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December 31, 2024

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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I, Mike Wilson, nominate Arcata Fire Protection District Chief, Chris Emmons, to transition from the alternate to primary appointee on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC), representing Humboldt County's Third Supervisorial District.

As a lifelong resident of the Arcata Fire Protection District, Chief Emmons feels very fortunate to have the opportunity to serve this area. He began his fire service career in October of 1992 as a volunteer firefighter trainee with the Arcata Fire Protection District, becoming a full member of the organization in March of 1993. Chief Emmons served the department until October 1996 when he was hired as a full-time firefighter with the City of Eureka Fire Department. He remained with the Eureka Fire Department until 2007 when he was hired by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as a Fire Captain. He remained in the area, working in the Humboldt-Del Norte Unit. Chief Emmons returned to the City of Eureka Fire Department/Humboldt Bay Fire and served as a Captain, Captain 2, and Battalion Chief in Operations, Fire Prevention, and Administration during his tenure there. In August of 2022, he left Humboldt Bay Fire and took on the role of Assistant Chief at the Arcata Fire District, promoting to Fire Chief in August of 2024. Chief Emmons graduated from Cal State Long Beach in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in occupational studies-Vocational Education. Chris also obtained his Executive Fire Officer certification in 2015 from the National Fire Academy, with multiple Applied Research Projects being published through the National Fire Academy.

Further, I nominate, Arcata Fire Protection District Assistant Chief, Wayne Peabody, to be my alternate appointee on the HCFSC. Assistant Chief Peabody comes to the Fire District with over 21 years of experience in the fire service. Chief Peabody served as the Fire Chief for the City of Willows for over 15 years, starting January of 2006. Previously, Chief Peabody served as Interim City Manager for the City of Willows and Engine Captain for Anderson Fire Protection District.

Chief Peabody Educational background includes an associate degree in Fire Science, and a California Chief Officer certification. In addition, he has achieved Fire investigator and Prevention officer certification.

I believe that Chief Emmons and Chief Peabody are more than qualified to serve on the HCFSC committee. They will bring an important fire protection and community safety perspective and experience to the group and have my complete support.

Lastly, I would like to thank, Arcata Fire Protection District Fire Marshal, Ed Laidlaw for serving as the District Three representative on the HCFSC since July of 2018. Mr. Laidlaw provided valuable guidance for the development of the 2019 Humboldt Community Wildfire Protection Plan and was an important resource related to community fire prevention and code details, and he was always available for a call to advise on or conduct a site visit to support wildfire preparedness efforts. Thanks for your service.

Respectfully,

Mike Wilson
Third District Supervisor

Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association
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November 21, 2024

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

The Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association would like to thank Elicia Goldsworthy for her time serving on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council as the Prescribed Burn Association nominee as she pivots her limited availability to different things. Elicia has served in this position since October 2021, and for that, we would like to show our appreciation.

As Elicia steps away, the Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association (HCPBA) would like to nominate their current alternate, Jeff Stackhouse, to step into the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council representative position. Furthermore, the HCPBA would like to nominate Henri Holbrook to replace Jeff for the Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association representative alternate position.

Stackhouse was a founding member of the HCPBA in 2017 and has served on the board of directors since its inauguration. Stackhouse still serves in a leadership role with the HCPBA and oversees much of Holbrook's program as he serves as the new HCPBA coordinator, housed within the University of California Cooperative Extension program here in Humboldt County. Holbrook, as HCPBA coordinator is a natural fit to serve as the alternate in Stackhouse's absence. Both nominees offer a deep understanding of the HCPBA and fire science.

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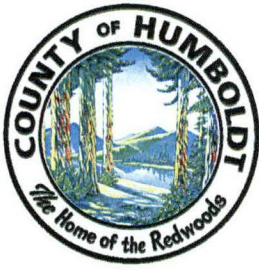
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Sincerely,



Lenya Quinn-Davidson, Secretary, Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association



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I, Steve Madrone, nominate Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC) Fire Program Director, Eric Darragh, as a second alternate on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC), representing Humboldt County's Fifth Supervisorial District.

Mr. Darragh leads MKWC's Fire & Forestry program which facilitates and participates in local, regional, and national efforts to restore human relationships with fire and restore fire processes in the Klamath mountains and beyond. He is a federal Type 2 burn boss (RXB2) and is passionate about overcoming challenges to putting "good fire" back on the ground and sharing successes to inspire others to do the same.

I believe that Mr. Darragh is superbly qualified to serve on the HCFSC committee. He will bring an important restoration of beneficial fire, workforce development, and community education perspective and experience to the group and has my full support.

Respectfully,

Steve Madrone
Fifth District Supervisor

**Van Duzen Watershed Fire Safe Council
Bridgeville Community Center
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November 19, 2024

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

825 5th Street
Eureka CA 95501

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

The Van Duzen Watershed Fire Safe Council (VDWFSC) would like to recommend appointing Mika Cook as the VDWFSC representative alternate. This nomination follows the resignation of current VDWFSC alternate, Elliot Brown, who has served as alternate for the past 5 years. He is leaving to pursue his new business. The VDWFSC thanks him for his contribution to the community.

Mika's background in wildfire preparedness and planning stems from over 5 years of experience managing contracts for the U.S. Forest Service. More recently, as project lead for the Wood Feedstock Aggregation Pilot, Mika helped to develop a feasibility plan for a facility to support innovative biomass removal strategies that reduce wildfire risk and support forest health.

Mika offers her unique passion for community safety and her skills & experience, including community outreach & engagement that will make her a valuable asset to the Van Duzen Watershed Fire Safe Council.

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The nomination was approved by the VDWFSC at our October 6, 2024 meeting. Thank you for considering this appointment. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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