

## STEVE WILENSKY

### Education

Berkeley High School, Berkeley, CA, Class of 1969

Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio and Washington DC, Class of 1974, Major: Political Science/Law

Senate and Presidential Campaign Intern for Senator George McGovern, 1971-72

### Employment

1975-1978 - Community Organizer, United Farmworkers of America- Lettuce, Gallo, and Grape Boycotts

- Yuma Lemon Strike
- Morgan Hill Mushroom Strike
- Stockton Tomato Field Organizing

1978-1979 - Sugar Worker, Clarksberg, CA Mill

Union Organizer, Sugar Worker's United Rank & File (A statewide union reform movement covering 7 beet sugar mills)

1977-1981 - Warehouseman, Teamster's Local 853, Chief Steward, Safety Officer, and a founding member and organizer for Teamsters for a Democratic Union

1981-2003 - Service Employee's International Union and Locals 790, 250, 1000, Wyoming Public Employees, Organizer, Field Representative, Regional Organizing Coordinator

- Organizing Director and Chief Contract Negotiator
- Director of the Nor-Cal EMS Organizing Campaign, Statewide Homecare Worker's Campaign, and numerous public and private sector campaigns throughout the West
- Directed scores of staff, multi-million dollar campaigns, negotiated over 70 contracts covering 120,000 workers, represented the Union's interest in countless mediations and arbitrations, Won 98 NLRB and Public Sector representation elections, lost 1

2004-2009 - Elected Calaveras County Supervisor, District 2

Including:

- Mother Lode Job Training Board 8 years, 2 as Chair of the Board
- Workforce Investment Board 2 years
- Juvenile Justice Commission 5 years
- First 5 Commission 8 years
- Child Care Council 3 years
- Behavioral Health Commission 6 years
- Calaveras/Mariposa Community Action Agency 6 years, 2 as Chairman
- Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority 8 years
- Organized and developed 7 community plans for the unincorporated towns of District 2, involved over 800 residents in the process.
- Established 2 community service centers providing county services to remote and needy upcountry communities (Veterans, Mental Health, Social Services)

- Involved all 8 District 2 communities in massive cleanups (7800 tires, 140 dumpsters of trash, 153 abandoned vehicles removed)
- Built bus stops, renovated buildings, did road repairs, fixed veteran's and other community halls by organizing community volunteer days.
- Got block grants for Native American housing in District 2
- Helped Qualify and ran 3 Fire District Elections to improve fire and medical team assets and response times (all got over 78% votes after years of defeat)
- Through community organizing, stopped 3 proposed school closings in District 2
- Held over 100 town hall meetings in the District to foster citizen participation in local decision making and increase community skills in the democratic process
- Sponsored work which developed Community Wildfire Protection and Evacuation Plans

#### Other Community Activities

1984-2020 - Owner/Operator Humbug Creek Farm and Cider Mill, Glencoe California. Organic, Solar Powered, farm with over 300 varieties of fruit. Founding member of Calaveras Grown and participant and board member of the Motherlode Harvest CSA.

1991-2003 - Founding Member and participant of the Foothill Conservancy

1990-1996 - Volunteer Firefighter II for the Glencoe/Rail Road Flat Fire Department

2001-2008 - Soccer and Youth Basketball Coach

2003-Present - Founding Member of Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS), a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to forest, meadow, watershed and cultural site restoration, while employing, training, certifying, and deploying tribal members and other chronically unemployed denizens of the Sierra to do the work. CHIPS holds contracts and agreements with Fire Safe Councils, the BLM, the Stanislaus, El Dorado, Tahoe Basin, and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, Yosemite National Park, and numerous private landowners. CHIPS has partnership and employment agreements with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, the Big Sandy Mono Tribe of Madera and Fresno Counties, the Mechoopda Maidu Tribe of Chico, and the Mariposa Indian Council (Paiute and Mi Wuk). CHIPS has also purchased an old lumber mill site and has remediated it in preparation to install a 3-megawatt biomass power plant under SB 1122. I am the current Board Chair of CHIPS.

2010-2011 - Produced and hosted 40 1-hour radio shows for KQBM Radio in a series entitled, "Forests, Fires, and Communities."

2010-Present - Along with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, convened the Amador/Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG), a highly successful forest Collaborative of over 40 organizations and individuals which has achieved CFLRA status and brought in over \$20,000,000 in funding for forest and watershed work in Amador and Calaveras Counties. The ACCG also assisted in starting up the Alpine Biomass Collaborative in Alpine County.