

BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Seeks Nominations for Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC)

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is requesting nominations for two (2) seats on the Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC). PRC §763 establishes the PFEC as a committee of the Board consisting of at least seven or more members, and distributed as follows:

1. Two public members with one selected from the membership of the Board.
2. At least four Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) representing a broad cross section of employment and expertise, and
3. At least one certified specialist pursuant to PRC §772.

As of January 15, 2021, there will be six (6) RPFs and one (1) certified specialist (CRM) member. There is one (1) public member on the committee and one (1) public member position remaining to be filled by a Board member. There are two (2) additional seats that can be filled immediately in the following categories:

- 1) Industry member (RPF) 2) Government member (RPF)

The PFEC is charged with the examination of individuals for registration as RPFs and certified specialists (CRMs). It initiates and monitors investigations into complaints made against RPFs and recommends appropriate disciplinary action to the Board pursuant to 14 CCR §1612. The PFEC also provides oversight for the specialty certificate programs adopted by the Board.

PFEC members are generally appointed to a four-year term, serving at the pleasure of the board. The PFEC currently meets approximately 4 to 5 times per year, depending on the level of licensing and disciplinary issues. PFEC members receive per diem and re-imbursement of expenses for their travel, lodging and meals when attending meetings.

A nomination form is attached and may be found at the following URL:
[https://bof.fire.ca.gov/](https://bof.fire.ca.gov) posted under business, then select news releases.

You may mail or FAX this form to the Board at:

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
PFEC Nomination
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
[FAX] (916) 653-0989

You may also email the nomination form to the Executive Officer of Foresters Licensing at:
dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov. Nominations must be received no later than January 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

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**BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE
NOMINATION FORM**

Please use a separate sheet for each nominee. Additional sheets are available upon request. Mail, FAX or Email as follows: MAIL: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, PFEC Nomination, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460. FAX: (916) 653-0989. EMAIL: dan.stapleton@bof.ca.gov

1. Name of Nominee: Matthew V Brown

2. Nominee Address [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

3. Nominee Telephone: Work: [REDACTED] Home: [REDACTED]

4. Category of Membership: (Public) Industry

5. Brief resume of the nominee's background and qualifications which qualify him/her for the Committee. (Attach additional sheets if needed) _____

See attached resume.

6. Why do you think the nominee should be selected for the PFEC? See attached
letter of recommendation.

7. PRINT name of Nominator: Matthew Greene

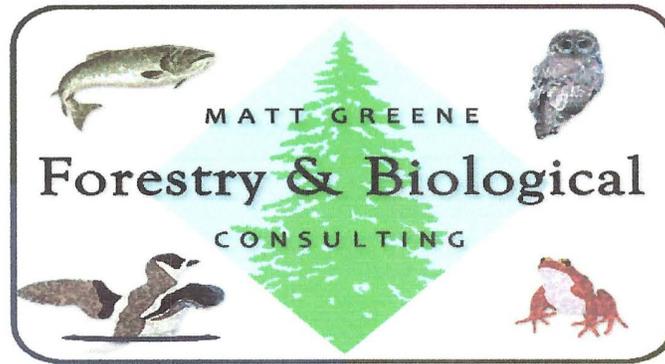
SIGNATURE of nominator: [Signature]

8. Address of Nominator: [REDACTED]

9. Telephone Number of Nominator: Work ([REDACTED]) Home: () Same

10. Group you represent, if any: _____

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December 28, 2020

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
PFEC Nomination
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RE: PFEC Nomination – Matthew Brown

Dear Mr. Stapleton,

Attached with this letter is a recommendation for Matthew Brown to the PFEC for a RPF to represent the open industry position with this Committee.

I first met Matthew Brown in 2010 while sitting on the CLFA Board. He came into the group and gave a great presentation to the Board of Directors about how the ESA and NEPA have been weaponized. The presentation was a real eye opener as to how lawsuits are shaping the management on our federal forest lands. As a coastal forester, this topic doesn't always register as a high priority for most of our federal lands are more inland. However, this presentation stuck with me as he was able to get into the weeds about what these lawsuits were costing us, the tax payers.

Over the years, I have gotten to know him better and talked with him about several projects he was working on and especially how to work with his current employer, PG&E. He helped me gain a better appreciation of mastication projects on very steep slopes with self-leveling equipment. Additionally, I have gotten to better understand the mitigation banking concept as that is his current role with PG&E.

Living in Fresno County, Mr. Brown has also hung his shingle as a consultant to help the local small landowners navigate the massive beetle die-off that is occurring in the southern Sierra range. This is no easy feat when one considers that little to no management is happening on the largest landowner, who is a neighbor to most of these small landowners. Making things even more difficult is the complete lack of infrastructure, but Mr. Brown has turned to CFIP and EQIP to help these small landowners as much as possible.

