



# Press Release

Butte County Fire Safe Council Announces the Appointment of New Executive Director Taylor Nilsson

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PARADISE, CA – The Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) Board of Directors is excited to announce the appointment of Taylor Nilsson as the new Executive Director. Building on his robust experience as the Assistant Director and a profound dedication to forest health and community safety, Nilsson is primed to amplify the BCFSC's mission, especially as we celebrate our 25th anniversary.

“We are thrilled to welcome Taylor as our new Executive Director,” says Chairman Darrel Wilson, “He brings experience, enthusiasm, and great communication skills to our organization.”

Having stepped into his new role on October 4, 2023, Nilsson will oversee the day-to-day operations of this grassroots non-profit, which is renowned for its forest and watershed protection projects, no-cost chipper program, the delightful mascot Wildfire Ready Raccoon, Paradise Grazing Festival, and numerous other community-centric programs. Additionally, he will be at the helm of fundraising via the "Wildfire Ready Membership Program" and will lead marketing and community engagement initiatives.



*Former Directors, Brenda Rightmyer and Calli-Jane West, with new Director Taylor Nilsson at the BCFSC staff ceremony.*



*Calli-Jane West and Taylor Nilsson at a staff training.*

“As a native of Butte County. I'm thrilled to lead one of California's largest Fire Safe Councils and continue increasing wildfire safety for our community members” says Nilsson.

The BCFSC extends its heartfelt gratitude to Calli-Jane West, the former Executive Director of 18 years. West will continue to champion the organization's mission, transitioning to a pivotal part-time role as Executive Advisor.

Earlier this week, we commemorated a symbolic 'passing of the torch' ceremony. Filled with optimism and excitement for the future of BCFSC, we remain deeply grateful for the unwavering support from our community.

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