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**MEMO:**

Date: January 22, 2025

From: Dan Stapleton, Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing Program

To: Chair Terry O'Brien and Members of the Board

Subject: Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC) - membership

Dear Chair O'brien and members of the Board:

There are three current vacancies on the PFEC. Two are RPF state members and one is for an RPF consultant member. The incumbent RPF State members, Mr. William Snyder and Ms. Yana Valachovic, have expressed their desire for re-appointment. The incumbent RPF consultant member, Ms. Danielle Lindler, has also expressed her desire for re-appointment.

Mr. Snyder, RPF #1760, is the current Vice Chair of the PFEC. He is a retired Deputy Director of Resource Management at CAL FIRE and has an exceptional resume of forest management experience in both state and private industry employment. He is an active committee member of the California chapter of the American Tree Farm System.

Yana Valachovic, RPF #2740, is the County Director and Forest Advisor for the University of California Extension for Humboldt County. She has been advising timberland landowners in the county for several years and is the co-lead of the California Fire Science Consortium's Northern California region and is active in the California Wildfire Forest Resilience Task Force.

Danielle Lindler, RPF #2691, is the Chief Executive Officer and co-owner of Jefferson Resource Company. She is the Chair of the Siskiyou County Planning Commission, past Chair of the Forest Vegetation Management Conference, and past Chair of the Growth and Yield Monitoring Cooperative.

Recommendations:

I recommend the re-appointment of Mr Snyder, Ms. Valachovic, and Ms. Lindler for another four-year term on the PFEC. If you find any one of these candidates not suitable for the position, a call for nominations will need to be posted to initiate a search for a replacement.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience should you have any questions in regard to the above matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Stapleton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Dan Stapleton, RPF #2707
Assistant Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing