**Les Kole**

**Statement of Qualifications**

Property owner in Deer Valley Estates since 2003 and resident since 2006. Have been active in the community serving on a number of DVE Committees and created and secured approval of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) in 2009. Secured approval of the updated CWPP in 2024. Served on the DVE Board of Directors from August 2022 to present.

Current Chairman of the Board of Directors of Wildfire Adapted Partnership of Southwest Colorado and Firewise Ambassador for Deer Valley Estates.

**Education**

Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science Degrees in Recreation and Park Administration with a minor in Environmental Resources.

**Experiences**

Served as Chief Executive Officer of various Recreation and Park agencies during the past forty plus years and retired in 2006.

Directed the overall functions of agencies including purchases, organization, fiscal control, and all aspects of personnel management. Responsible for the establishment of policies, procedures and methods of operation as well as budgets and administration of expenditures of funds. Responsible for acquisition, planning, design construction, maintenance and operation of various facilities. Preparation of necessary reports and correspondence including agendas and minutes. Developed and directed an effective public relations program. Established and maintained cooperative planning and working relationships with other local agencies, governmental (voluntary and private) as well as state, regional and national agencies.

Worked closely with other private and public agencies to achieve goals including state and U. S. Forest Service with land exchanges and developments. While working with engineers and contractors assisting in development of plans and specifications, served as designated general contractor of many state and federal construction projects such as community centers, sports complexes and senior citizens centers. Responsible for writing and administering state and federal grants for development projects and other administrative programs.

**Service**

Served in the U. S. Army.

Served a four-year term as an elected Director for a local public fire/water/sanitation agency in California.

*Dated: July 2024*