

Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Application for Candidates

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Present Occupation Retired CalFire Deputy Chief Resource Management

Education BS in Forestry Michigan State University

Related Experience Oversight of Resource Management program in Shasta Unit for CalFire. Forest practice enforcement program and Latour Demonstration State Forest. Currently Executive Director of CA Tree Farm System through the American Forest Foundation.

Why do you wish to serve on this Board? Advocacy for the conservation of natural resource systems on both public and private lands. Education of the public of the benefit the private landowners provide to the public and the unintended consequences of over-regulation to achievement of these benefits.

What demonstrated interest do you have in soil and water conservation?

As a Registered professional Forester soil and water conservation are at the core of our management practices. One of our main educational emphasis areas with our Tree Farms is Western Water and Wildfire, it is not just a public lands issue in the west. 77% of western landowners cite the cost of implementing management actions as a barrier. In California & Oregon private and family landowners own more lands at risk in key watersheds than the federal government. Currently the CA Tree Farm Program has partnered with the American Forest Foundation and others to implement the My Sierra Woods pilot program with Shasta County being the main focus area for fuels reduction on private lands.

Which activities and programs of the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District interest you and

why? Cost sharing programs to get the un-engaged landowners started on the road to good management practices for the better good of us all. Emphasis on keeping the land in the family for future generations. More than 40% of lands that support the Western clean water supply that are at a high risk to wildfire, are privately owned.

What goals do you have in mind for the WSRCD? What would you like to accomplish during your term?

I would like to see us get more forest landowners engaged and take advantage of programs available for forestry from the Farm Bill. Fuels reduction and water quality being the main emphasis. I would like to connect more landowners and the public to the fact that forests help recharge groundwater, regulate stream flow, filter water and mitigate flooding. Healthy forests are key to a healthy water supply. Reducing fire risk through ecology based restoration treatments is the goal.