Personal stories aside, there are a couple of reasons that I support Mr. Brown's nomination to the PFEC:

1. With his current knowledge of the utilities industry, I think that he brings a very valuable background to a larger conversation that you as a Board and the BOF are going to have (Winter 2020 Newsletter Article about powerline maintenance and if it is practicing forestry?). It is going to be important to have a line of communication to the utilities and I think Mr. Brown can represent both the license and his employer well. I think that he is also capable of separating the two when the topics requires a separation of representing the license and his employment.
2. As a consultant, I am always happy to see someone with a very diverse background on this committee as the profession covers such a broad range of topics. Consultants by the very nature of their work see a lot more of this broad range and this helps with various discussions that the PFEC has on a continuous basis.
3. As someone who grew up in the southern end of the central valley, I think it is important to have a point of view from that part of the state. It is often forgotten and unfortunately, this year a good amount of the areas damaged by beetles saw massive wildfire. We need to be reminded about some of these regional issues from time to time.

I am happy to nominate Matthew Brown to serve on the PFEC. I think he will represent the license well and I think he brings to the Committee more diversity which our profession continues to be tasked with.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Matt Greene, RPF #2747



Matthew Brown



Education	B.S., Forestry and Natural Resource Management Fire and Fuels Management Concentration California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	<i>March 2007</i>
Licenses and Certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registered Professional Forester, License #2927• Pest Control Advisor, License #119149• Qualified Applicator, License #117313• Project Management Professional (PMP) Credential #1731156• Certified Arborist, WE-8645A• Cal Fire Archeological Surveyor Certification, Class #117• Basic 32 Fire Fighter training and S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior	
Management Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruited, interviewed, trained, evaluated, and coached staff to improve performance and efficiency• Developed of employees into a goal-oriented cohesive teams• Management of highly diverse teams to complete complex projects• Managed natural resource projects with complex environmental and public concerns• Responsible for planning and implementing complex mitigation projects and transactions	
Relevant Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective management of projects through critical path identification and sequencing of project activities• Extensive experience with environmental planning, permitting, and compliance• Ability to create safety procedures, protocols, and programs to ensure safe work environments• Extensive experience interpreting natural resource and compensatory mitigation issues• Exceptional communication and writing skills• Experience in acquisition of state and federal permits necessary for management objectives• Evaluation of bids or proposals for best value and providing contractor supervision/administration• Ability to deliver natural resource presentations to groups of variable sizes and backgrounds	
Technological Proficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Behavior Modeling Software• GIS software use and excellent proficiency with various field collection platforms• Various database platform use, and development (Salesforce and SAP)• Microsoft Office: Access, Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, Projects	
Memberships, Boards, and Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reedley College Natural Resources Department Curriculum Advisory Committee• CA Licensed Foresters Association• CA Forest Vegetation Management Conference, <i>Director at Large (Past Chair)</i>• Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture	
Outreach and Education Experience	<p>Talk About Trees, <i>CA Forest Foundation</i> Spoke to hundreds of elementary school students about forest management, incorporated visual aids and interactive games, trained teachers to incorporate Forest Foundation teaching materials in their curriculum</p> <p>Forest Conservation Days, <i>Saratoga, CA</i> Gave informational presentations about forests and fire to hundreds of Jr. High, elementary, and scout troops during a two day event for the past three years</p> <p>Diablo Canyon Land Stewardship Program and IPM , <i>37th Annual Forest Veg Management Conference</i> Gave a presentation to provide an overview of land stewardship activities, restoration, and land management activities being undertaken by PG&E.</p> <p>San Benito Compass Meeting, <i>Hollister, CA</i> Served on an expert panel to provide an overview of opportunities for landowners in compensatory mitigation as partners for conservation.</p>	

Matthew Brown



Recent Employment History (PG&E)

Land Consultant, Principal-Property Management
Pacific Gas and Electric, Fresno

September 2016-Present

Management and implementation of the enterprise Compensatory Mitigation Program, programmatic permit development, and development of Environmental Management and Policy standards. Responsible for overseeing the acquisition and protection of habitat to satisfy project and program conservation goals within the Environmental Resources and Mitigation Department. This includes management of PG&E's half a billion-dollar HCP conservation lands portfolio, which provides habitat for over 50 unique species throughout PG&E's service territory across California from the Arizona border to the Oregon border. Responsibilities also include overseeing the planning and management of habitat creation, restoration, and enhancement company-wide. Also responsible for developing partnerships with a variety of organizations to achieve mitigation and conservation goals/objectives including state and federal government agencies, non-profits, educational institutions, and NGOs.

