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**Special Board Meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation
District Board of Directors**

**October 1, 2026
11641 Blocker Drive, Ste. 120
Auburn, CA 95603
5:30 pm**

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT

3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is provided so that people may speak to the board on any item not on this agenda. Public comments are limited to 5 minutes. The board cannot act on items not included on this agenda

5) BUSINESS:

New Business:

- a. Recommendation for Reappointment of Board Term for Seat 1
The board will discuss and may act to recommend reappointment of Seat 1 to the Placer County Board of Supervisors
- b. Recommendation for Reappointment of Board Term for Seat 2
The board will discuss and may act to recommend reappointment of Seat 2 to the Placer County Board of Supervisors
- c. Recommendation for Reappointment of Board Term for Seat 5
The board will discuss and may act to recommend reappointment of Seat 5 to the Placer County Board of Supervisors
- d. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption NOE for Mosquito Fire Fuels Reduction
The board will review and may act to approve the CEQA NOE for the Mosquito Fire fuels reduction project
- e. Contractor Selection for the North Fork American River Shaded Fuel Break Phase III
The board will review proposals and may act to award a contract for the North Fork American River Shaded Fuel Break Phase III project

- f. Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
The board will review and may act to adopt the SDRMA MOU
- g. Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Resolution 27-01
The board will review and may act to adopt the SDRMA Resolution 27-01
- h. Landowner Technical Assistance Funding
The board will discuss and may approve the district providing funding for landowner technical assistance in the absence of grant funding

6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7) ADJOURNMENT

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Placer

From: (Public Agency): Placer Resource Conservation District
11641 Blocker Drive, Suite 120
Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Mosquito Fire Low Severity Burn Restoration

Project Applicant: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Placer County private nonindustrial parcels of Mosquito Fire footprint.

Project Location - City: Foresthill Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Placer RCD is proposing post-fire restoration and fuels reduction on private land in the Mosquito Fire footprint. Treatments will take place in areas impacted by low and moderate-severity wildfire and may include the cutting of live trees 12" DBH and smaller to restore stands to wildfire-resilient conditions. Treatments may include handwork, chipping, mastication, pile burning, herbicide, and grazing on up to 392 acres.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CCR Title 14, § 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will continue restore forests that were damaged in the Mosquito Fire and prevent the regrowth of pre-fire hazardous fuel conditions. The project will not have adverse impacts to archaeological or biological resources, will not result in significant erosion or sedimentation, and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Lewis Campbell Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-390-6680

If filed by applicant:

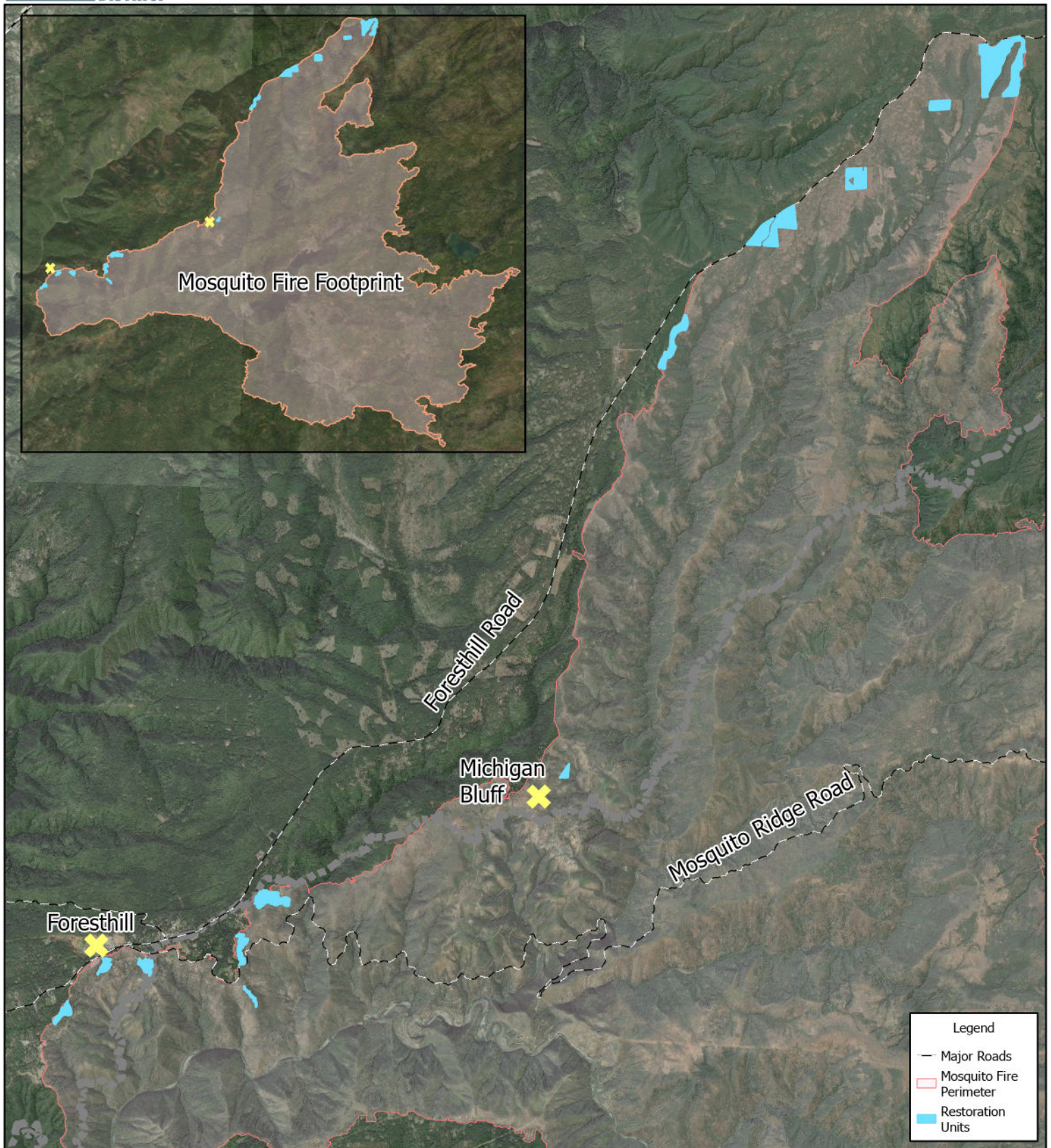
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Lewis Campbell Date: 9/29/26 Title: Forestry Project Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



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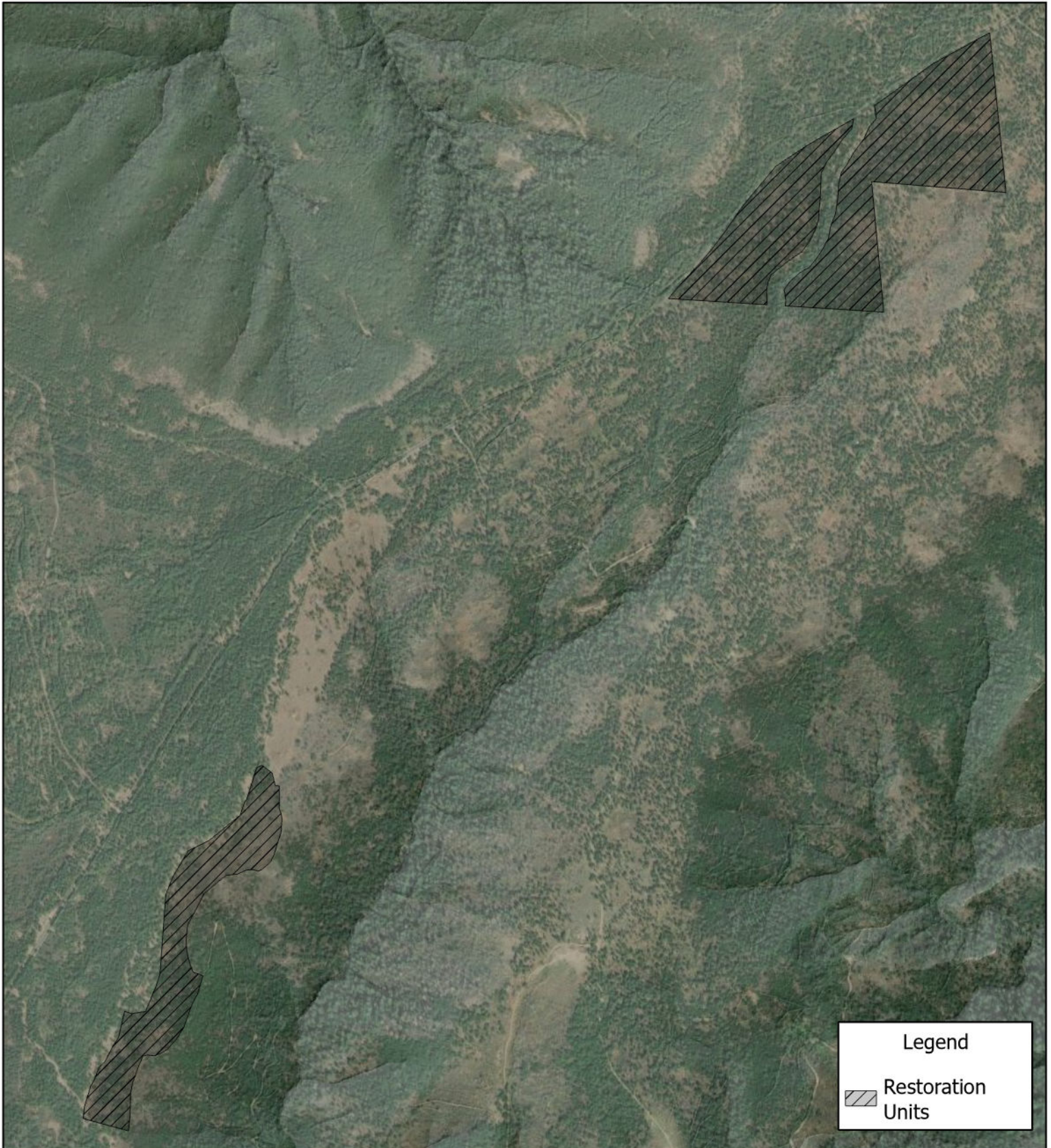


Mosquito Fire Low Severity Burn Restoration

Michigan Bluff 7.5 Minute Quadrangles T14N R11E
S32,29,33,28,21,27,22,15,10 MDMB.

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Mosquito Fire Low Severity Burn Restoration

Foresthill 7.5 Minute Quadrangles T14N R10E S35,34,36,25 MDMB. T13NR10E S,2,3,0 MDMB. T13N R11E S6,5 MDMB. T14N R11E S31,30,32,29 MDMB. T14N R12E S19 MDMB.

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North Fork Phase III Project 2026
Proposal Evaluation

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Selection Process

Best Value Selection. A combination of subjectively scored performance criteria and objectively scored pricing to arrive at the proposer that provides the best value to the organization and community. NOT low bid. NOT qualifications only.

The process

- 1. Form committee. See Committee Roster. Responsible for maintaining the integrity of the process.
- 2. Establish Evaluation Criteria. Evaluation Criteria derived from the RFP, Evaluation Criteria.
- 3. Scoring
 - 1. Members of Evaluation Committee independently score performance criteria using Evaluation Form. See Attachment B: Evaluation Form
 - 2. Single member of Evaluation Committee calls references using scripted reference check questions. See Attachment C: Reference Check Questions.
 - 3. Evaluation Committee meets to discuss scores of performance criteria. Develops consensus score. See Attachment D: Performance Criteria Consensus Scores. Proposers with above average performance score move forward.
 - 4. Pricing information is formulaically calculated. See Attachment A: Committee Formation and Procedures
 - 5. Total score = Experience/References (15) + Approach (15) + Price (20) is summarized. Total points available = 50

Top 3 Scores

Proposer	Background/Experience	Approach	Price	Total Price	Total
White Oak Land Management	14	14.3	20	\$308,750.00	48.3
Timbersmith Corporation	13.5	14.3	16.4	\$364,500.00	43.8
Wildland Corporation	13.5	13.7	13.5	\$409,300.00	40.7

Selection Results

The committee has decided to recommend Pacific Building and Engineering Inc. DBA White Oak Land Management as the sole contractor.

- White Oak Land Management had the highest score and lowest cost, and Placer RCD have had good experiences working with them in the past. There was some concern about the costs being too low and not reflecting their full understanding of the project, but the cost is still within 15% of the next lowest cost and the project manager is confident that with thorough initial meetings and setting expectations, there will be no issues.

Recommendation

Date: 10/1/26
 To: Placer RCD Board of Directors
 From: Lewis Campbell (Single Point of Contact (SPC))
 Re: Request for Proposal: North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak – Phase III

Planning Committee,

I recommend the award for construction services as described in the Request for Proposals: North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak – Phase III to:

Pacific Building and Engineering Inc. DBA White Oak Land Management

The recommendation is based on the results of the Evaluation Committee selection procedures. The Evaluation Committee conducted the review and scoring as described in the Evaluation Committee Formation and Procedures.

The Project Proposal Evaluation Committee was comprised of the following people:

Lewis Campbell, RCD Forestry Project Manager
 Cordi Craig, RCD Prescribed Fire Program Director
 Ellen Murphy, RCD Forestry Project Coordinator
 Don Belden, President, Neil's Controlled Blasting, Placer Sierra Firesafe Council
 Patty Armenteros, Placer County Senior Operations Analyst – Regional Forest Health
 Dillon Sheedy, Truckee Fire Protection District Asst. Wildfire Prevention Manager and Forester

I believe the evaluation process afforded a fair and equitable treatment of all Proposers. The following bullets outline the process to assure the integrity of the evaluation process:

- Members of the Evaluation Committee are selected on the basis of their ability to provide an objective, impartial evaluation of the Proposals.
- Members of the Evaluation Committee with actual or potential conflicts of interest are required to declare in accordance with the Districts Conflict of Interest Code and describe the situation in writing. This may exclude the Evaluation Committee members from participating if a potential conflict exists and will exclude Evaluation Committee members if an actual conflict exists.
- If Executive Director receives information that a Member of the Evaluation Committee has an actual or potential conflict of interest that was not disclosed by that Member, Executive Director will investigate that information and that Member will be excluded from participating in the Evaluation Committee during that investigation. Executive Director may exclude that Member from participating in the Evaluation Committee if the Executive Director concludes that a potential conflict exists and will exclude that Member from participating in the Evaluation Committee if the Executive Director concludes an actual conflict exists.
- Each member of the Evaluation Committee shall independently read and score all Proposals according to the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP BEFORE attending the Evaluation Committee meeting.
- Evaluation Committee members shall complete an Evaluation Scoring Sheet for each Proposal prior to attending the Evaluation Committee selection meeting.

I believe the recommendation is supported by the evaluation process used and will result in the most successful implementation option to deliver the Project.

Attachment A: Committee Formation and Procedures

Evaluation Committee Formation and Procedures September 2nd, 2026

The following outlines the details needed to form and work through the committee procurement process.

Section 1) Functions of the Committee

- 1) Review and Apply Evaluation Criteria
- 2) Evaluate Proposals Individually (Quantitatively)
- 3) Rank
- 4) Interview/Obtain Clarifications (if needed)
- 5) Recommend Award

Section 2) Evaluation Committee Composition and their crucial tasks

The evaluation committee is often comprised of District staff. The committee should include both technical and administrative personnel. The committee may also include individuals outside the District who bring a special expertise to the process including consultants, board members, technical advisors, agency partners, etc. Members of the evaluation committee or their immediate family shall not have any financial interest in or any personal relationship with any of the Proposers.

Statute, rule and policy combined require an evaluation process that affords fair and equitable treatment of all Proposers. The following bullets outline the process to assure the integrity of the evaluation process:

- Members of the Evaluation Committee are selected on the basis of their ability to provide an objective, impartial evaluation of the Proposals;
- Members of the Evaluation Committee with actual or potential conflicts of interest are required to declare and describe the situation to the Forestry Project Manager. This may exclude the Evaluation Committee members from participating if a potential conflict exists, and will exclude Evaluation Committee members if an actual conflict exists. If Forestry Project Manager receives information that a Member of the Evaluation Committee has an actual or potential conflict of interest that was not disclosed by that Member, Forestry Project Manager will investigate that information and that Member will be excluded from participating in the Evaluation Committee during that investigation. Forestry Project Manager may exclude that Member from participating in the Evaluation Committee if the Forestry Project Manager concludes that a potential conflict exists and will exclude that Member from participating in the Evaluation Committee if the Forestry Project Manager concludes an actual conflict exists;
- Each member of the Evaluation Committee shall independently read and score all Proposals according to the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP BEFORE attending the Evaluation and Score Tabulation meeting.

The Forestry Project Manager will coordinate the selection of committee members and assign tasks. Upon formation of the evaluation committee, the Forestry Project Manager will convene a meeting to provide instruction and direction on the process, role, responsibilities, and requirements of the committee. To ensure integrity in the process as well as fair and open competition, the committee members will be instructed to retain all evaluation documents; including worksheets, evaluation forms, and notes during the evaluation. These will be returned to the Forestry Project Manager for

future reference and referral. Committee members will also be instructed to individually and independently evaluate, score and rank proposals by applying the same objective criteria and to refrain from discussion with any other member during the evaluation process until which time the committee meets as a whole to discuss their individual ratings and rankings.

Committee members are encouraged to take as many notes as they feel necessary when reading through proposals. Not only does it help them to mentally organize the information, but also aids in any recap required to come up with final scoring. In addition, the notes become a quick reference tool to an individual when the committee meets as a group to discuss each proposal.

North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak Phase III Project Evaluation Committee :

Don Belden (Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council), Ellen Murphy (Placer RCD), Patty Armenteros (Placer County Forest Health), Dillon Sheedy (Truckee Fire Protection District), Cordi Craig (Placer RCD), and Lewis Campbell (Placer RCD)

Section 3) Evaluation Committee Review of Procurement Documents

The evaluation committee first reviews all of the relevant information (e.g., Request for Proposals (RFP), Grant Agreement, etc.) and adopts the specific written evaluation criteria as stated in the request for Proposals that has stated the standards by which to measure how well a Proposers approach meets the needs of RFPs performance requirements. The adoption of these criteria is critical, since only those standards listed in the RFP can be considered in the evaluation of competing offers.

Another major task of the committee is to acknowledge the scoring method to rate or rank the proposers. Once a scoring system has been adopted, it must be impartially applied to each proposal.

Section 4) The role of the Forestry Project Manager

The Forestry Project Manager is charged with the responsibility of assuring that the committee's actions are in accordance with all District policies and applicable procedures. The Forestry Project Manager establishes a timetable for evaluation activities and assumes the responsibility for keeping activities on schedule. The Forestry Project Manager is responsible for scheduling and coordinating the activities of the evaluation committee. Participation on an evaluation committee is a priority effort.

What is the Evaluation Committee Code of Conduct?

Committee membership obligates the individual to both a commitment of judgment as well as time. Participants serving on a committee evaluating proposals are legally and morally bound to be as objective and fair as possible, since these decisions impact the expenditure of RCD funds and the business livelihood of the Proposers in the private sector. Members should also be prepared to make a priority commitment of time, since a timely turnaround on award recommendation is important.

Evaluation committee members are always expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner when dealing with prospective proposers, actual proposers, or the general public. The opportunities for outside interaction can present themselves a number of times. Pre-bid meetings, proposal openings and public meetings are typical examples of outside interaction. Evaluation Committee Members are expected to be neutral and to avoid the appearance of a personal or financial conflict with a proposer, and as such are forbidden from engaging in an outside interaction that create the appearance of preference for or against a particular proposer.

Inherent in committee membership is a trust that all proceedings be held in confidence until final contract award is a matter of record. In practice, all outside questions relating to any area of the procurement process should be referred to the Forestry Project Manager.

Individual committee members are responsible for defending their own vote. The Forestry Project Manager is charged with recommending the award of a contract to the Board of Directors who, at the time of a normal scheduled board meeting, shall adopt a Notice of Intent to Award to a proposer who gives the best proposal response to the District's RFP.

Section 5) Evaluation Criteria

RFP award decisions are based on the proposal affording the **best value** - in other words, not only on the price but also on technical quality and other factors of the proposal. Therefore, fair evaluations based on clearly defined evaluation criteria are very important. These criteria, including price and non-price factors, weights and values by category, minimum upset score by category, where appropriate, and the evaluation matrix, should appear in the RFP document. At a minimum, the evaluation will state the quantitative value in terms of maximum points per criteria element.

Evaluation criteria are designed to determine which competing proposal represents the best value or the optimum balance between price and quality. Consider having a combination of minimum mandatory criteria as well as rated criteria. Each RFP will state its evaluation criteria to be adopted by the Board of Directors prior to public posting.

Evaluation Criteria for North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak Phase III Project:

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Cost Proposal	20
Approach, Staffing, Work Plan, Schedule	15
Experience, Qualifications, and References	15
Proof of Insurance	Y/N
Willingness to obtain Placer Co. Business License	Y/N
"Active" status with CA Secretary of State	Y/N

Section 6) Steps in the Evaluation Process

While the evaluation process is slightly different for every RFP, a strong similarity can be anticipated. There are four steps in the process:

- 1) Review for inclusion of mandatory requirements (licensing, insurance, etc.)
Forestry Project Manager to track and record
- 2) Cost
This evaluation ranks proposals on Total Cost of Construction.

The formula to derive rank is

$$[1-(B-A)/A] * C = \text{Final Cost Score}$$

A = Lowest offeror's cost

B = the offeror's cost being scored

C = the maximum number of cost points available (20)

- 3) Approach, Staffing, Work Plan, Schedule
- 4) Experience, Qualifications, References

Section 7) Evaluation Discussions

When the committee members have completed their individual reading and scoring of proposals, the Forestry Project Manager assembles the committee as a group. These group meetings are the center points of the evaluation process. The discussions on each proposal and the resulting deliberations are the means by which the committee can ultimately arrive at a collective decision. At this stage, the committee process is dynamic; it is designed to solicit the perspectives and opinions of all voting members. What one committee member may have understood about a certain concept or approach may differ from what another member may have perceived. A committee can go back and forth until all members are convinced of their choices and the rationale behind them.

Section 8) Evaluation Compilation & Ranking

Individual committee member evaluations will be assembled into one scoring document which includes each committee member name and scoring results. The results will be added and divided by the number of evaluation committee members to achieve a final evaluation score. Based on the final score the Forestry Project Manager will provide a written recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Attachment B: Evaluation Form

Contractor: Pacific Building and Engineering Inc. DBA White Oak Land Management

Evaluator:

Date:

Evaluation Criteria	Points	Out of
Experience, Qualifications and References		15
Approach, Staffing, Work Plan, Schedule		15
TOTAL		/30

Experience, Qualifications, and References:

Approaching, Staffing, Work Plan and Schedule

Notes

Attachment C: Reference Check Questions

1. Please describe the projects the contractor has completed for your agency/organization.
2. Can you comment on the contractor's speed and efficiency in meeting project goals and deliverables? Please include general timeline and approximate acres completed.
3. Was the contractor responsive to requested changes and/or mitigations to project work?
4. Did the contractor adhere to environmental regulations and restrictions of the CEQA document? Please elaborate.
5. Did the contractor remain on-site for the project's duration, or were there lapses in project work?
6. On a scale of 1-5, 5 being the highest, how would you rate this contractor on
 - a. Cost
 - b. Quality
 - c. Speed
 - d. Customer Service

Attachment D: Performance Criteria Consensus Scores:

Background, Experience, & References							
Maximum Points: 15							
Evaluation Committee Member							
Proposer	LC	CC	EM	PA	DB	DS	Consensus Points
Wildland Corporation	14	13	15	13	13	13	13.5
White Oak	14	14	15	13	14	14	14.0
Timbersmith	13	12	15	14	13	14	13.5
AAA	8	13	10	11	12	8	10.3
Summitt	13	10	15	12	14	13	12.8
Hard Rock	11	14	14	13	14	12	13.0
Northwoods	14	14	15	14	13	13	13.8
Biswell	12	13	15	13	12	7	12.0
RMR	14	15	15	12	13	10	13.2
Tree MD	14	14	15	15	14	13	14.2
Approach, Staffing, Work Plan, and Schedule							
Maximum Points: 15							
Evaluation Committee Member							
Proposer	LC	CC	EM	PA	DB	DS	Consensus Points
Wildland Corporation	14	14	14	13	13	14	13.7
White Oak	14	14	15	14	15	14	14.3
Timbersmith	15	14	15	14	13	15	14.3
AAA	7	13	10	8	10	7	9.2
Summitt	10	11	15	11	12	11	11.7
Hard Rock	14	15	14	13	14	13	13.8
Northwoods	13	13	14	13	13	14	13.3
Biswell	12	13	10	12	12	7	11.0
RMR	13	14	14	11	13	10	12.5
Tree MD	13	12	14	14	13	13	13.2



North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak Phase III

Proposal to Placer County Resource Conservation District

Proposal Information	
Offeror	Pacific Building and Engineering Inc. DBA White Oak Land Management
Primary Contact	Jack Arnswald Owner and President
Contact	(530) 906-1338 whiteoak.jack@gmail.com
UEI and CAGE	S4Y3UG8UK8W1 12Q46
Proposal Date	September 17, 2026

Lewis Campbell
 Forestry Project Manager
 Placer County Resource Conservation District
 11641 Blocker Drive, Suite 120, Auburn, California 95603

Dear Lewis,

White Oak appreciates the opportunity to propose on Phase III. Placer RCD is not being asked to take our performance on faith: you and the District have already worked with our team, seen our field coordination, and observed the finish we deliver. We know the District values direct communication, respect for landowners, careful resource protection, prompt correction of details, and completed units that are clean and ready for inspection. We will bring that same standard to Phase III from the first pre-operations meeting through final closeout.

This phase is materially more difficult because of steep ground, dense vegetation, limited equipment access, and hand-piling requirements. Our plan pairs White Oak's mechanical fleet and project leadership with a dedicated Crater Lake Forestry hand crew. A remote-control PrimeTech masticator rented from Deadwood Forestry will supplement White Oak's PrimeTech, Bobcat, CAT 309, tracked chippers, and winching capability. Equipment will remain within the RCD's 50-percent slope limit; material above that limit will be cut and moved under controlled methods to machine-accessible ground for processing.

White Oak offers a firm rate of \$2,500 per acre for every acreage-based treatment item. The uniform rate reflects the density, slope, supplemental handwork, difficult pile construction, controlled dragging and winching, access protection, and cleanup required to provide the finished product Placer RCD expects.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Arnswald

Owner and President | White Oak Land Management

Executive Summary

White Oak Land Management proposes a continuous, coordinated operation to complete approximately 91 acres of Priority 1 treatment and any authorized Priority 2 work. The work includes mechanical treatment below 50 percent slope, hand cutting and material movement from areas above 50 percent, hand cut-and-pile treatment, lop and scatter, pile-burning assistance, and incidental hand treatment and chipping. White Oak will mobilize within two weeks of award and anticipates completing the initial Priority 1 vegetation treatment in approximately 45 to 60 working days, subject to weather, access, surveys, burn restrictions, and RCD-directed sequencing.

An Established Placer RCD Partner

White Oak is not an unfamiliar contractor asking the District to rely only on proposal language. Through North Fork Shaded Fuel Break Phase II, Lewis Campbell and the RCD team have already worked with White Oak in varied terrain and treatment conditions. That shared history reduces startup risk: we understand the District's preference for early communication, practical field problem solving, professional interaction with private landowners, protection of residual trees and infrastructure, and a clean, orderly, inspection-ready result.

Phase III will be managed with the same straightforward approach. We will raise access or prescription conflicts early, work through them with the Project Manager, correct deficiencies while crews and equipment are still nearby, and remain accountable for every subcontracted and self-performed portion of the work.

Understanding of the Work

Priority	Treatment	RFP Quantity	White Oak Method
P1	Mechanical under 50 percent	36 acres	Remote-control and conventional mastication; tracked chipping where advantageous
P1	Mechanical over 50 percent	25.5 acres narrative	Hand cut; controlled drag or winch to road or sub-50-percent ground; machine process
P1	Hand treat and pile	22.5 acres	Dedicated hand crew; covered, lined, rollout-controlled burn piles
P1	Lop and scatter	7.5 acres	Hand treatment with even distribution and 18-inch maximum depth
P2	Potential additional treatment	30 acres narrative	Same integrated approach if funding and authorization are provided

White Oak understands that payment will be based on actual treated acreage, watercourses are excluded from payable acreage, Priority 2 is not guaranteed, and the RCD may shift up to approximately 10 percent between treatment types while the submitted unit rates remain firm.

Technical Approach

Mobilization and Pre-operations Coordination

Within two weeks of award, White Oak will complete the pre-operations meeting, confirm the four general units and priority sequence, review landowner and access conditions, load the current operations maps, and verify orange boundaries, blue-and-white watercourse buffers, pink-and-black sensitive-resource limits, and pink DO NOT CUT vegetation. Daily plans will identify the active treatment method, crew and equipment assignments, approved travel routes, protected infrastructure, traffic controls, inspection points, and emergency procedures.

Mechanical Treatment Below 50 Percent Slope

White Oak will match equipment to access, slope, vegetation density, residual-tree spacing, and soil conditions. The remote-control PrimeTech will be used where its lower-profile operation improves operator separation and precise movement on steep but legally accessible ground. White Oak's PrimeTech PT-175, Bobcat 286 with masticating head, and CAT 309 CR with masticating head and grapple will be used where each machine can work safely and protect residual trees. Tracked chippers will be staged on stable roads, trails, or approved machine ground when chipping provides a cleaner or lower-impact result.

- Treat conifers and other designated vegetation in accordance with Exhibit D, including material up to 12 inches where required.
- Prune residual trees to 8 feet or 50 percent of live crown, whichever is less, using ANSI A300 practices.
- Keep chips and masticated material at or below 6 inches in depth; keep masticated pieces at or below 18 inches.
- Spread material broadly and keep chips and mulch away from roads, trails, channels, and residual-tree bases.
- Stop machine operations on saturated soils and supplement mastication with hand pruning and brush removal.

Treatment Above 50 Percent Slope

The field-tour Q&A confirms that no equipment may operate above 50 percent slope. White Oak will therefore treat the 35.5 narrative acres identified above 50 percent as a controlled hand-and-machine operation. Qualified sawyers will cut designated material, and crews will use ropes, chokers, winches, tracked-chipper winches, and approved mechanical assistance from roads or sub-50-percent ground to move material to a safe processing location. The CAT 309 grapple and tracked chippers will support controlled receiving and processing where access allows.

This method avoids placing equipment where CEQA prohibits it while preventing excessive untreated slash from remaining on steep ground. The \$2,500-per-acre rate accounts for the labor and reduced production inherent in cutting, rigging, dragging, winching, repositioning, and processing dense material on these slopes.

Hand Treatment and Material Disposal

Hand Cut and Pile

Crater Lake Forestry's dedicated hand crew will perform cutting, pruning, bucking, piling, covering, mineral-soil lining, and final cleanup under White Oak supervision. Dense vegetation and slope make this item especially labor intensive. Piles will be located in openings whenever practical, kept at least 10 feet from overstory trunks, generally kept at least 200 feet from occupied structures, and placed clear of roads, ditches, utilities, poles, logs, stumps, and other ignition concerns.

- Keep hand piles at or below 6 by 6 by 6 feet and adjust pile size to limit canopy scorch.
- Use neat feeder windrows where authorized; keep them at least 4 feet from the main pile.
- Cover piles at construction with contractor-furnished wax paper or poly sheeting as directed.
- Cut a minimum 2-foot mineral-soil line around each pile and an uphill-slope-compliant rollout trench at least 8 inches deep where needed.
- Keep soil and noncombustible material out of piles and build for effective drying, access, ignition, and consumption.

Lop and Scatter

Crews will prune and treat designated material without damaging residual vegetation, lop slash so the final debris layer does not exceed 18 inches, and prevent accumulation at residual-tree bases. Within avoidance buffers, material will be removed from the protected feature itself. For treatment methods other than lop and scatter, material will be moved outside the avoidance buffer for processing as clarified in the field-tour Q&A.

Pile Burning Assistance

Josh Hagerty's prescribed-fire and pile-burning background will guide ignition support, resource allocation, burnability, patrol, mop-up, and residual-tree protection. White Oak will follow the RCD burn and smoke-management plans, maintain the required medical and communications plans, document weather, and provide personnel, PPE, tools, pumps, progressive hose capability, and more than 500 gallons of accessible water when required by the final burn plan. White Oak will limit ignitions to piles that can be safely controlled, maintain mineral lines, revisit and consolidate unconsumed material, and keep crown scorch within the specified limit. RCD assistance identified in the Q&A will supplement, not replace, White Oak's responsibility.

Incidental Hand Treatment and Chipping

If additional funds become available, White Oak can extend the same crew-and-chipper operation using the submitted hourly rates. Work will be documented by labor and chipper hours, coordinated in advance, and performed to the same treatment and cleanup standards as the acreage items.

Access Landowners and Resource Protection

Access and Equipment Movement

White Oak recognizes the limited lowbed access discussed during the field tour. Mobilization will be planned around equipment that can be safely transported by gooseneck or other approved configuration. Steel-tracked equipment will travel only on dirt roads; rubber-tracked equipment may use dirt or paved roads when appropriate. Swanson Road and other travel routes will remain open except for short, approved control periods. White Oak will use spotters, signage, traffic control, mats or protective methods where practical, and will repair project-caused road or driveway damage within the required period.

Private Property and Infrastructure

The work crosses 19 private ownerships. Placer RCD will maintain formal landowner notification, while White Oak supervisors will communicate professionally in the field, confirm access before entry, respect privacy screening that remains in place, and coordinate any necessary movement of landowner debris with the Project Manager. Homes shown on the Q&A maps, together with wells, low powerlines, driveways, fences, communication lines, and other infrastructure added to post-award operations maps, will be incorporated into daily briefings and equipment routes.

Environmental Controls

- Use RCD-completed biological, botanical, cultural, and time-sensitive nesting surveys; stop work and notify the Project Manager if an unmarked resource is encountered.
- Protect all flagged trees and shrubs, retain live oak preference where directed, and obtain advance RPF approval before cutting a live oak over 6 inches solely for access.
- Protect Class I through IV watercourses and observe the prescribed buffers; do not operate heavy equipment in prohibited zones or place chips, slash, fuel, or fill in channels.
- Maintain less than 5 percent significant residual-tree damage and correct damaged-tree issues promptly to avoid the contractual per-tree penalty.
- Control dust through low speeds, watering, and conversion to hand treatment near residences, public roads, or trails when needed; do not allow visible dust to leave the boundary.
- Clean equipment before entry, prevent invasive-species transport, maintain spill-response materials, waterbar created trails, and repair ruts, berms, drainage features, roads, gates, and fences.

Quality Control and Inspection

White Oak will use concurrent three-level quality control: crew self-checks, independent foreman inspection, and management review. Gavin Weislow will verify boundaries, leave-tree selection, pruning, stump height, slash depth, pile location and construction, road and buffer clearance, residual-tree protection, and final cleanup. Deficiencies will be corrected before the active work front leaves the area. Jack and Josh will review recurring issues with the RCD and recalibrate crews or equipment immediately.

Work Plan and Schedule

White Oak will begin within two weeks of award and proposes a continuous production period, consistent with the RCD's stated evaluation preference. Mechanical, steep-slope hand movement, hand piling, and lop-and-scatter work will be sequenced as coordinated fronts so material is not left in unsafe or incomplete condition. Priority 1 vegetation treatment is anticipated to require approximately 45 to 60 working days. Pile burning will occur during authorized burn windows and may follow vegetation treatment without delaying closeout of completed nonburning work.

Stage	Anticipated Timing	Primary Deliverables
Startup	Award through Week 2	Pre-operations meeting, landowner/access coordination, survey and map review, equipment and crew mobilization
Initial production	Weeks 1 through 2	Calibrate treatment and finish standards; establish machine and hand-crew flow; confirm inspection blocks
Main Priority 1 work	Weeks 2 through 8	Continuous mechanical, steep-slope, hand-pile, and lop-and-scatter production across Units 1 through 4
Closeout	Weeks 8 through 10	Final QC, measured-acre reconciliation, repairs, cleanup, completed-unit invoicing, and punch-list correction
Pile burning	Approved seasonal windows	Burn-plan compliance, ignition support, patrol, mop-up, consumption checks, and documentation
Priority 2	If funded and authorized	Continuous extension of the same operating plan and firm unit prices

Invoices may be submitted every 14 days. White Oak will generally invoice completed treatment units or accepted work blocks and will maintain daily acreage, labor, equipment, inspection, and correction records supporting each invoice.

Staffing and Management

Person or Team	Position	Project Responsibility
Jack Arnswald	Project Executive and Project Manager	Contract authority, RCD communication, resources, schedule, safety, landowner coordination, and executive quality assurance
Josh Hagerty	Operations Manager and LTO	Treatment interpretation, steep-slope plan, mechanical and hand coordination, pile quality, burn support, and field problem solving
Mario Punteri	Field Superintendent	Daily production, equipment placement, crew flow, access, safety, and correction work
Gavin Weislow	Quality Control Foreman	Independent verification, documentation, completed-acre checks, and closeout
Crater Lake Forestry	Dedicated 20-Person Hand Crew	Saw work, pruning, material movement, hand piling, covering, lop and scatter, and cleanup under White Oak supervision

Equipment and Dedicated Resources

Equipment or Resource	Planned Use
Remote-control PrimeTech masticator	Precise mastication on steep but sub-50-percent terrain, tight access, and areas where operator separation improves safety
PrimeTech PT-175	Primary mastication and processing on accessible mechanical units
Bobcat 286 with masticating head	Tight-access mastication, cleanup, support, and material control
CAT 309 CR with masticating head and grapple	Selective processing, grapple handling, pile support, receiving winched material, and cleanup
Two 15-inch Bandit tracked chippers with 200-foot winches	Road- and trail-based chipping, controlled material movement, and processing from steep-slope hand treatment
Bandit 19-inch and 20-inch chippers	Higher-capacity processing and contingency support where access permits
Hand crew saw and rigging packages	Chainsaws, pole saws, ropes, chokers, winches, hand tools, pile covers, and rollout control
Fire and support resources	Accessible water, pumps, hose, backpack pumps, PPE, weather kit, radios, first aid, service trucks, signage, and sanitation

All machines will remain within the 50-percent slope limit confirmed in the Q&A, regardless of the more permissive walking-excavator line in the original RFP table. Equipment will be cleaned before entry, inspected daily, and operated only where soil, access, residual-tree, road, and infrastructure conditions allow.

Safety and Fire Readiness

White Oak will operate under a project-specific job hazard analysis, daily tailgate briefings, equipment and sawyer separation, identified escape routes, and universal stop-work authority. Field leadership will address steep-slope footing, hung material, rolling debris, winch and rigging zones, overhead utilities, traffic, residences, smoke, and changing weather as daily hazards. Half-fallen or hung trees will be processed when safe and left only when they present unacceptable crew risk or are marked for wildlife habitat.

- Maintain qualified sawyers, spotters, radio procedures, exclusion zones, first aid, and emergency access.
- Keep roads passable and use approved traffic controls when equipment or processing affects travel.
- Inspect rigging, winches, chokers, chipper feeds, guards, and emergency stops before use.
- Maintain fire tools and suppression resources appropriate to current operations and burn-plan requirements.
- Prepare the required medical, spill-response, and pile-burning operational plans before affected work begins.

Key Personnel Qualifications

Jack Arnswald Project Executive and Project Manager

Jack Arnswald brings more than 20 years of construction and land-management experience and approximately six years of fuels-reduction experience. He provides executive oversight, schedule and resource management, agency coordination, safety accountability, and final quality assurance. Jack also has extensive experience operating and managing heavy equipment, subcontractors, and multi-crew public-agency vegetation projects.

Jack's closeout standard is complete performance and full acceptance. He remains involved through inspection and correction work and does not consider an area finished merely because production has passed through it. Roads, fences, drainage, residual trees, treatment boundaries, pile locations, and cleanup must be checked and deficiencies corrected. His goal is to deliver 100 percent of the contracted treatment in a clean, orderly, park-like and inspection-ready condition where the prescription allows. Placer RCD has already seen that follow-through on prior work, giving Phase III an experienced and accountable starting point rather than a new-contractor learning curve.

Licenses and registrations: California CSLB A and B License 1063859; DIR Public Works Registration PW-LR-1001094968; California Certified Small Business 2027411.

Josh Hagerty Operations Manager and Licensed Timber Operator

Josh Hagerty has more than 18 years of forestry and wildland-fire experience. His background includes the USFS Black Mountain Hotshots, Nevada Division of Forestry Battle Born Helitack, and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Rifle Peak and Slide Mountain hand crews. Since 2007, he has performed and supervised hand and machine pile construction, hazard felling, logging support, and prescribed-fire preparation across California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Josh brings the perspective of both the production crew and the future burn operation. He organizes cutting, rigging, material movement, machine processing, and pile placement as one system so slash is handled efficiently and piles are compact, stable, accessible, and positioned to protect retained trees. His prescribed-fire experience emphasizes 80 to 100 percent pile consumption, residual-tree protection, erosion and rollout prevention, and safe work in snow, rain, and variable burn conditions. He calibrates crews early, inspects continuously, and corrects work before demobilization.

Licenses: California Licensed Timber Operator A013295; California D-49 Tree Service Contractor License 1108873.

Mario Punteri Field Superintendent

Mario Punteri has approximately 12 years of logging, timber cutting, forestry, excavation, and heavy-equipment experience. He directs daily production, assigns operators and crews, coordinates machine and hand-work separation, manages access and staging, communicates field conditions, and ensures safety or quality issues are corrected promptly.

Gavin Weislow Quality Control Foreman

Gavin Weislow supervises forestry production and field quality control, including hazard recognition, cleanup, treatment verification, road and trail clearance, documentation, and end-of-shift inspection. He will maintain an independent QC focus while coordinating directly with Mario and Josh.

Hand Crew Capacity and Accountability

Crater Lake Forestry Dedicated Hand Crew

Crater Lake Forestry will provide a dedicated, owner-managed 20-person hand crew for steep-slope cutting, pruning, bucking, controlled material movement, hand-pile construction, pile covering, mineral-soil lining, lop and scatter, and final cleanup. Its crews are experienced in steep, access-limited, environmentally sensitive, and wildland-urban-interface settings. White Oak and Crater Lake have already worked together on comparable fuels treatments and function as one coordinated operating team.

Crater Lake personnel will operate under White Oak's daily plan, English-speaking field supervision, safety briefings, treatment calibration, and continuous inspection system. White Oak retains full responsibility for subcontractor safety, schedule, quality, documentation, corrections, invoicing, and contract compliance. Letters supporting Crater Lake's performance are available for the proposal package.

Relevant Past Performance

Yuba Ranger District Cruzon Grade

Client and Agency: Nevada County and U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest

Performance Period: Winter 2025 through 2026

Quantity: Approximately 364 acres and 15 miles of control line

Status: Completed on schedule

White Oak completed roadside hand cutting, thinning, slash treatment, hand piling, pile covering, and approximately 15 miles of control-line construction. Work continued for roughly five months through winter conditions and required protection of mapped archaeological sites, flagged resources, roads, drainage, residual trees, and treatment boundaries. White Oak maintained production while inspecting and correcting work as it progressed, delivering clean, fully treated units on schedule.

Relevance to Phase III: Cruzon Grade demonstrates large-scale hand treatment, steep and difficult winter production, covered pile construction, access protection, cultural-resource avoidance, and continuous QC. Those same systems will be applied to Phase III's steep-slope and hand-pile acreage.

Woodpecker Ravine Forest Restoration

Client: Nevada County

Performance Period: 2025 through 2026

Overall Program: Approximately 400 acres

White Oak Scope: Approximately 115 acres hand thinning and chipping; 18 acres hand thinning and piling; limited lop and scatter

Status: Completed on schedule

White Oak integrated management and quality-control personnel with Crater Lake's hand-crew capacity to complete multiple treatment types while protecting leave trees, private property, roads, and environmental constraints. Sawyers, ground personnel, chipping support, pile crews, and supervisors worked as one production system and delivered accepted treatment areas ready for agency inspection.

Relevance to Phase III: Woodpecker demonstrates the exact White Oak and Crater Lake team proposed here, including coordinated cutting, chipping, hand piling, cleanup, private-property protection, and adjustments between mechanical and hand treatment.

Relevant Past Performance Continued

North Fork Shaded Fuel Break Phase II

Client: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Performance Period: March 2024 through March 2025

Program Quantity: Approximately 800 acres

Status: Completed on schedule

White Oak completed work within the approximately 800-acre Phase II shaded-fuel-break program involving mechanical mastication, hand thinning, selective tree and brush removal, chipping, pile preparation, and related fuels-reduction activities. Units varied in terrain, density, access, fuel loading, private-property conditions, and environmental constraints. White Oak coordinated operators and hand crews, adjusted methods to field conditions, protected residual vegetation and improvements, and maintained consistent inspection and cleanup standards.

Relevance to Phase III: This is the most directly relevant relationship and performance example. Placer RCD already knows White Oak's management, communication, responsiveness, treatment quality, and closeout approach. Phase II also gave White Oak practical familiarity with the District's desired finish and the importance of balancing production with landowner, access, resource, and inspection needs.

Truckee Fire Urban Interface Fuels Reduction

Client: Truckee Fire Protection District

Performance Period: 2022 through 2023

Quantity: Approximately 87 acres

Treatment: Hand thinning, selective cutting, brush treatment, chipping, and cleanup

Status: Completed on schedule

White Oak completed cut-and-chip hazardous-fuels reduction near homes, roads, community access routes, and infrastructure. The work required disciplined falling, selective removal, protection of residential property, traffic and public-safety controls, chipping logistics, daily road clearance, and close attention to appearance. The finished treatment reduced fuels while maintaining a clean, orderly, park-like condition in a highly visible WUI setting.

Relevance to Phase III: Truckee Fire demonstrates the landowner awareness, infrastructure protection, traffic control, dust and disturbance management, chipping logistics, and clean daily closeout required across Phase III's 19 private ownerships.

Additional Relevant Experience

White Oak's additional work includes PCWA vegetation maintenance around dams, reservoirs, penstocks, roads, and energized facilities; large-scale mastication and hand treatment for Northstar-area and Tahoe-region clients; and fuels-reduction projects requiring steep-terrain planning, mechanical and hand-crew integration, resource buffers, public access controls, and agency inspection. Additional project documentation and client contacts are available upon request.

Benefit to the Community

Phase III will reduce ladder fuels and surface-fuel continuity between Weimar and the North Fork American River canyon, improve suppression opportunities, support safer access for residents and responders, and protect homes, roads, utilities, watercourses, and other community assets. Careful pile placement, clean mechanical processing, retained-tree protection, and thoughtful treatment near residences will improve long-term resilience without sacrificing the orderly appearance expected on private property.

White Oak is based in Meadow Vista and already works in Placer County. During performance, the company and its crews will support the local economy through lodging, meals, groceries, fuel, repair services, parts, sanitation, trucking, rentals, and other supplies whenever practical. White Oak will use qualified local vendors and workers when additional support is needed, communicate respectfully with landowners, minimize avoidable disruption, keep roads and work areas orderly, and leave each completed unit clean, safe, and ready for RCD acceptance.

References

Reference	Organization	Telephone
Kenneth Remmert	USFS and National Forest Foundation	(925) 487-3849
Scott Stephenson	Placer County Resource Conservation District	(408) 803-3583
Dillon Sheedy	Truckee Fire Protection District	(530) 582-7888
Allison Erny RPF 3081	Mason Bruce and Girard	(530) 955-5015
Mike Chancellor	Placer County Water Agency	(530) 863-3815
Cooper Johnson	Northstar Community Services District Fire Department	(916) 759-4745
Jeff Calvert RPF	CAL FIRE	(530) 551-7868

Commitment

White Oak is prepared to provide the workforce, specialized equipment, experienced leadership, and quality-control structure needed to complete Phase III safely and continuously. Our prior work with Placer RCD means the District already knows our standard: communicate directly, protect the site and landowners, solve field issues early, correct deficiencies before demobilization, and finish the entire assignment to a high standard. We welcome the opportunity to continue that relationship on Phase III.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Arnswald | Owner and President | (530) 906-1338 | whiteoak.jack@gmail.com

Exhibit A Cost Proposal

All acreage-based treatment items are offered at a firm unit price of \$2,500 per acre. Rates include labor, equipment, mobilization, supervision, overhead, profit, supplemental handwork, controlled material movement, pile-cover materials, cleanup, and other incidentals required by the RFP.

Item	Treatment	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
P1 I	Mechanical under 50 percent slope	36 acres	\$2,500 per acre	\$90,000
P1 II	Mechanical over 50 percent slope	25 acres	\$2,500 per acre	\$62,500
P1 III	Hand treat and pile	22.5 acres	\$2,500 per acre	\$56,250
P1 IV	Lop and scatter	7.5 acres	\$2,500 per acre	\$18,750
P2 V	Mechanical under 50 percent slope	14.5 acres	\$2,500 per acre	\$36,250
P2 VI	Mechanical over 50 percent slope	11 acres	\$2,500 per acre	\$27,500
P2 VII	Lop and scatter	7 acres	\$2,500 per acre	\$17,500
VIII	Pile-burning assistance	Actual hours	\$95 per labor hour	Billed by actual hours
IX A	Incidental hand treatment and chipping labor	Actual hours	\$95 per labor hour	Billed by actual hours
IX B	Incidental tracked chipper	Actual hours	\$185 per chipper hour	Billed by actual hours

Pricing Summary	Amount
Grand Total Priority 1 acreage items	\$227,500
Grand Total Priority 2 acreage items	\$81,250
Potential total of P1 and P2 acreage items	\$308,750

Pricing Basis and Quantity Clarification

The extended totals above use the quantities printed in Exhibit A, as required for proposal comparison. The written scope and field-tour Q&A identify different quantities for certain items, including 25.5 Priority 1 acres and 10 Priority 2 acres of over-50-percent treatment, and 5.5 Priority 2 acres of lop and scatter. White Oak's \$2,500-per-acre unit price remains firm. Extended amounts will adjust to the treatment type and actual acreage authorized, completed, measured, and accepted by Placer RCD.

Priority 2 is priced but not assumed to be awarded. Hourly Items VIII and IX are excluded from the acreage totals and will be billed only for RCD-authorized actual hours.

Submitted by Pacific Building and Engineering Inc. DBA White Oak Land Management

Jack Arnsward | Owner and President

Date September 17, 2026

Exhibit B List of Subcontractors

Subcontractor	Address	Description of Work
Crater Lake Forestry LLC	309 W Clark Street, Apartment 309 Medford, Oregon 97501	Dedicated hand crew for cutting, pruning, steep-slope material movement, hand piling, pile covering, lop and scatter, and cleanup under White Oak supervision

Administrative Acknowledgments

- White Oak acknowledges the revised August 27, 2026 RFP and the field-tour questions and answers.
- Payment and performance bonds are not required under the RFP correction issued by Placer RCD.
- White Oak will provide the required insurance certificates with the submission package and any landowner-specific certificates or endorsements required after award.
- White Oak will obtain and maintain the required Placer County Business License before beginning work.
- White Oak is active with the California Secretary of State and will include a current active-status certificate with the submission package.
- White Oak attended the mandatory field tour and is eligible to submit a proposal.
- White Oak can begin work within two weeks after award and will complete all authorized work no later than February 10, 2029.

Company Information

Registration	Number or Status
Legal entity	Pacific Building and Engineering Inc. DBA White Oak Land Management
UEI	S4Y3UG8UK8W1
CAGE	12Q46
California CSLB	Class A and B License 1063859
DIR Public Works Registration	PW-LR-1001094968
California Certified Small Business	2027411
Licensed Timber Operator	Josh Hagerty A013295
California D-49 Tree Service	Josh Hagerty 1108873

Submission Package Attachments

The final email package should include this proposal, current insurance certificates, the California Secretary of State active-status certificate, and any addendum acknowledgment requested by Placer RCD. The Placer County Business License may be obtained after award but must be in hand before work begins.



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6/16/2026

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INSURED Pacific Building & Engineering DBA: White Oak Land Management P.O. Box 1554 Meadow Vista, CA 95722	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: Trisura Specialty Insurance Company INSURER B: Infinity Select Insurance Company INSURER C: Kinsale Insurance Company INSURER D: Everest Premier Insurance Company INSURER E: INSURER F:	NAIC # 16188 20260 38920 16045

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B	☒ AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☒ ANY AUTO ☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			50025215001	6/28/2026	12/28/2026	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
Verification Of Insurance

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

Verification of Insurance

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

Entity Name: PACIFIC BUILDING AND ENGINEERING INC
Entity No.: 4198709
Registration Date: 09/26/2018
Entity Type: Stock Corporation - CA - General
Formed In: CALIFORNIA
Status: Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of September 18, 2026.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

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September 17, 2026

Lewis Campbell, Forestry Project Manager
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11641 Blocker Drive, Suite 120
Auburn, CA 95603
lewis@placerrcd.org

Re: Request for Proposals — North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak, Phase III

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Timbersmith Corporation is pleased to submit this proposal for Phase III of the North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak. We are a certified women-owned small business founded in 2010, headquartered in Meadow Vista — roughly fifteen miles from the Weimar project area.

We built Phase II — 900 acres of this same fuelbreak for the District between March 2024 and March 2025, on the same ground and under the same treatment specifications — and we have performed significant maintenance work in the Phase I area. We provided pile burning assistance on both of those phases — the same scope requested here under Item VIII. We followed with the Placer Sierra Fuels Reduction Project, 200 acres at Emigrant Gap from July 2025 through February 2026 under your direct management, where we carried the pile burning program outright on a per-acre basis. The example burn plan attached to this RFP as Exhibit E is the Placer Sierra burn plan; we have already executed against that document in the field.

The 25 Priority 1 acres above 50 percent slope are the hard part of this bid, and we want to be direct about how we intend to treat them. Rather than force equipment onto ground it does not belong on — ground the RFP describes as reaching 100 percent — we will hand cut those acres to specification and move the material to the nearest accessible location under 50 percent, where our machine-fed tracked chipper modules process and broadcast it. No wheel or track touches the steep ground at all, and it is how we have worked the inaccessible terrain on this fuelbreak from the beginning.

We will begin on the Priority 1 acres as soon as we receive a notice to proceed, and our schedule treats all 91 of them within roughly six months of NTP — almost two years ahead of the February 10, 2029 deadline. The pricing that follows is the most aggressive we have put in front of the District. We know what this work takes to do correctly, and we have sharpened our pencil as far as we can and still stand behind the result, because of the relationship we have built with the RCD over the last several years and because this fuelbreak is in our own backyard. Our Priority 1 total of \$261,900 sits inside the District's \$345,800 estimate, leaving funds available toward the pile burning program and Priority 2 acres.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available at (530) 615-8888 or info@timbersmithtree.com for any questions the evaluation committee may have.

Sincerely,

Keenan Smith
Chief Executive Officer
Timbersmith Corporation

1. COST PROPOSAL

Timbersmith proposes the following firm unit prices for all zones and treatment types identified in Exhibit A, Schedule of Items / Cost Proposal Form.

Item	Treatment	Acres	Unit Price	Extended	Production Basis
P1 — I	Mechanical <50% Slope	36	\$2,400.00 / ac	\$86,400.00	2.0 ac/day
P1 — II	Mechanical >50% Slope	25	\$5,400.00 / ac	\$135,000.00	1.5 ac/day hand cut, move, chip
P1 — III	Hand Treat and Pile	22.5	\$1,400.00 / ac	\$31,500.00	4.0 ac/day
P1 — IV	Lop and Scatter	7.5	\$1,200.00 / ac	\$9,000.00	6.0 ac/day
GRAND TOTAL — PRIORITY 1 (91 acres)				\$261,900.00	
P2 — V	Mechanical <50% Slope	14.5	\$2,400.00 / ac	\$34,800.00	2.0 ac/day
P2 — VI	Mechanical >50% Slope	11	\$5,400.00 / ac	\$59,400.00	1.5 ac/day hand cut, move, chip
P2 — VII	Lop and Scatter	7	\$1,200.00 / ac	\$8,400.00	6.0 ac/day
GRAND TOTAL — PRIORITY 2 (32.5 acres)				\$102,600.00	
VIII	Pile Burning Assistance	22.5	\$85.00 / man hour	NA	On RCD request
IX	Incidental Hand Treat and Chip	NA	\$95.00 / man hour \$350.00 / chipper hour	NA	If funds allow

Pricing terms

- These rates represent our most aggressive pricing for this scope. They are firm, will not be negotiated, and include all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, mobilization, supervision, permits, licenses, overhead and profit.
- We understand that up to 10% of the area in each designated treatment may fluctuate between hand and mechanical treatment as designated by the Project Manager. Our unit prices remain firm and we will not seek an adjustment for reasonable redesignation.
- Items I and V include the supplemental hand-crew work the RFP requires inside mastication areas — pruning residual trees to eight feet and clearing brush from within driplines per Exhibit D — and secondary processing of tops and downed logs beyond the reach of the masticating head. These are not billed as extras.
- Payment is for actual acres completed and accepted. We propose bi-weekly progress invoices at the contracted unit rates, with a final invoice on final inspection and acceptance.

Value to the District

These are the most aggressive rates Timbersmith has put in front of the District. We have worked alongside the RCD for years, we know exactly what this ground takes to treat correctly, and we have sharpened our pencil to bring the cost down as far as we can while still standing behind the work — because we value the relationship and because this fuelbreak protects the communities our own crews live in.

That includes the steep ground. Hand cutting the 25 acres above 50 percent slope, moving the material downslope and processing it through a chipper module is the most labor-intensive work on this project, producing at 1.5 acres per day — work that prices at \$7,500 per acre and up on its merits. We are offering it at \$5,400. That is the single largest concession in this proposal and the line where the District gets the most value for its dollar.

The District's published estimate for Priority 1 mechanical work, handwork and pile burning is \$345,800. Our Priority 1 total of \$261,900 sits well inside it, which leaves funds available to the District for the pile burning program and toward bringing Priority 2 acres into the contract by amendment at the same firm unit prices, without re-solicitation.

2. APPROACH, STAFFING, WORK PLAN, AND SCHEDULE

2.1 Understanding of the project

Phase III treats approximately 91 Priority 1 acres of private property between the community of Weimar and the North Fork American River canyon, on both sides of Brushy Creek, in T14N R9E Sections 23 and 26. The stand is predominantly montane hardwood with pockets of mixed chaparral and blue oak woodland, at 1,680 to 2,240 feet, on slopes running from flat to 100 percent. The objective is a thin-from-below treatment that removes ladder fuels and modifies fire behavior so suppression forces can hold this ground. CAL FIRE is the lead agency under a completed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and an additional 30 acres may be added later.

