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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY FORESTRY REVIEW COMMITTEE

APPLICANT NAME: GARY Rynearson

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OCCUPATION: Part time forestry instructor, Cal Poly Humboldt

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

1. Yana Valachovic PHONE: [redacted]
2. Jason Carlson PHONE: [redacted]

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? No

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FORESTRY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

I served on the FRC for 20+ years until 2022. I have a working knowledge of the forest practice rules and the county regulations regarding use and development on TPZ and timberland. I served on the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for 7 years and was the chair of the Prodessional Foresters Examining Committee for 12 years. I as a life- time resident of Humboldt County I am interested in maintaining our working landscapes and the long-term health of our forestry economy. I am Registered Professional Forester and hold license #2117.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 9-13-24 SIGNATURE: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Applications will be accepted via email at cob@co.humboldt.ca.us or by mail to Humboldt County Forestry Review Committee, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth St., Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501

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DATE RECEIVED _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

Gary C. Rynearson

Registered Professional Forester #2117

Gary Rynearson is a second-generation forester who graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Production Management in 1978. He grew up in Humboldt County attending Jacoby Creek Elementary School and Hoopa High School. His exposure to the timber industry and forestry started early working summers in sawmills, veneer plants, pulp mills, and logging operations in California and Alaska. Early in his career he was a Field Logging Engineer and Road Construction/Maintenance Supervisor for Simpson Timber Company. He then left to be a Logging Engineer in British Columbia for a brief time, but soon returned to California to work for Natural Resources Management Corporation (NRM) in Eureka from 1981 to 2005, during which time he held the title of NRM President for 20 years. Work with NRM ranged from managing small landowner ownerships to working with Tribal organizations to government land management projects, helping him to gain perspective and insight into forestry issues and forest community needs. In 1990, the Board appointed Gary to serve as the chairman of the Professional Foresters Examining Committee, a position he held until 2004. He has been actively involved in professional forestry and governmental organizations which include the Western Forestry & Conservation Association (past president), California Licensed Foresters Association (past president), and California Forestry Association (Chair of Regulatory Affairs Committee). From 1997 to 1999 he served as chair of the Fish, Farm & Forest Communities Forum, a consensus-based organization formed to address salmonid issues. Also in 1999, Mr. Rynearson was selected as the coordinator and member of the Scientific Review Panel that was appointed jointly by the state Natural Resources Agency and National Marine Fisheries Service and charged with reviewing the Forest Practice Rules regarding their adequacy to protect salmon.

In 2000, Gary accepted an offer to be a part-time forestry instructor at Humboldt State University, where he taught advanced Forest Policy and Ethics courses, using practical experience and real-world examples to give students insight into the world of forestry. Having worked at HSU for 22 years, Gary has directly impacted the development of an entire generation of forestry graduates at the university that produces the most Registered Professional Foresters in California.

Gary was appointed to the Board of Forestry by Governor Davis in 2000 and reappointed in 2002, as well as appointed for a third term in 2006 by Governor Schwarzenegger. During his tenure with the Board, he served as the Sudden Oak Death Committee representative, chair of the Forest Practice Committee, and chair of the Management Committee. His leadership and expertise contributed to the development the Sudden Oak Death Emergency Rules in 2007, the updating of the road rules, a review of cumulative effects standards, expanded emergency fuel hazard reduction measures, and a review of watercourse and water quality measures.

In 2005, Gary left NRM and accepted a Forest Policy and Sustainability management position at Green Diamond Resource Company where he led the effort to develop and put in place a Forest Stewardship Certification for Green Diamond's California timberlands, followed by certifications for the company's chip export and wood chipping facilities. He also assisted in the company's development and approval of consistency determinations by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the northern spotted owl and coho salmon, following the state Endangered Species Act listing of each, and a Safe Harbor Agreement for the Humboldt marten. Working with technical staff Gary helped develop long-term state water quality permits that provided property-wide coverage for Regional Water Quality Board and Department of Fish and Wildlife requirements.

