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Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation Seeks Nominations for Advisory Council Members

The Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation (Institute) is requesting nominations for two vacancies within its Advisory Council. The Institute is a committee of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and consists of two co chairs, two academic positions, nine Council members, and one Board staff. Council members reflect a diversity of perspectives and expertise, which may include forest products, forest management, environmental conservation, finance/investment, forested communities, rural economic development, tribal interests, and other areas of interest as determined by the Board.

Areas of expertise currently being sought for the two vacant Advisory Council positions include community-based professionals with an understanding of forest and environmental regulations and tribal representatives.

The Institute facilitates the development and expansion of a robust and sustainable forest products market sector. Through research and analysis, the Institute continues to identify market and workforce gaps as well as opportunities for innovation in the forest products market sector. Additionally, the Institute supports research to innovate new uses for forest products, emphasizing carbon sequestration opportunities, and makes recommendations for state and federal policy changes to serve as a force multiplier for forest products.

Following an initial random allocation of 2- or 3-year terms to maintain an Advisory Council body at all times, Council members shall serve 2-year terms without term limits, subject to reappointment by the Board. The Council meets four times annually; however, additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary.

The next scheduled Institute Advisory Council meeting is February 10, 2021. All other dates are to be determined pending Institute member availability.

Please see the attached nomination form or contact Katie Harrell at katie.harrell@bof.ca.gov or (916) 698-1035 to obtain it.

Interested parties or nominators can submit nomination forms to katie.harrell@bof.ca.gov or via U.S Mail by **5:00 pm on February 5, 2021** to:

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attn: Katie Harrell
Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation Nomination
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

The Board's mission is to lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands, and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

**JOINT INSTITUTE FOR WOOD PRODUCTS INNOVATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATION FORM**

Please use one form for each nominee. Use additional pages to expand upon a nominee's background and qualifications. Please type or print clearly. Send nominations along with a resume to Katie Harrell at katie.harrell@bof.ca.gov or by mail to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection; Attn: Katie Harrell; Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation Nomination; P.O. Box 944246; Sacramento, CA 94244.

1. Name of Nominee: Steve Wilensky

2. Nominee Address: _____

3. Nominee Phone Number: stevedwilensky@gmail.com

4. Nominee Email: 209-293-7907

5. Nominee Organization: Calaveras Healthy Impact Products Solutions (CHIPS)

6. Nominee Area of Expertise: Forest Fuel Reductions projects using native tribal crews

7. Is the nominee willing to serve: Yes Unknown

8. Briefly describe the nominee's background and qualifications.

See: http://www.calaverasenterprise.com/news/article_1c3bd01c-7460-11ea-910b-2357766ea8ef.html

<https://www.sfgate.com/california-wildfires/article/This-woman-s-tribe-was-evicted-from-Yosemite-15587843.php>

https://www.uniondemocrat.com/news/article_f5b40616-e887-11ea-97dc-8f53e3e22b10.html

9. Name of Nominator: Christiana Darlington

10. Nominator Email: christiana@clereinc.net

11. Nominator Phone Number: 530-305-4433

12. Nominator Affiliation: CLERE Inc.