BOARD OF FORESTRY RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

Please use a separate sheet for each nominee: Use additional pages to expand upon nominee's background and qualifications where needed. Please type or print clearly.

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MAIL to: Board of Forestry, P.O. Box 944246,
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460,
Attention Alexandra Vest

1. Name of Nominee: Jalisca Thomason, EdD

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4. Check the appropriate representation of nominee:

Public ___X__ Organization:

5. Is the nominee willing to serve: Yes __X___ Not Known ____

6. Brief resume of the nominee's background and qualifications:

Dr. Jalisca Thomason is a Professor of Forestry and Natural Resources at Bakersfield College, where she teaches courses in forestry, natural resources, and rangeland management and develops workforce-focused programs connecting students with careers in natural resource management. She holds a B.S. in Agricultural Science and an M.S. in Agricultural Education from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; a postgraduate certificate in Rangeland Management from the University of Nebraska; and an Ed.D. in Post-Secondary Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Thomason brings both professional and practical experience in California rangeland management. Her background includes cattle ranching in rural Monterey County and work involving grazing management, grassland restoration, and rangeland monitoring, including collaboration on NRCS-supported restoration efforts. Her work emphasizes the use of managed grazing as a tool for improving rangeland health, supporting working landscapes, and meeting broader natural resource management objectives.

Since 2018, Dr. Thomason has served on the California Forest Management Task Force/Forest Health and Management Committee, contributing to statewide conversations surrounding forest and natural resource management. At Bakersfield College, she also leads applied projects and partnerships related to regenerative agriculture, forestry, wildfire resilience, and emerging land-management practices.

As a longtime member of Tulare County CattleWomen, Dr. Thomason would also provide an important connection between the committee and the agricultural communities it serves. Her participation would provide an avenue for bringing the experiences and concerns of local cattle producers and working-land families into statewide rangeland discussions, while strengthening the flow of information, resources, and partnership opportunities back to Tulare County CattleWomen and the broader agricultural community. This connection can support the organization's efforts in agricultural education and advocacy while increasing awareness of the role cattle producers and managed grazing play in rangeland stewardship, wildfire resilience, and the conservation of California's working landscapes.

Her combination of agricultural experience, rangeland education, applied natural resource management, and community college workforce development provides a perspective that connects California's working rangelands with the education and preparation of the next generation of natural resource professionals.

7. PRINT name of nominator: Nicky Henderson, President Tulare County CattleWomen's Association

8. Nominator Address:
c/o Nicky Henderson
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10. Group represented, if any: Tulare County Cattlewomen