



May 20, 2020

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President Pro Tempore
Chair, Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Confirmation of Katherine Delbar as Member of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for the confirmation of Katherine Delbar as a member of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, which will come before you and the Senate Rules Committee. RCRC is an association of thirty-seven rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from those member counties.

RCRC member counties contain the vast majority of California's forested lands and have suffered many of the State's most damaging wildfires in the past decade. Our counties have a history and need to work with the State's Board that governs and approves timber management, fire safety planning, and various other aspects of forest land management planning to ensure the public health and safety of our counties' residents through fuels reduction and smart community planning efforts in our most fire prone areas. Delbar brings her experience as both a timberland owner and a rancher living in an RCRC member county to the Board's decision-making process, which is vital to the Board's understanding of timber management in rural communities. Delbar has also had a hand in such large-scale undertakings as adoption of the Programmatic Vegetation Treatment Program and the related Environmental Impact Assessment, which will be vital to the State achieving its vegetation management and wildfire prevention goals.

For the above reasons, RCRC strongly supports the confirmation of Katherine Delbar. We look forward to continuing our strong relationship with him into the future. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daron McDaniel', with a large, stylized initial 'D' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

DARON MCDANIEL
Member, Merced County Board of Supervisors
RCRC Chair

cc: Members of the Senate Rules Committee
Katherine Delbar, Member, California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection