

## Kevin J. Wolf's Resume

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### History with Wind Harvest

Kevin Wolf is a co-founder of Wind Harvest International (Wind Harvest). He first invested in the original Wind Harvest Company (WHC) in 1990, nine years after he acted as George Wagner's guide on a Friends of the River rafting trip on the Stanislaus River, now drowned behind the New Melones Dam. There Wagner, who was the president of WHC told Wolf about the option of using wind turbines rather than building dams to produce clean, renewable energy and about how Bob Thomas's reoccurring dream started the company.

In 2000, Wolf began trading his Wolf and Associates staff time for shares in the Wind Harvest Company (WHC). The next year, he helped with the installation of the second and third Windstar 530Gs in Palm Springs that proved the coupled vortex effect and led to its full international patenting in 2004. He started working full time with WHC in early 2006 as its CEO with the objective of forming Wind Harvest International and solving capitalization problems that the almost 30-year-old WHC was facing. In 2006, with more than 90 percent of the WHC shareholders voting in favor, the new Wind Harvest was formed.

Wolf was the lead on all Wind Harvest grants, including the 2010 CEC EISG funding for the computer modeling of the *Coupled Vortex effect in low solidity VAWTs* by Iopara in 2010-2011. He was the lead writer and organizer of the 2016 and 2017 CEC EPIC grants applications to research impacts of *Wind Harvesters* on tall turbines and birds.

Wolf, Wagner and Thomas worked to get the company to the point where it could attract a Series A-round investment. This finally occurred in 2012 . Wolf moved to focus on sales while the new Preferred shareholders brought in Julian Stills to take over developing and testing what were then called the 636G-3 and 636G-4 VAWTs and G168 VAWTs and are now the *Wind Harvester* prototypes v1.0, v2.0 and v3.0.

Design problems in 3.0 led Wolf to take over as the facilitator of the engineering, certification and manufacturing efforts in January 2015. The first thing he did was hire Dr. David Malcolm, freshly retired from 35 years in wind turbine engineering. The first task was to use get the turbine back and operating to collect strain gauge and validate Malcolm's computer models. As COO, Wolf recruited and hired Peder Hansen to become the company's Chief Engineer in January 2019. In September 2019, Wolf became the CEO of Wind Harvest and assumed the role of bringing in needed investments.

### Education and Career

Wolf graduated from UC Davis with a BS in Evolution and Ecology. Soon after his graduation in 1980, he became the director of organizing for Friends of the River, where he used this opportunity to become an expert on consensus-based facilitation. After ten years of helping many new river groups form and boards of directors do strategic planning, he started his own consulting company, Wolf and Associates. He facilitated efforts to resolve by consensus two major environmental

disputes (management of the New Melones Reservoir, and San Joaquin River pollution that caused a dissolved oxygen problem in the Port of Stockton).

## **Personal**

Wolf and his wife, Linda Cloud, are the co-founders of and live at the N Street Cohousing Community in Davis, Calif., the oldest cohousing community in the country and the best example of a "retrofit" development. Currently, 60 members, consisting of adults and children ages 2 to 72 live in more than 20 homes in the community and often eat, play and work together, and use the N Street method to make decisions by consensus.

Wolf also continues to be actively involved in local and statewide politics and elections. He presently is the chair of the board of directors of the California Clean Money Action Fund. This group is focused on passing the CA DISCLOSE Act that would require the "real" top funders of election ads be listed on the ads themselves. Wolf believes this type of transparency is needed to make elections fairer and less under the control of whomever has the most money to spend.

