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## Sen. Nielsen Honors Calli-Jane West as Senate District 4's '2022 Woman of the Year'



Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff) announced today that he has chosen Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) Executive Director Calli-Jane West as Senate District 4's "2022 Woman of the Year."

"Heartfelt thanks to Calli-Jane for her passionate commitment to wildfire safety education and protection," said Nielsen. "Her leadership and community service has been invaluable to our Butte County communities through the past several years of extreme and devastating wildfires, including the Camp Fire in 2018, North Complex Fire in 2020 and Dixie Fire in 2021."

As BCFSC executive director for the past 16 years, West has helped to implement dozens of forest health and wildfire safety projects through collaborations with diverse organizations, agencies and community members.

Maintaining positive relationships with CAL FIRE, the US Forest Service, county department heads, and community members has been integral to her work, which helps the BCFSC to effectively implement programs across jurisdictional boundaries.

West also participated in the completion of Butte County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and numerous integral evacuation plans, in addition to landscape-level, cross-boundary forest restoration initiatives.

Having fun with wildfire education has been an important feature of her work, as she and the BCFSC continue to share Wildfire Ready Raccoon's safety messages and related children's book.

"This award is a bright light in the past several years that have been very devastating for our forests and people I care for so deeply," said West.

West holds a Master's Degree in Geography from CSU, Chico. She is a Butte County native, the place of her childhood home, which was destroyed in the North Complex Fire.

Held every March during Women's History Month, the Woman of the Year Award honors 120 extraordinary women from California, one from each Senate and Assembly district. Started in 1987, the annual award celebrates the community service and outstanding contributions of women in California.

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