The defining constraint is slope. The RFP limits equipment by slope class — 30 percent for wheeled machines, 50 percent for tracked chippers and tracked masticators — and 25 of the 91 Priority 1 acres sit above 50 percent, on ground the RFP describes as reaching 100 percent. How a contractor proposes to treat those 25 acres is the substantive question in this solicitation, and Section 2.3 answers it plainly.

2.2 Why Timbersmith is uniquely positioned for Phase III

We built Phase II of this fuelbreak. Phase II was a \$3.4 million, 900-acre contract for this District between March 2024 and March 2025, on this same fuelbreak alignment, under these same treatment specifications, and we have carried out significant maintenance work within the Phase I area as well. Phase III is a continuation of that work, not a new project. Our crews already know the access roads and trails, the parcel boundaries, the landowners, the terrain that looks workable on a slope map and is not, and the trails that are blocked by locked gates. Nothing in our production estimate is a guess drawn from a map.

We have already provided pile burning assistance on this fuelbreak. Hourly pile burning assistance under an RCD-written burn plan — precisely the scope of Item VIII — is work we performed on both Phase I and Phase II of this project. On the Placer Sierra Fuels Reduction Project (July 2025 – February 2026, \$460,000, 200 acres) we went further and carried the pile burning program outright, on a per-acre basis rather than as hourly assistance, so our crews have run a burn program end to end as well as supporting the District's. Exhibit E of this RFP is the Placer Sierra burn plan: PFIRS coordination, PRC 4104 compliance, belt weather kit and Kestrel documentation, progressive hose lays, bladder bags and daily patrol. Our fire supervisor has worked inside that document.

Our method for the steep acres keeps equipment off the steep ground. Those 25 acres will be hand cut to the Exhibit D specification, and the material moved to the nearest accessible location under 50 percent, where our machine-fed tracked chipper modules — a self-propelled tracked whole-tree chipper paired with a size-matched grapple excavator that feeds it directly — chip and broadcast it. Machine feeding outproduces a crew feeding a tow-behind chipper many times over, and the method puts no wheel or track on the steep ground at all. Both CAL FIRE and the U.S. Forest Service have consulted Timbersmith on the contract mechanisms and rate schedules needed to mobilize these modules to incidents.

One prime, every treatment type, one point of accountability. The RCD states it prefers to award one contract for the entire project. We are proposing on all of it — both slope classes, hand cut and pile, lop and scatter, pile burning assistance, and incidental hourly work — with Highlanders Forest, LLC as our hand-crew subcontractor under direct Timbersmith field supervision. We have run more than 2,000 acres alongside Highlanders over the past two years, much of it on this landscape.

This is our Backyard. Timbersmith is headquartered in Meadow Vista. Crews commute daily; there is no per-diem or lodging load inside our rates, no mobilization delay, and no gap between a call from the Project Manager and a machine moving. On a project with saturated-soil shutdowns and burn-day windows that open with two days' notice, proximity is an operational capability, not a talking point.

2.3 Treatment approach

Treatment	Approach and specification commitments
Mechanical <50% slope (Items I, V)	Tracked masticator or boom-mounted excavator mulcher grinds targeted material to a depth not exceeding six inches, with no piece longer than 18 inches. Conifers to 12 inches DBH are treated where designated, with equipment held to existing skid trails where ground disturbance must be minimized. Tops that exceed the reach of the mastication head and downed logs are secondarily processed with the head. A hand crew follows each machine to prune residual trees to eight feet or 50 percent of live crown and to cut brush away from residual trees per Exhibit D. No mastication during saturated soil conditions as determined by the Project Manager.
Mechanical >50% slope (Items II, VI)	Hand cut, move, chip and broadcast. Chainsaw and pole-saw crews cut the steep acres to the same Exhibit D specification used for hand treatment, working top down. Cut material is then moved downslope by hand to the nearest accessible location under 50 percent slope, where a machine-fed tracked chipper module — tracked whole-tree chipper with a size-matched grapple excavator feeding it directly — processes the material and broadcasts the chips. No equipment of any kind enters ground over 50 percent slope, so there is no tracking, rutting or berming on the steepest and most erosion-prone portion of the project, and no trail construction requiring waterbars. Chips are broadcast as widely as possible to a depth not exceeding six inches, never onto roads, trails or into any water or dry stream channel, and never piled at the base of residual trees. Because this method concentrates material from steep acres onto accessible receiving ground, we will identify receiving areas with the Project Manager in advance and, where volume cannot be broadcast within the six-inch limit, extend the broadcast footprint or propose an alternative rather than exceed the specification.
Hand treat and pile (Item III)	Chainsaw and pole-saw crews cut to the Exhibit D specification — 100 percent removal of conifers under 12 inches DBH and hardwoods under six inches within the dripline of trees larger than 12 inches, 17-foot average spacing between leave trees outside driplines, brush removed within 25 feet of existing roads, shrub-dominated areas thinned to one shrub every 30 feet, and 100 to 400 square foot brush patches retained where removal would otherwise leave no brush within a 150-foot circle. Stumps are cut to four inches on brush and six inches on trees on the uphill side. Piles are built to a 6' x 6' x 6' maximum, never within 200 feet of a residence, at least 10 feet from the trunk of any overhead tree, free of soil, garbage and non-combustible material, and covered. Feeder piles are stacked in windrows with butt ends to one side, at least four feet from the pile.
Lop and scatter (Items IV, VII)	Same cutting and pruning specification as hand treat and pile; material is lopped so debris depth does not exceed 18 inches and is scattered rather than concentrated at the base of residual trees.
Pile burning assistance (Item VIII)	Offered under the no-liability option. Timbersmith furnishes all crews, water handling and equipment necessary to execute the District's burn plan and smoke management plan: more than 500 gallons of accessible water on site, a 300-foot progressive hose lay with 1.5-inch trunk line, 1-inch NPSH hose, gated wyes and nozzles, fueled pumps with at least three gallons of spare gasoline, no fewer than four filled bladder bags, full PPE and hand tools for every person on site, and a calibrated Kestrel meter or belt weather kit with weather recorded at least twice daily. We keep residual tree scorch under one third of the crown on more than 95 percent of trees, revisit piles to consolidate unburned material over one inch in diameter and one foot in length, and light only as many piles as the on-site crew can control. We understand the District may pause operations or stop ignitions at any time, even within prescription.
Incidental hourly (Item IX)	A Type 2 tracked chipper — 350 hp, 20-inch capacity — hand fed by our crews, available on an hourly basis if additional funds become available after planned acreage is complete. Chips are broadcast to a depth not exceeding six inches, never onto roads, trails, or into any water or dry stream channel, and never piled at the base of residual trees.

2.4 Equipment to be utilized

The RFP requires that proposed equipment specifications be included in the bid. Timbersmith will deploy the following, selected to treat material effectively while minimizing ground disturbance and damage to residual vegetation:

Equipment	Application	RFP slope limit
Tracked forestry masticator / boom-mounted excavator mulcher	Items I and V — primary mastication	50%
Type 2 machine-fed tracked chipper module — 350 hp tracked whole-tree chipper, 20" capacity, with size-matched grapple excavator	Items II and VI — processing and broadcasting material moved off slopes over 50%, staged on accessible ground under 50%. The same chipper is hand fed by crews for Item IX incidental work and for stream-zone material hauled out for processing.	50%
Tracked skid steer with mowing head	Confined mechanical pockets and trail access	50%
Chainsaws, pole saws, hand tools	Items II, III, IV, VI and VII; cutting and moving material on slopes over 50%; pruning and brush follow-up inside mastication units	No limit
Water tender / mobile water unit, pumps, hose, gated wyes, bladder bags, Kestrel meter	Item VIII pile burning and fire prevention compliance	—

No equipment listed above will be operated on slopes exceeding its limit in the RFP's equipment table. Slopes over 50 percent are treated by hand crews only, with material moved to accessible ground for machine processing. All equipment meets California emission standards, carries approved spark arresters and the fire extinguishers and tools required under the Public Resources Code and Placer RCD Fire Policy for Operations, and is cleaned of soil, seed and plant material before entering the project area and when moving between areas of differing weed status. Vehicle speeds are held to 15 miles per hour on all project roads.

2.5 Staffing and organization

Our management structure is modeled on the Incident Command System, internalized through years of USFS wildfire contracting. It gives the District a clear chain of command and a single point of contact.

Role	Responsibility
Project Manager — Keenan Smith, CEO	Single point of contact for the District. Contractual matters, invoicing, insurance compliance, landowner and outside-agency coordination, and all strategic decisions. 15+ years in logging, timber falling and hazard tree removal.
Jobsite Foreman — Keaton Kirby, Operations Manager	On-site daily command of crews and operators. Owns quality control and specification adherence in the field, runs the daily tailgate safety briefing, and communicates directly with the Project Manager. 10+ years with Timbersmith as faller and operator.
Arborist — Katelyn Johnson, ISA Certified Arborist #OH-6765A	ANSI A300 and ISA BMP pruning compliance, hazard tree assessment, and residual-stand damage review.
Equipment Operators	One qualified operator per machine. Operators carry CAL FIRE Hired Equipment Cards and/or RT-130 currency.
Fire Supervisor and Patrolperson	Designated by name to the District before operations begin. Runs the pile-burn daily checklist, weather recording, ignition control and post-departure patrol.
Subcontractor Lead — Highlanders Forest, LLC	Hand crews for Items III, IV, VII and mastication follow-up, taking direction from the Timbersmith foreman and operating inside our span of control. All crew carry active I-9 documentation and workers' compensation; supervisors hold current first aid and CPR; crews meet NWCG wildland fire position standards.

2.6 Work plan, production rates, and sequence

Our production rates come from Phase II and Placer Sierra performance on this landscape, not from published averages. The sequence below is designed so that hand work — which is unaffected by soil moisture — carries the wet season, while machine work is concentrated in dry windows.

Phase	Work	Production rate	Working days	Target window
1	Begins on notice to proceed. All Priority 1 hand cut and pile (22.5 ac) runs simultaneously with mastication on mechanical ground under 50% slope (36 ac). Two production fronts, no waiting.	4.0 ac/day hand 2.0 ac/day masticator	6 hand 18 machine (concurrent)	Oct – Dec 2026
2	Lop and scatter (7.5 ac) — hand work that continues through wet-season periods when mechanical ground is closed by saturated soils. Pile burning assistance begins as piles cure and the District requests it.	6.0 ac/day	2	Dec 2026 – Mar 2027
3	Treatment of ground over 50% slope (25 ac): hand cutting on the steep acres, material moved downslope, and chipping and broadcast by the tracked chipper module on accessible receiving ground. Scheduled last because it is the most labor-intensive and access-dependent work, so a delay here never stalls the rest of the project.	1.5 ac/day	17	Dec 2026 – Mar 2027
4	Continued pile burning assistance at the District's discretion; Priority 2 acres (32.5 ac, approx. 16 additional working days) if added by contract amendment.	—	—	Fall 2027 onward
Priority 1 critical path: approximately 37 working days of production, all 91 acres treated within roughly six months of notice to proceed — about 22 months ahead of the February 10, 2029 completion deadline.				

2.7 Mobilization, schedule risk, and limited operating periods

- We are capable of beginning work well inside the two-week post-award requirement. Equipment stages from Meadow Vista, roughly 10 miles from the project area, and we will attend the pre-operations meeting before any crew enters the unit.
- Phase 1 and Phase 2 and 3 fall entirely outside the February 15 – August 31 nesting bird window, so no survey is required to start. For any additional work which falls inside it; we will coordinate with the District so a qualified biologist can survey the steep units in advance of entry, and if that survey cannot be arranged we will shift that work to September – November 2027, which still completes the project more than a year ahead of the deadline.
- Our primary risk control is method flexibility. Hand crews, masticators and chipper modules under one contract mean that saturated soils, elevated fire danger, a locked gate or a Project Manager redesignation moves production to a different front instead of stopping it. Tracked chippers can often keep operating at project activity levels where masticators must shut down, at the Project Manager's discretion — on a short operating season that is the difference between holding schedule and losing weeks.
- Burning may occur across the winter period as weather, fuel moisture and permits allow. We hold crews available to respond to permissive burn days on short notice rather than demobilizing between windows.