In the fall of 2007 Gary was appointed to the California Carbon Action Registry's "Forestry Working Group" by the Chair of Air Resources Board. This group was formed to develop forest carbon protocols that would provide increased participation by public and private timberland owners in the Cap and Trade program authorized under AB 32.

Gary worked to help pass AB 1492, which provides a lumber assessment to cover the costs of agency review for timber harvesting. He also worked with Assemblyman Chesbro to expand the fuel hazard reduction thinning exemption to the North Coast region and he worked with Assemblyman Wood and the Yurok Tribe to pass legislation that harmonized State and federal law to assist with the reintroduction of the California condor to the lower Klamath-Redwood Creek area.

He is married to Andrea Poteet and has two daughters, Katherine (30) who is a senior in Forestry at Cal Poly Humboldt, and Jennifer (28). Gary retired from Green Diamond in February of 2022.

EDUCATION

B.S. (1978). Forest Production Management, Humboldt State University, Arcata, California

REGISTRATIONS

Registered Professional Forester - State of California - # 2117

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager Forest Policy and Communications, Green Diamond Resource Company, Korbel, California (2005-2022)

President, Natural Resources Management Corporation, Eureka, California (1985-2005)

Part-Time Instructor, Forestry and Wildland Resources Department, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata, California (2000-present)

Part- Time Instructor, Natural Resources and Forestry, Shasta Junior College, Redding California (2021- 2023)

Member, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento, California (2000- 2007)

Staff Logging Engineer, Natural Resources Management Corporation, Eureka, California (1981-1985)

Area Logging Engineer, Canadian Forest Products, Ltd., Vancouver Island, British Columbia, (1980-1981)

Field Logging Engineer and Road Construction/Maintenance Supervisor, Simpson Timber Company, Korbel, California (1978-1980)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Member, California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (2000-2007)
Fish, Farm & Forest Communities Forum, Chairman (1997-1999)
California Licensed Foresters Association, President (1987)
Western Forestry & Conservation Association, President (1994)
Chairman of California Professional Foresters Examining Committee (1990-2004)
Forest Science Project, Board of Directors, Vice Chairman (1995-2003)
State Board of Forestry's Soil Erosion Studies Policy Advisory Committee (1987- 1988)
Forest Research Advisory Committee (1987)
California Forestry Association (1987- 2022)
County of Humboldt Forestry Review Committee (1989- 2022)
Scientific Review Panel (1999-2000)
Humboldt State University Forestry Advisory Committee (1998- 2011)
Cal Poly Humboldt FFR Department Advisory Committee (2022- present)
Cal Poly Humboldt President's Advisory Committee (2021- present)
Humboldt County Farm Bureau, Board of Directors (2005- present)
California Forest Products Commission, Alternate Member (2006- 2008)
Buckeye Conservancy Board of Directors (2007- present)
The Forest Foundation Board of Directors (2009- 2022)
Humboldt State University Advancement Foundation (2011- 2021)
Cal Poly Humboldt Real Estate Investment Board Chair (2021- present)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Recognized as a "Distinguished Natural Resources Alumnus" of Humboldt State University (1988)

Inducted into the College of the Redwoods Alumni Hall of Fame (1997)

Recognized by the California Licensed Foresters Association for "Outstanding Contribution to the Growth and Success of the Organization" (2000)

Recipient of Western Forestry & Conservation Association "Current Achievement Award" (2000)

Francis H. Raymond Award for Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (2021)

Cal Poly Humboldt President's Distinguished Service Award (2022)

PUBLICATIONS

Report of the Scientific Review Panel on California Forest Practice Rules and Salmonid Habitat (June 1999)

A Nationwide Study Comparing Tree Measurement and Scaled Sale Methods for Selling United States Forest Service Timber (June 1, 1997)