*Jan. 2006- present*     **Wind Harvest.** CEO Sept. 2019

*1992-present*     **Wolf and Associates.** As the founder, owner and principal, Wolf started this consulting company to help non-profits, government agencies and businesses with their strategic planning, working most often with the CEOs and boards of directors. He soon expanded into facilitating and supporting watershed planning and dispute resolution. He was the lead mediator/facilitator in two complex, multi-year disputes in California's San Joaquin River system. One of the keys to consensus-based solutions with traditionally antagonistic stakeholders is to provide equal access to information. Wolf was a pioneer in using the web and email as new tools to help build trust and clear communication. He expanded his company into creating web "portals" to metadata-based libraries using open source software. The web portal part of the business continues under the leadership of Wolf's former partner, David Siedband.

*1980-1992*     **Friends of the River.** Wolf started as a part-time whitewater rafting guide organizer during the Stanislaus River campaign while a student at UC Davis. He then helped start and run the statewide Water Conservation and Efficiency Initiative in 1981-1982. He began working full time for F.O.R. in 1983 as its Director of Organizing, creating numerous internal "businesses" that advanced the organization's mission while generating a net income to help expand its operations. He became F.O.R.'s development director in 1990 and helped raise a record amount of income for the organization before starting his own consulting company.

1975 – 1980     UC Davis Student, director of whitewater program of UC Davis' Outdoor Adventures; summer river guide with ECHO, the Wilderness Company.

## **Consensus-based Facilitation and Strategic Planning Clients and Projects**

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*Adopt-A-Watershed Facilitation Training* - Annual training at national school.

*Arbuckle Unified School District*: Facilitation training for teachers  
*Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance*: Watershed Assessment public workshops  
*Bike Forth*: Training in consensus-based decision making and meeting facilitation  
*Cache Creek Watershed Forum*: member of Steering Committee  
*California Clean Money Campaign*: five years of facilitating strategic planning meetings  
*California Disclose Act*: ongoing facilitation of grassroots leadership statewide meetings  
*California Native Grasslands Association*: Strategic planning and facilitation  
*Cal Trout*: Strategic planning for board of directors and organizations  
*California Urban Forest Advisory Committee*: Facilitation training, strategic planning  
*California Urban Forest Council*: Regional meetings, statewide summit and strategic planning.  
*Camp DresserMcKee*: Website strategic planning  
*City of Davis*: City Council strategic planning retreats and General Plan public involvement  
*City of Oceanside*: Waste Transfer Facility Siting public involvement process  
*City of Oceanside*: Harbor Beach Community Planning Area public involvement process  
*City of Oceanside*: Buena Vista Lagoon strategic planning process  
*City of Oceanside*: Oceanside Beach Resort workshop  
*City of Oceanside*: Flood Insurance Relief along the San Luis Rey River workshop  
*City of Oceanside*: City Airport public review workshop  
*City of Sausalito*: Fire and Police Facilities public meetings  
*City of Sausalito*: Business Development Planning  
*Clark Construction*: Training executives, supervisors and project managers in meeting process  
*Coordinated Resources Management Plan, Feather River*: Expert/scientist consensus building.  
*Davis Community Television*: Strategic planning for board of directors  
*Davis Community Network*: Strategic planning for board of directors  
*Dept. of Health Services*: Public consensus building on implementing State Water Protection Act  
*Dos Pinos Housing Co-operative* - Board trainings in decision-making  
*Facilitation training*: Various public workshops and classes, and customized trainings.  
*Florida Environmental Education*: Facilitate symposia for meeting state education standards.  
*Friends of the Trinity River*: Strategic planning and grant consulting  
*Frogsong Cohousing*: Meeting facilitation and consensus training  
*Girl Scouts Tierra del Oro Chapter*: Strategic planning and survey development  
*Girl Scout Councils of Northern California*: Executive officers strategic planning.  
*Jones and Stokes*: Website strategic planning. Conceptual modeling and criteria development  
*Kern County Neighbors for Quality Air, Water and Growth*: Strategic planning  
*Local Government Commission*: State and local energy options - goals and strategies.  
*Local Government Commission*: Facilitation training.  
*Los Molinos Unified School District*: Facilitation training for teachers  
*Marin Emergency Radio Authority*: Public meetings  
*MetaPartner*: Planning for and testing of this metadata software tool.  
*Michael Fields Agricultural Institute*: Board strategic planning retreat.  
*Mill Creek Conservancy*: Public participation in watershed strategic planning  
*Muir Commons Cohousing*: Training in meeting facilitation and consensus  
*Nepenthe Community*: Strategic planning and large membership meeting facilitation  
*Northern California Solar Energy Association*: Strategic Planning and annual board meetings  
*People United for a Better Sacramento*: Strategic Planning and facilitation  
*Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform*: Three California Assembly processes.  
*Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform*: Co-founder and consultant for 15 years of the annual California Water Policy Conference