2.8 Resource protection and Best Management Practices

- **Watercourses:** We will implement WLPZ and ELZ buffers at the widths in the RFP table by stream class and slope class. No mastication or piling operations occur in Class I or Class II zones. In Class III ELZs at least 50 percent of pre-treatment understory vegetation is left living and well distributed; equipment enters only perpendicular to the watercourse where side slopes are under 30 percent, never contacts the watercourse except at dry, RPF-flagged crossings, and where more than 800 square feet of mineral soil is exposed we apply chips, mulch or lopped slash to no more than 12 inches covering 80 percent of the exposed area. Drafting from natural watercourses will not occur. Material cut inside buffers is hauled out for processing.
- **Residual stand:** Damage to residual trees is minimized and kept below the RFP's 5 percent threshold. We will hand-fall and mulch damaged trees when the Project Manager requires it. All pruning follows ANSI A300 and ISA Best Management Practices — first, second and final cut, branch bark ridge retained, no flush cuts — supervised by our ISA Certified Arborist.
- **Flagging:** We work only inside fluorescent orange boundaries. Blue-and-white striped watercourse buffers, pink-and-black sensitive resource boundaries and pink "DO NOT CUT" designations are treated as absolute. Where a boundary is not clearly delineated we stop and contact the Project Manager before entering.
- **Wildlife, plants and cultural resources:** If wildlife enters an active treatment area, work ceases until the animal has left. If a previously undetected special-status plant or cultural resource is discovered, all work in that area stops immediately and the Project Manager is notified. Known cultural sites flagged in the field are avoided; survey results remain confidential.
- **Dust, smoke and noise:** Watering for dust abatement at the Project Manager's direction, with no dust-suppressing chemicals. Within 200 feet of residences, open public roads or trails, masticators operate only when soil moisture prevents noticeable airborne dust; otherwise we apply water or switch to hand treatment and chipping. Operations comply with the Placer County noise ordinance, and residents are informed before prescribed burning.
- **Site condition:** We rent and maintain an on-site outhouse, leave no human waste on site, clean all areas of garbage and excess material before daily acceptance, avoid damage to utilities, repair any damage to roads, trails, gates, fences, culverts or signage within ten working days of notification, and propel no chips or debris onto neighboring land or against fences. A spill response plan for substances threatening water quality will be submitted to the RCD before operations begin.

2.9 Quality control and inspections

Timbersmith conducts ongoing compliance inspections across all active units, documenting residual spacing, stump heights, pruning height, chip and mastication depth, piece size, pile construction and buffer compliance against the RFP specifications. We break the job into logical measurable units as the RFP encourages, and request final inspections in writing with advance notice, with documentation ready at the time of each request. We understand that interim compliance inspections are not final and do not constitute acceptance.

2.10 Outside agency and landowner coordination

Phase III is on private property across multiple parcels, which makes landowner communication part of the job rather than a courtesy. We carry additional insured endorsements for individual landowners as the District requests them, notify residents in advance of burning and of masticator operations near homes, and coordinate with RCD staff to ensure CAL FIRE burn permits and Placer County Air Pollution Control District's burn-day status through the District's PFIRS submissions before burning. We will obtain a Placer County encroachment permit and provide MUTCD-compliant traffic control if any road closure or public-safety impact becomes necessary.

3. EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND REFERENCES

3.1 Firm profile

Timbersmith Corporation is a certified women-owned small business founded in 2010 and operating continuously in the Sierra Nevada. We specialize in fuels reduction, forest health restoration, timber harvesting, vegetation management, hazard tree removal and wildfire recovery, working with federal, state and local land management agencies including the USDA Forest Service, CAL FIRE, the Placer County Resource Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the County of Placer and California State Parks. Our VIPR agreement with the U.S. Forest Service — a call-when-needed contract active since January 2017 — has taken our fallers and equipment to incidents in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Arizona and New Mexico.

Legal Name	Timbersmith Corporation	EIN	82-2563127
Entity Type	C Corporation (CA Entity No. 4053729)	CAGE Code	7SFW0
Year Established	2010	SAM Unique Entity ID	HULKJCMW8BW9
CA Small Business Cert.	2023847	DIR Registration	1000882745
CSLB License	C-61/D49 Tree Service #1072968	Primary Contact	Keenan Smith, CEO — (530) 615-8888

3.2 Relevant projects — fuels reduction and modification of similar scope and complexity

Project / Client	Location	Value / Dates	Scope and treatment types
North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak, Phase II — Placer County RCD	Colfax and Weimar, CA	\$3.7MM Mar 2024 – Mar 2025	900-acre shaded fuelbreak funded by a CAL FIRE grant. Hand thinning, piling, hourly pile burning assistance, technical tree felling, chipping and mastication in challenging, inaccessible terrain — the directly preceding phase of this project, on this ground. Timbersmith also performed significant maintenance work within the Phase I area.
Placer Sierra Fuels Reduction Project — Placer County RCD	Emigrant Gap, CA	\$460K Jul 2025 – Feb 2026	200 acres in the CA State Demonstration Forest. Hand and machine thinning, machine piling, biomass chipping and mastication, plus full responsibility for the pile burning program on a per-acre basis under an RCD burn plan. Managed by Lewis Campbell.
VIPR Hazard Timber Felling / Debris Cleanup — USDA Forest Service	CA, OR, WA, ID, MT, AZ, NM	\$8.2MM Jan 2017 – Present	Call-when-needed emergency hazard tree and debris removal during active wildfire. Hand fallers and specialized equipment reopening roads and protecting suppression personnel under tight timelines.
Foresthill Community Shaded Fuel Break, Phase IV — Foresthill Fire Safe Council	Foresthill, CA	\$80K Jul 2023	Selective understory and ladder-fuel thinning to create spacing in a mature stand. Mastication, hand thinning, limbing and chipping — closely comparable in nature to Phase III.
Placer County Defensible Space Fuels Reduction Program — County of Placer	Placer County, CA	\$120K Jul 2022 – Present	Ongoing defensible space clearance on private properties throughout Placer County: forest thinning, limbing, mastication and hazard tree removal by manual and mechanical methods under county project manager direction.

3.3 References

The RFP requires at least two references who oversaw past projects of similar scope. Three are provided.

Reference	Project	Phone	Email
Scott Stephenson Placer County RCD	North Fork American River Shaded Fuelbreak, Phase II — 900 acres, \$3.7MM, Mar 2024 – Mar 2025	(408) 803-3583	scott@placerrcd.org
Lewis Campbell Placer County RCD	Placer Sierra Fuels Reduction Project — 200 acres, \$460K, Jul 2025 – Feb 2026	(530) 392-8049	lewis@placerrcd.org
Geoff Newstead USDA Forest Service, Plumas NF	Walker Mine Integrated Resource Service Contract — \$42K, Jul 2022	(530) 927-9445	geoff.newstead@usda.gov

3.4 Failed projects and legal actions

Timbersmith Corporation has no past failed or incomplete projects to disclose. We have not been removed from any contract for non-performance and have not defaulted on any agreement with a public agency or private client. Timbersmith Corporation and its principals have no current or pending legal matters to disclose, and are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in any federal transaction.

3.5 Benefit to the local community

Our workforce lives in the communities this fuelbreak protects. That produces direct local employment and household income along the I-80 corridor, local purchasing of fuel, supplies, equipment maintenance and services, and professional development for regional forestry talent working under real specification and oversight conditions. Most of all, it produces a fuelbreak between Weimar and the North Fork American River canyon that our own families live behind. We are invested in Phase III not only as a contractor but as neighbors.

4. INSURANCE

Timbersmith Corporation carries, and will maintain throughout the contract period, insurance meeting or exceeding the requirements of Section II.F.4 of the RFP, placed with carriers holding a Best's Rating of no less than A- VII. Copies of current certificates are attached to this proposal.

Coverage	Limits carried
Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability	Statutory California coverage for all employees; Employer's Liability at \$1,000,000 each accident, \$1,000,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease and \$1,000,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease. Policy endorsed with the required cancellation notice and waiver of subrogation in favor of the District.
Commercial General Liability (Occurrence)	\$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit, \$1,000,000 products-completed operations, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, including contractual liability.
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 combined single limit each occurrence, covering owned, non-owned and hired automobiles and trucks.
Loggers' Broad Form Property Damage	\$2,000,000 each occurrence.

- The Placer County Resource Conservation District, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers will be named as additional insured for all liability arising out of operations by or on behalf of Timbersmith, with our coverage primary and non-contributory, and thirty days' prior written notice of change and ten days' for non-payment of premium.
- Endorsements are not submitted with this proposal, per Section II.F.4. Fully endorsed certificates will be provided to the District within 15 days of receipt of contract, and additional certificates naming individual landowners will be furnished as the District requires them throughout the project.

- Subcontractors working under Timbersmith direction carry their own Workers' Compensation, and certificates will be filed with the District on demand. Policy deductibles do not exceed \$25,000.

5. LICENSES AND SOLICITATION COMPLIANCE

Requirement	Y / N	Detail
Proof of insurance provided	YES	Certificates attached; endorsements within 15 days of contract.
Willingness to obtain Placer County Business License	YES	Timbersmith holds a Placer County business license (Business Type 0233 — Tree Service) and will hold a current license in hand prior to the start of work.
"Active" status with the CA Secretary of State	YES	Entity No. 4053729, registered 08/08/2017, status Active. Certificate of Status attached.
CSLB contractor's license	YES	C-61/D49 Tree Service #1072968. Copy attached.
Capable of beginning work within 2 weeks of award	YES	Equipment stages from Meadow Vista, approximately 15 miles from the project area.
Completion by February 10, 2029	YES	All Priority 1 acres scheduled for completion within approximately nine months of notice to proceed.

Timbersmith attended the mandatory pre-proposal field tour, and all RFP addenda and posted pre-proposal question responses have been reviewed and reflected in this proposal. Copies of our Certificate of Liability Insurance, Workers' Compensation certificate, Automobile Liability certificate, CSLB license, Placer County business license, CA Secretary of State Certificate of Status and Small Business certification are attached.

6. EXHIBIT B — LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

Placer RCD encourages proposers to assemble a team of qualified subcontractors. Timbersmith self-performs all mechanical treatment, pile burning and project management, and subcontracts hand crew labor to a partner we have worked alongside for more than two years and 2,000 acres.

Subcontractor Name	Address	Description of Work to be Performed
Highlanders Forest, LLC	2348 Beall Lane Central Point, OR 97502	Hand work: hand cut and pile (Item III), lop and scatter (Items IV and VII), supplemental hand pruning and brush removal within mastication units, and hand crew support for pile burning assistance (Item VIII). All work performed under the direct on-site supervision of the Timbersmith jobsite foreman.
—	—	No other subcontractors are proposed.

