

Elizabeth Cavasso



**Supervisor, District 4,
County of Modoc**

Elizabeth de Jung Cavasso was born in San Francisco, California in 1954, and raised in Northern California. The youngest of 4 children, she was mentored and loved by siblings 4+ years her senior. Elizabeth's love of the outdoors was cultivated at an early age. Family time was spent camping and fishing, skiing in the Sierras, and waterskiing in the San Francisco Bay and nearby lakes. Cavasso attended University of California at Santa Cruz, California State University at Hayward, and Humboldt State University.

Elizabeth's career began on the Modoc National Forest in 1975. She gained fire and resource management experience working in wildland fire, wildlife, and timber. For most of her Federal career, Elizabeth was engaged in regional and national committees dealing with budget, organization, fire qualifications and other strategic Fire and Aviation Management issues. She fought fires in the United States, Canada, and Australia. She served for 15 years as the Forest Fire Management Officer for the Modoc National Forest, followed by a fire position at the Forest Service National Headquarters. In 2012, Elizabeth retired after 37 years of service in Fire and Aviation Management.

Elizabeth has served on Incident Management Teams for over 25 years. In addition to management of complex wildfires, non-traditional assignments include post 9-11 Pentagon Search and Rescue, development of the Strategic Plan for the Rocky Mountain Bark Beetle infestation, FEMA Continuity of Operations Exercise, Recovery efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, FEMA Emergency Support Function 4, and food distribution in Micronesia. She still serves on a call when needed basis.

Elizabeth has been a Rotarian since 2003. She has served as club president and Assistant District Governor, co-authored a grant to improve an elementary school in San Felipe, Baja CA., participated in school renovation projects in Belize, hosted a Thai youth exchange student, and helped develop the Modoc Middle School Interact Club and currently chairs a multimillion dollar non-profit organization supporting local educational and community activities.

Elizabeth and husband Jim Cavasso purchased the ailing historic Niles Hotel in 2011. With the help of the community, family, and friends, the Niles Hotel is regaining its place as a thriving historical landmark and community center.

Elizabeth was sworn in as a county supervisor in January 2017. When not engaged in County activities and family owned businesses she is an avid snow skier. She and Jim enjoy traveling nationally and internationally. They have been married for 39 years, have three children and four grandchildren.

~ I only get one life. It's my duty to live it as fully as possible. ~