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### Employment Opportunities:

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Agricultural Biologist/Weights & Measures Inspector I  
Butte County Children's & Families Commission Director  
Clinic Manager  
Cook, Senior  
Deputy Sheriff  
Deputy Sheriff - Lateral  
Facilities Maintenance Coordinator  
Information Systems Analyst  
Juvenile Hall Counselor I  
Occupational Therapist & Occupational Therapist, Senior  
Physical Therapist & Physical Therapist, Senior  
Psychiatrist  
Public Health Nurse  
Public Health Nurse (Spanish bi-lingual)  
Public Safety Dispatcher - Lateral  
Supervisor, Mental Health Clinician  
Supervisor, Therapist



Snowy Road—Photo Courtesy of Aaron Quin



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Butte County is situated on the east side of Northern California's Sacramento Valley and covers 1,640 square miles between the Sacramento River to the west and the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east. Butte County is home to a growing population of more than 220,000 people who live in the incorporated cities of [Biggs](#), [Chico](#), [Gridley](#), [Oroville](#) (the county seat), and the [Town of Paradise](#). The county offers an ideal economic atmosphere, a highly educated labor force, and a lower-than-average cost of living. One of Butte County's city's, [Biggs](#), is home to approximately 1,700 people, and is known as the "heart of rice country". This small city is surrounded by rice lands and orchards on all sides. One of America's largest rice mills, Sunwest Milling Inc., is located in Biggs. Biggs has a variety of waterfowl and bird hunting to offer. Only 15 minutes from most of Butte County's other attractions like Lake Oroville and the Thermalito Recreation Area one can enjoy a full range of boating and other water recreational activities.

## Butte County Says Goodbye to Board of Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi

Supervisor Kim Yamaguchi began his first term as Butte County Supervisor for District 5 on January 8, 2001 and was re-elected in 2004 and 2008. Supervisor Yamaguchi has never missed a Board meeting or a single vote during his tenure on the Board. Throughout the last 12 years, Supervisor Yamaguchi has served on numerous boards and committees, including, but not limited to: the Butte County Association of Governments, Butte County Air Quality Management District, the Butte County Behavioral Health Board, the Butte Regional Waste Management Authority, and the Butte County Fire Safe Council. He has also represented Butte County on regional and national levels through appointments to the Regional Council of Rural Counties, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, National Association of Counties, and the USDA Forest Service Butte County Resource Advisory Committee.

Supervisor Yamaguchi has been instrumental in his support for and the completion of several Public Works projects to improve safety and the quality of life for District 5 constituents and all Butte County residents. One such project was the Skyway Lookout Point Project which now has safe access and parking and offers spectacular views of the Butte Creek Canyon and Sacramento Valley floor. Supervisor Yamaguchi, working with his fellow Board members, aggressively lobbied federal legislators and succeeded in securing funding for the much needed Forest Highway 171, Upper Ridge Escape Route, which allows



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residents an additional route to exit the Ridge in the event of an emergency.

Supervisor Yamaguchi, outside his capacity as a County Supervisor, has served active roles in the Paradise Elks, the Paradise Grange, the Loyal Order of the Moose, and Catalyst Domestic Violence Services and has been a staunch advocate for local Veterans' organizations. He is a member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association and the National Rifle Association.

Supervisor Yamaguchi and his wife, Lorraine now plan to spend their retirement together as private citizens, enjoying all of the recreational activities Butte County and Northern California have to offer, including camping, fishing, and the art of wine making.

Farewell Supervisor Yamaguchi! Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to Butte County.

## Butte County

### Fun Facts:

**Average commute time**—18 minutes

**Average cost of a new 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home**—\$280,000

**Bidwell Park:** Third-largest municipal recreation area in the nation.

**Feather Falls:** Sixth-highest waterfall in the nation.

**Cycling Magazine:** Rated number one bike friendly community.

**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine:** Listed for one of the top five places to retire.

**San Francisco Chronicle:** Named one of the best property buys.

**Best Art Towns:** Rated as 10th-best small art town in America (John Villani, 2004).

**U.S. News and World Report:** CSU, Chico rated in the top tier of western regional colleges and universities.

**Bass Fishing:** Lake Oroville is one of the top bass fishing spots in California.

**Expansion Management Magazine:** School District granted "blue ribbon" designation.



Snow in Concow - Photo Courtesy of Peggy Moak

## Butte County Welcomes Doug Teeter to the Board of Supervisors

Hello, I am Doug Teeter the new District Five Supervisor. I was asked to provide a little blurb about my background, likes, hobbies and goals. I hope this article will be the ice breaker for those to introduce themselves. I have a lot to learn and look forward to working together in our County's government.

