

Bio for Debra L. Garnes  
Representing Local Government

Debra L. Garnes was elected to the Rio Dell City Council in November 2014. She is currently serving her second term as Mayor. In her elected capacity she serves on the Humboldt/Del Norte Hazardous Response Authority and President, Redwood Empire Division, League of California Cities. Garnes, retired from Sacramento Municipal Utility District, spent her career in the fields of hazardous waste mitigation, hazardous materials, hazardous materials emergency response and first responder emergency response. Garnes has strong entrepreneurial experience having owned a successful small business in North Sacramento for many years. Garnes was appointed to the Seismic Safety Commission by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2021.