From that garage, they grew their business into a corporation with 110,000 square feet of manufacturing facilities, 82 local employees, and an international customer base. Greg and Chris moved their family to La Grande, Oregon, and set up manufacturing operations for all-hydraulic tillers. In Greg's words: "My wife

and I have truly experienced the American dream and want the same opportunity preserved for every American with a dream and the desire to work for it."

Greg is proud to serve and represent District 58 in the state legislature. He believes his business experience will help him promote a bright future for Oregon business. He will continue to support the creation of private sector jobs and long-term tax structures that help business.

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**REPRESENTATIVE TAWNA SANCHEZ:** Representative Tawna Sanchez was appointed to the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board by the Speaker of the House in 2016.

Tawna Sanchez has spent her life working to strengthen the community. Born of Shoshone-Bannock, Ute, and Carrizo descent, Tawna grew up in Portland, and for many years has been a leader fighting for the rights of women, indigenous people, and the most vulnerable. As the Director of Family Services at the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Tawna helped create the Early College Academy, expanded early childhood services, affordable housing development, elder support, and assisted in building a nationally recognized domestic violence wrap-around service model.

Over time, Tawna has helped raise 18 foster kids, and has been active in state policy making – serving on the Family Services Review Commission and the Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

As a state representative, Tawna remains committed to standing up for social justice on the side of the oppressed and pushing to make our systems more equitable. She serves on the House Human Services and Housing, and Judiciary Committees, as well as the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety.

## Oregon Department of Energy Staff Bios

**KEN NILES:** Ken joined the Oregon Department of Energy in July 1989. He has spent his entire career with the agency working on Hanford cleanup and other nuclear issues. He was named as Administrator of the Nuclear Safety Division in September 2001, where he manages Oregon's involvement in cleanup at the Hanford Nuclear Site, the safe transport of radioactive materials through Oregon, and emergency preparedness in the event of a nuclear accident or petroleum shortage.

Prior to joining the Department of Energy, Ken spent 11 years as a broadcast news reporter, working in both radio and television, mostly in Spokane. A native Oregonian, Ken earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Oregon State College in March 1992.

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**SARA LOVTANG:** Sara joined the Oregon Department of Energy in June of 2016. She serves as Oregon's representative on the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council. Through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process defined by CERCLA, she and other Council members strive to restore ecosystem services injured by releases of hazardous waste and the remediation activities at Hanford Site.

Prior to joining the Oregon Department of Energy Sara worked for the USDA Forest Service for almost 20 years as an ecologist in the regional program, specializing in dry forests and shrub steppe. She has worked in the field, contributed to plant association guides, and authored publications regarding plant communities throughout the Pacific Northwest's dryland ecosystems. Before her career as a plant ecologist she worked for US Occupational Safety and Health Administration focusing on the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response standards. She has a BS from the State University of NY in Syracuse in Environmental Studies, with concentrations in Environmental Law and Communications, and a MS from Oregon State University in Forest Ecology.

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**MARK REESE:** Mark joined the Oregon Department of Energy team in 2013. A life-long Oregonian, Mark grew up in Eugene and spent most of his adult life in Springfield and eastern Lane County before moving to West Salem in 2013.

Prior to joining ODOE, he spent 20 years in public safety as a Deputy Sheriff at the Lane County Sheriff's Office in Eugene where he served in patrol, corrections and special operations. Mark was also involved in search & rescue, emergency management and the dive team. Mark has a BA from Northwest Christian University in Management and a MA in Emergency Management from American Military University. Mark serves as an ODOE representative for the Oregon Emergency Management Association and the Oregon Emergency Response System Council.



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**JEFF BURRIGHT:** Jeff joined the Oregon Department of Energy in November 2017. He brings prior experience providing technical decision support for complex Federal nuclear remediation projects around the country, as well as knowledge of radioactive waste management at a national level. At ODOE, Jeff is focused on issues surrounding the high-level radioactive waste tanks at Hanford, the Waste Treatment Plant, and other issues related to long-term risk management, site cleanup, and waste disposal. Prior to joining ODOE, he worked for a management consulting firm based in Walla Walla that advocated collaborative, technical problem solving and risk management for environmental remediation projects, with clients including the U.S. Department of Energy, NASA, the U.S. Army, and large private entities. Originally from Albany, Oregon, Jeff holds a B.A. in English and an M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University.

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**TOM SICILIA:** Tom joined the Oregon Department of Energy in July of 2018. As the hydrogeologist on the Hanford team, he focuses on groundwater issues, including source material and transport through the vadose zone. Prior to joining ODOE, Tom spent 10 years as a remediation consultant in New England. He received his B.S. in Geology from Western Washington University and his M.S. in Hydrogeology from Clemson University. He is a Professional Geologist in Pennsylvania, a Registered Geologist in Oregon, and a Licensed Environmental Professional in Connecticut.

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