

# Council Business Meeting

September 18, 2018

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Appointment of Daniel Dawson to the Wildfire Mitigation Commission	
<b>From</b>	Melissa Huhtala	City Recorder
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## **SUMMARY**

Confirm Mayor's appointment of Daniel Dawson to the Wildfire Mitigation Commission.

## **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 2.19.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

N/A

## **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This is confirmation by the City Council on the Mayor's appointment to the Wildfire Mitigation Commission.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

N/A

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

## **ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

Motion to approve appointment of Daniel Dawson to the Wildfire Mitigation Commission.

## **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Application

# CITY OF ASHLAND

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

Please type or print answers to the following questions and submit to the City Recorder at City Hall, 20 E Main Street, or email [melissa.huhtala@ashland.or.us](mailto:melissa.huhtala@ashland.or.us). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Recorder at 488-5307. **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Name Daniel Dawson

Requesting to serve on: Wildfire Mitigation (Commission/Committee)

Address 818 Liberty St., Ashland, OR 97520

Occupation retired Phone: Home 760-937-4198 (mobile)

Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email danielrdawson@gmail.com

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? University of CA, Santa Barbara (undergrad), California Institute of Technology (grad)

What degrees do you hold? B.S. Chemistry, M.S. Chemical Physics

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?  
Licensed Timber Operator in CA (expired)

### 2. Related Experience

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

I was Director of a Univ. of CA field research station and ecological reserve located in the Sierra Nevada

moutains of CA. As part of that job I wrote a forest management plan and the corresponding regultory document,

a Modified Timber Harvest Plan. I then spent 15 years implementing the plan. Furthermore, I was responsible for

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? Certainly, there is always new information and

new research, new methods, new ideas.



**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position?

Watching what has happened in Santa Rosa

and Redding, with major wildland/urban interface fires marching northward, I have a great fear

that we could be next. I don't think our community takes the risk seriously enough or is doing enough to prepare.

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings?

I am available both day and evenings.

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community?

2.5 years

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

I lived and worked in a mountain community surrounded by National Forest. I worked closely with both the USFS and the local fire district on planning. I wrote grants jointly with them for developing shaded fuel breaks around town and funding creation of defensible space in town. We dramatically improved the firesafe condition of town during that time although there is still considerable risk.

7/28/2018

Date

*Daniel R. Dawson*

Signature



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Committee/Commission Application Form continued  
Daniel Dawson

Question 2 continued:

Furthermore, I was responsible for developing defensible space for 23 buildings located at the urban/wildland interface.

Question 5 continued:

I was a Planning Commissioner for Mono County in CA for 6 years, two years as Chairman. This was a time when there were no incorporated areas in the County so we had responsibility for the entire County. As a result, I am familiar with local government, planning, codes, ordinances, etc. During my tenure we developed the first avalanche hazard mapping for the County and made changes to the zoning code to reflect the hazard.

Furthermore, I was in the initial class of Team Ashland. I have been looking for the right place to get involved in local government and contribute. I believe the Wildfire Mitigation Commission would make the most use of my skills and interests.