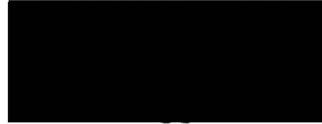
Experience related to programmatic planning for PG&E includes managing multiple interdisciplinary teams and overseeing the development of long-term incidental-take coverage under the California Endangered Species Act and Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act as well as developing a Regional General Permit for joint Clean Water Act sections 401/404 coverage in the San Francisco Bay Area. These permits are all intended to support utility operations and maintenance and include development of Initial Studies, Finding of No Significant Impact, Environmental Impact Reports, Environmental Impact Statements, and Biological Assessments. The entire effort requires extensive collaboration/negotiation with agency personnel throughout California including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Arcata, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Ventura field offices), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Region 2, 3, 4, and 6), US. Army Corps of Engineers (Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles Districts), Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Region 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6), as well as with State Water Board staff.

Land Consultant, Sr-Property Management (NRM Dept.)
Pacific Gas and Electric, Fresno

Oct. 2011-September 2016

Responsibilities included managing a variety of projects and programs related to PG&E Timberland Management, Vegetation Maintenance/Management for Hydroelectric Operations, Substation, Transmission, and Nuclear generation. This included oversight on planning, permitting, contract preparation, vendor administration, and budgets associated with each program or project. Hydro programs/projects managed include administration/execution of the Vegetation Management Program for Southern Area Hydro (Bass Lake to Kern Canyon), forest management for the Southern Sierra hydro lands (3,500+ acres), Crane Valley Dam Seismic Upgrade Restoration Project (Restoration Manager/Lead), and vertebrate control across the system. In addition to management of budgets, duties also included the management of contractors, consultation/coordination with agencies and line of business Managers, and the coordination/acquisition of permits needed for activities. The System-Wide Vegetation Management/Pest Control Program involves management of vegetation and all pests at Electric Substation, non-linear Gas, Telecom, and Nuclear (area of responsibility from Merced to Santa Barbara to San Bernardino County). Transmission project experience included the administration and coordination for construction of access roads and trails in the southern service territory. Nuclear program/project experience included the planning and implementation of vegetation management including prescribed fire, management of exotic vegetation, and fuels reduction at Diablo Canyon PP associated properties for land stewardship, facilities protection, and compliance.

Matthew Brown



Relevant Employment History	<p>Forester/Owner <i>DBA Blue Sky Forestry</i> Provide consulting services to small private landowners, Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), and non-profits engaged in forest management activities related to timber production, fuel reduction, or grant programs. Responsible for forest and vegetation management on approximately 5,800+ acres of forest and rangeland in Fresno and Madera Counties representing over 20 unique clients. Scope of services primarily involves development of California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) projects and administration, project management, or compliance management (CEQA, AB52, etc.) assistance other Cal Fire Grant Programs; however, some clients were able to commercially harvest timber through emergency notices and exemptions.</p>	<p><i>January 2015-Present</i></p>
	<p>Natural Resource Consultant and Project Developer <i>Davey Resource Group, Multiple locations within CA</i> Hired to create a new business/service line for the company in the areas of Forestry and Environmental Compliance. Job duties were to prepare proposals, prepare bids, and manage projects related to forestry, CEQA filing, NEPA filing, fire/fuels management, biomass management, and vegetation management. Relevant experience included projects associated with reclamation of transmission line right of ways by managing/controlling vegetation and working with landowners impacted by PG&E held easements. This included training personnel and assisting in the implementation of the project. Also involved periodically meeting with landowners, utility companies, and municipalities to help formulate strategies for managing natural resources for a variety of objectives.</p>	<p><i>August 2009-October 2011</i></p>
	<p>Forest Technician <i>Blodgett Forest Research Station, Georgetown, CA</i> Assisted in data collection and set-up of various research projects throughout the state of California. Assisted RPF in THP layout, timber marking, cruising, wrote herbicide recommendations, and applied herbicides.</p>	<p><i>May-August 2009</i></p>
	<p>Lead Forest Technician <i>Mason Bruce & Girard, Inc, Auburn, CA</i> Provided RPF assistance on THP layout, fuelbreak layout, timber cruising, timber marking, plan writing, permitting, monitoring, biological/botanical surveying, archeological surveying, and property wide mapping. Supervised and coordinated seasonal employees, checked and analyzed cruise data, and supervised contractors.</p>	<p><i>March 2007 - May 2009</i></p>
	<p>Forestry Aide <i>CalFire-Mountain Home State Forest, Tulare Unit</i></p>	<p><i>June-Sept. 2005</i> <i>June-Sept. 2006</i></p>
	<p>Acted as the forest initial response for incidents, cruised timber, surveyed wildlife, measured fuel loading, and performed recreation administration duties.</p>	