*Rancho Yolo Homeowners Association:* Facilitation of strategic planning on how to own their land  
*River Partners.* Three years of board strategic planning retreats. Communication strategic plan.  
*Sacramento River Discovery Center.* Board strategic planning and facilitation training.  
*Sacramento Valley Environmental Water Caucus.* Plenary meetings and steering committee.  
*Salmonid Restoration Federation:* Board strategic planning  
*San Joaquin River Dissolved Oxygen TMDL Stakeholder Process:* Facilitated and coordinated five  
 years of consensus based meetings. Developed conceptual map and decision-making criteria.  
*7<sup>th</sup> Congress on American Forests,* Three workshops for public “consensus” decision-making.  
*Southside Cohousing:* Consensus and facilitation training  
*Stanislaus River Stakeholders:* 3 year consensus-based process to re-operate New Melones Dam  
*State Coastal Conservancy:* Strategic planning for the use of web tools  
*The Nature Conservancy:* Good Neighbor Management Meetings  
*Train Riders Association of California:* Board decision making process  
*Two Acre Wood Cohousing* – facilitation training and decision making planning  
*UC Davis:* Facilitation training for two different departments.  
*UC Davis Sustainable Agricultural Research & Education Program.* Annual strategic planning.  
*UK Cohousing Network:* Training in facilitation and effective meetings  
*US Bureau of Land Management:* Strategic planning for Cosumnes River Preserve  
*US Bureau of Reclamation:* Upper Klamath Lake Endangered Species biological planning.  
*US Bureau of Reclamation:* Water transfer trainings  
*US Fish and Wildlife Service:* Interagency dispute resolution.  
*US Fish and Wildlife Service:* Yuba River - Englebright Dam Public Workshops.  
*US Fish and Wildlife Service:* Coleman Fish Hatchery Public Review Process  
*Washington Water Trust:* Strategic planning and board facilitation  
*Water On-line:* Facilitation of engineers, system administrators, and policy leaders  
*Wildlife Network:* Strategic planning for national and bioregional predator protection efforts.  
*Yolo County Economic Development Council:* Mission, goals and committee development  
*Yolo RCD:* Watershed web library development  
*Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District:* Strategic planning

**Education:** In 1980, Wolf graduated with a B.S. in Zoology (now called Evolution and Ecology)  
 from UC Davis. He has attended numerous workshops and trainings in facilitation, negotiation and  
 planning.

***Other Information:***

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**Author:** *The Makings of a Good Meeting.* Downloadable at  
<http://wolfandassociates.com/facilitation/index.htm>

***Volunteer positions***

**City of Davis:** Chair of the General Plan’s Housing Task Force. Member of the Blue Ribbon  
 Commission on Governance. Member of the Energy Task Force. Co-chair of two Parks Tax  
 campaigns. Organizer of successful Open Space Tax.

**Davis Food Co-op:** Board member six years. Board President 1985-1986. Board member 2008-  
 2010 where he became fluent in Policy Governance.

**Davis Community Network;** Past Board Treasurer and four-year board member of this non-profit  
 organization dedicated to making the Internet work for the community.

**N Street Cohousing** – co-founder and ongoing member of the first “retrofit” cohousing community in country. Project manager for 3600 sq ft construction of new common house.