

Information about Christine Aralia for emergency preparedness committee consideration in prep for mtg

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To:Christine Foster <cfoster@townoffairfax.org>

Hi Christine-

Here is a bit of information about myself for the Council's consideration on Wednesday night..

Christine Aralia

I have my BS degree in Natural resource planning and my Masters of Science degree in Environmental Systems from Humboldt State University. After graduating I was a Planner in the Advanced Planning Division of Humboldt County and worked on land management plans. I have worked as a stewardship manager and a project manager for nonprofits on large collaborative forest and watershed restoration projects. I currently work for the state of California as a senior environmental scientist in landscape resilience for the CA Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy). I am the program manager for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity program funding for the Conservancy, and some of the grants I manage include the following:

- Tahoe RCD pre attack plan & Community Wildfire Protection Plan Updates grant;
- Washoe Tribe of CA and Nevada planning capacity grant;
- Lake Valley Fire Protection District Planning Capacity grant;
- Tahoe RCD Forestry Support grant.

I recently sold my home in Markleeville and moved back into my home in Fairfax that I have owned since 2018. While I was in Markleeville I experienced firsthand the Tamarack Fire and the Caldor Fires in 2021, and the flash flooding in 2022 that cut off access for weeks to the town of Markleeville. I am intimately familiar with the emotional turmoil, the displacement, the importance of being prepared, and the importance of good information and communication.

Why I am interested in the Emergency Preparedness Committee:

I was a Board member of the Alpine Watershed Group until I moved back to Marin. I like being involved in my community, and I care deeply about Fairfax. I am looking for ways to become more involved here. I am becoming increasingly interested in emergency preparedness and think that I could both learn a lot and contribute to helping the Ross Valley become better prepared for the next emergency in the future. I admittedly know very little about this topic at this juncture but am looking forward to learning as much as I can and potentially becoming a valued member on the committee. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