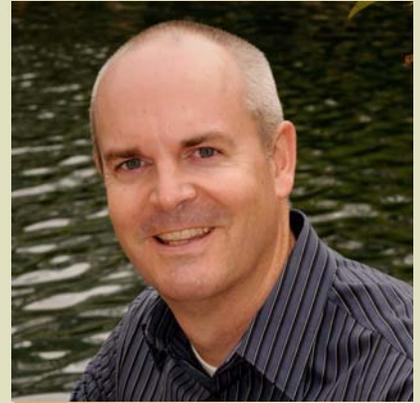
While many know that I grew up in Paradise, my friends know that I was transplanted there in the fifth grade from Los Angeles. I was born in Inglewood and moved around quite a bit with my parents, mostly back and forth between the San Diego and Los Angeles areas. My grandfather's uncle found Butte County first, which was the beginning of the family migration north in the late 70's.

What I liked about Butte County as a kid is pretty much what brought me back. Although I enjoyed my career as a mechanical engineer during the 90's boom and bust years in Silicon Valley, I found myself returning to enjoy the great outdoors our county has to offer. I hope you all share my belief that we have some of the best recreational opportunity in the State. My favorite recreational activities are hiking to swimming holes in the West Branch Feather River, camping in the Plumas National Forest, mountain biking in Bidwell Park and around the Oroville Dam, and my all-time favorite is motorcycling, both street and dirt, on our twisty roads and trails.

My wife and I have two beautiful girls, whom will soon be four and three. Probably like most parents, I enjoy them in my life so much that I have placed many of my hobbies on hold. Two that I most look forward to passing on to my children is my enjoyment of waterskiing and windsurfing. I learned to waterski on Lake Oroville and have windsurfed locally at the Afterbay. Another old hobby I had that fits in well with Butte County is beer making. Rest assured Feather River and Sierra Nevada brewers will have nothing to fear from my craft brewing, I just found it to be a fun science experiment to ferment your own tasty beverages. I would like to dabble with wine eventually. While I did place most hobbies on the back burner, one I will never give up is my handyman hobby. I seem to have a million projects around the house and I believe my wife has come to the understanding that I like to putter. My current projects range from learning to silkscreen to building a barn.

Like most politicians in Butte County my platform was to provide public safety, be fiscally conservative, promote economic growth and protect our resources. The first two I believe comes down to making the most of what we have as I doubt a financial windfall is going to come during the next four years. Economic growth requires continuous policy making that is attractive to businesses as well as promoting the virtues of living and working here as a team with our private industry partners. Lastly, I firmly believe that our agriculture and open spaces are critical to keeping Butte County unique and protecting those resources will make our County even more prosperous in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself, I look forward to being part of the leadership team defining our County's future over the next four years. Outside of the board room I prefer just "Doug", so don't be bashful, I look forward to meeting you.



*Doug Teeter*



*Bidwell Park in December - Photo Courtesy of Aaron Quin*



**BUTTE COUNTY**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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**What to Do**

**Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park** (Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 4:00 pm) - Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park, Chico — Tour home of John and Annie Bidwell, Chico founders. Hourly at visitor center. Weekly.

**Comedy Night at Gold Country Casino** (Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 8:30 pm) - Comedy night in the Spirits Lounge.

**The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Encore** (Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013 6:30 pm) - Cinemark Tinseltown, Chico — Liudmyla Monastyrska, Roberto Alagna and Olga Borodina star in Verdi's drama set in ancient Egypt. Fabio Luisi conducts.

**Clint Black Trio** (Tuesday, January 22, 2013 7:30 pm) - Bell Memorial Union: Laxson Auditorium, Chico— “Clint Black’s fans adore him!” – Chico News & Review. Clint Black burst onto the country music scene in 1989, earned nearly two dozen #1 hits and was named Country Music Association Male Vocalist and Entertainer of the Year. A rocking evening of music with a country superstar!

**Golden Dragon Acrobats** (Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013 7:30 pm) - Bell Memorial Union: Laxson Auditorium, Chico — “Human pretzels.” – NJ.com. This 21-member company showcases incredible athletic feats, unbelievable gymnastics, and hilarious circus clowning. Accompanied by traditional Chinese music, these talented acrobats, tumblers, and mimes send plates spinning and bodies tumbling through the air with extraordinary ease.

**Montgomery Gentry at Gold Country Casino** (Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013 7:00 pm) - Gold Country Casino, Oroville — Country duo Montgomery Gentry evokes the sound and spirit of Southern rockers like Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Marshall Tucker Band, and Charlie Daniels, painting themselves as rowdy redneck rebels who still hold small-town values.

**Board of Supervisors Meetings:**

**Jan. 8 & 29, Feb. 12 & 26**

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