CONCLUSION

Timbersmith Corporation offers the Placer RCD a contractor that has already built this fuelbreak. We delivered 900 acres of Phase II on this ground under these specifications, followed it with 200 acres at Emigrant Gap including pile burning under the District's own burn plan, and we are headquartered adjacent to the project area. We are proposing a method for this project at the best value possible — every Exhibit A line item comes from one prime contractor with one point of accountability and no machine goes anywhere it does not belong. We will begin on the Priority 1 acres as soon as we receive a notice to proceed, run hand cut and pile concurrently with mastication on the gentle ground, follow with lop and scatter, finish on the steep mechanical acres, and provide pile burning assistance whenever the District asks for it. Our schedule finishes Priority 1 roughly two years early, and we have priced this work as aggressively as we know how — not to buy the award, but because we value working with this District and intend to keep doing it. We would be glad to keep going.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

09/14/2026

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PRODUCER Victor Insurance Managers DBA: Victor Insurance Services 2150 River Plaza Drive #330 Sacramento, CA 95833	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 916-286-5300 FAX (A/C, No): 916-286-5301 E-MAIL ADDRESS: info.us@victorinsurance.com	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
INSURED Timbersmith Corporation P.O. Box 1045 Meadow Vista, CA 95722	INSURER A: Everest Denali Insurance Company	
	INSURER B:	
	INSURER C:	
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSD WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR ☒ LBFPD GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☒ POLICY ☐ PRO-JECT ☐ LOC OTHER:		9400004668-261	09/28/2026	09/28/2027	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000 \$
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO ☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY					COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
	UMBRELLA LIAB ☐ OCCUR EXCESS LIAB ☐ CLAIMS-MADE DED ☐ RETENTION \$					EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N ☐	N/A			PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER ☐ E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

County of Nevada, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers are additional insured as respects to General Liability per attached form EC20600. This insurance is Primary and any other insurance is Excess and Noncontributory per form CG2001. Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery applies per attached form CG2404.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

County of Nevada 950 Maidu Ave. Nevada City, CA 95959	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <i>Tess Trajeco</i>

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	Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): Claims-Made						Per Occurrence/ Aggregate

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Policy #N9WC276824 contains a blanket Waiver of Subrogation therefore the insurer agrees to waive its right to recover from the certificate holder to the extent required by written contract. Exclusions: Keenan Smith;

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

Timbersmith Corporation
1975 South Lakewood Drive
Meadow Vista, CA 95722-

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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A	See ACORD 101 for additional coverage details.	Y	N	994448196	09/12/2026	03/12/2027	\$

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Placer Resource Conservation District
 11641 Blocker Dr Ste 120
 Auburn, CA 95603

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Mark P. [Signature]

BUSINESS LICENSE/PERMIT

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COUNTY OF PLACER

TRISTAN BUTCHER, TREASURER - TAX COLLECTOR
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Phone: (530) 889-4120

NONTRANSFERABLE

BUSINESS NAME: Timbersmith Corporation
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Ella Smith
BUSINESS LOCATION: 1581 COMBIE RD
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TIMBERSMITH CORPORATION
PO BOX 1045
MEADOW VISTA, CA 95722-0961

BUSINESS TYPE: 0233 - TREE SERVICE

DESCRIPTION: Forestry Services

Business License Number: 123334

Expiration Date: March 01, 2025

By: _____

Treasurer - Tax Collector

TO BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE



CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

Pursuant to Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code and the Rules and Regulations of the Contractors State License Board, the Registrar of Contractors does hereby issue this license to:

TIMBERSMITH CORPORATION

License Number 1072968

to engage in the business or act in the capacity of a contractor in the following classifications:

D49 - TREE SERVICE

Witness my hand and seal this day,

January 26, 2021

Issued January 25, 2021

David De La Torre

David De La Torre, Board Chair

David R. Focht

David R. Focht, Registrar of Contractors

This license is the property of the Registrar of Contractors, is not transferable, and shall be returned to the Registrar upon demand when suspended, revoked, or invalidated for any reason. It becomes void if not renewed.



Secretary of State

Certificate of Status

I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

Entity Name: TIMBERSMITH CORPORATION
Entity No.: 4053729
Registration Date: 08/08/2017
Entity Type: Stock Corporation - CA - General
Formed In: CALIFORNIA
Status: Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of January 14, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley N. Weber".

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

Certificate No.: 284954035

To verify the issuance of this Certificate, use the Certificate No. above with the Secretary of State Certification Verification Search available at bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov.



September 18, 2026

Lewis Campbell – Forestry Project Manager
 Placer Resource Conservation District
 11641 Blocker Drive, Suite 120
 Auburn, CA 95603
 Via email: lewis@placerrcd.org

RE: North Fork American River Shaded Fuel Break-Phase III

Dear Lewis,

We are pleased to submit our response to the North Fork American River Shaded Fuel Break-Phase III Request for Proposal dated August 26, 2026, the mandatory bid walk on September 4, 2026 and answers to questions submitted by bidders. We have reviewed the RFP in detail and confirm we will comply with all provisions and perform the services within budget.

Wildland Corporation is engaged year-round in wildland fuel reduction. Wildland has completed shaded fuel break projects for the Moraga Orinda Fire Protection District, Contra Costa Fire Protection District, Napa Community Firewise Foundation, Municipalities, Vineyards and private landowners.

We appreciate this opportunity to support Placer County Resource Conservation District's fuel reduction program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at 925-765-8671, or email will@wildlandcorp.com or beth@wildlandcorp.com. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Will Thorn

Will Thorn
 President

Cost Proposal

ZONE	ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION (Vegetation Treatment Type)	UNIT (acres (+/-))	PRICE	TOTAL ESTIMATED PRICE	NOTES
Priority 1 – P1	Item I	Mechanical <50% Slope	36	\$3,100 per acre	<u>\$111,600</u>	
	Item II	Mechanical >50% Slope	25	\$4,000 per acre	\$100,000	
	Item III	Hand Treat and Pile	22.5	\$2,900 per acre	<u>\$65,250</u>	
	Item IV	Lop and Scatter	7.5	\$3,000 per acre	<u>\$22,500</u>	
Priority 2 – P2	Item V	Mechanical <50% Slope	14.5	\$3,100 per acre	\$44,950	
	Item VI	Mechanical >50% Slope	11	\$4,000 per acre	\$44,000	
	Item VII	Lop and Scatter	7	\$3,000 per acre	\$21,000	
	Item VIII	Pile Burning Assistance	22.5	\$100 per man hour	NA	
	Item IX	Incidental Hand Treat and Chip	NA	\$95 per man hour \$175 per chipper hour	NA	
GRAND TOTAL Priority 1: \$299,350.00 GRAND TOTAL Priority 2: \$109,950.00						



STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Wildland Corporation was established with the mission of providing wildland fuels mitigation services to fire districts, municipalities, public agencies, private corporations, and landowners throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Wildland has performed numerous projects similar in size and scope to the work outlined in the RFP. Over the course of the past several years major fuels mitigation work has been completed under contract with the Moraga Orinda Fire Protection District, the City of Orinda, the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, and Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF). Projects include clearing grasses and brush, reducing ladder fuels, understory vegetation and surface fuels, creating shaded fuel breaks, track chipping, mastication, large volume tree removals and thinning, burn-pile construction and prepping areas for prescribed fire.

Will Thorn, President and Licensed Timber Operator, holds LTO responsibility for Wildland's operations including directing and managing Wildland's projects and staff. Wildland staff includes trained personnel in all aspects of fuels mitigation and tree removal, from hand crews to seasoned climbers. Crews are also experienced in traffic control (regular *and* commuter periods). Milton Tut and Brandon Ramirez are Wildland's Foremen and have successfully managed numerous projects since Wildland's inception. Wildland has the labor, tools, and equipment, management experience, and skills to professionally and safely execute the fire mitigation and tree service project described in the RFP.

Will Thorn has extensive experience in utilizing Avenza Maps to track property boundaries and Field Maps to mark burn piles, hazardous trees and project boundaries. Wildland can staff a hand crew of 2 - 20 people and has experience working with project managers, foresters, and biologists. Wildland's experience extends to riparian zones and sensitive habitats native to the Alameda Whip Snake, San Francisco Dusky-Footed Wood Rat, and other protected species.

Wildland Corporation owns the following equipment required to meet the demands of the project:

- 15" & 19" Track Chipper
- 2-12" Wheeled Chipper
- 2-15 Yard Chipper/Dump Trucks
- Cat 299D3 with Masticator & Deck Mower
- Wacker Neuson ST50 Compact Track Loader with Masticator
- Kobelco SK-85 Excavator with Rotating Grapple and Masticator
- 500 Gallon Water Buffalo, Water Tender, Type 6 Fire Truck, Side-by-Side
- A complete array of hand tools including Chain Saws, Edgers, Weed Whackers, etc.

Crew transportation is facilitated in Wildland's Ford F350 Van and multiple Ford F250 Super-Duty Pick Up Trucks. Wildland's trucks are equipped with the necessary tools for maintaining our equipment in the field.



WORK PLAN & COST ESTIMATE

Wildland has developed this Work Plan and Approach with the goal of meeting the RCD's stated project objective of improving forest health including targeted and desired regeneration, improving fire resiliency and enhancing property access for wildland fire equipment and suppression efforts. Wildland is bidding on the complete project: as the prime contractor providing, RCD with a single point-of-contact from Notice to Proceed through Final Inspection of the completed project.

All work will adhere to flagging code and blue tree-marking rules. Wildland will protect the WLPZ and equipment-limitation zones per the RCD's on-site direction. Wildland crews will stop and notify the Site Manager immediately if special-status species, active nests, or archaeological resources are encountered. Wildland will provide RCD three days' notice before proceeding to a new treatment area.

Wildland will assign a dedicated foreman, Milton Tut or Brandon Ramirez, as RCD's single point-of-contact. Milton and Brandon have been with Wildland since the companies' inception, and both are fluent in English. Wildland will deploy a 10 to 15-person hand-crew and can scale up if added manpower is required to meet the scheduled completion date.

Wildland Corporation understands that this Project calls for fuels reduction and modification on approximately 91 acres (Priority 1) of private property between Weimar and the North Fork American River canyon, on both sides of Brushy Creek. The intent is to modify fire behavior and improve the probability of successful suppression by applying a thin-from-below tactic that removes ladder fuels while protecting residual overstory, watercourses, and cultural resources within the Wildland Urban Interface. We recognize the treatment mix spans mechanical mastication and chipping, hand cut-and-pile, lop-and-scatter, and pile-burning assistance, and that treatment boundaries and sensitive-resource buffers are flagged in the field per the RFP flagging scheme.

Wildland further understands that up to 10% of the acreage in any treatment may be redesignated between treatment types at the Placer Resource Conservation District (RCD) Project Manager's discretion, that unit prices remain firm regardless, and that all work must be complete with invoices submitted prior to February 10, 2029. Our approach is designed to complete Priority 1 prior to that deadline.



TECHNICAL APPROACH

SEQUENCING

Wildland will mobilize first into the mechanical treatment unit, concentrating on the Priority 1 acreage under 50% slope. Beginning with the mechanical unit lets us open access, process the highest fuel volumes efficiently, and generate early measurable progress the RCD can inspect. Hand cut-and-pile, lop-and-scatter, and pile-burning assistance follow in a coordinated sequence as described in the schedule below, with pile burning timed to permissive burn days during the fall–winter–spring window.

MECHANICAL TREATMENT

In the sub-50% slope mechanical acreage, Wildland will deploy a tracked skid steer equipped with a masticating head working in unison with a tracked chipper and hand crew. As conditions warrant, Wildland will also deploy a tracked excavator with a grapple and masticating attachment to feed the chipper, masticate material, and - where slash piles are the designated outcome - build burn piles, consistent with the RFP provision allowing a grapple-equipped excavator to create slash piles on slopes under 50%. All three machines are tracked and rated for operation up to the RFP's 50% slope limit for tracked equipment. Material will be masticated to a depth not exceeding 6 inches with piece size not exceeding 18 inches, and chipped material will be broadcast to a depth not exceeding 6 inches, spread widely and kept clear of residual tree bases, roads, trails, and stream zones, consistent with the treatment specifications. On slopes greater than 50% material will be hand-cut, winched or dragged to a track chipper parked on the nearest road, chipped and broadcast.

The 8-person hand crew works alongside the machines: feeding the chipper with material cut from areas the machine cannot reach, and performing the supplemental hand work the specifications require after mastication — pruning residual trees to 8 feet or 50% of live crown (whichever is less) per ANSI A300 and cutting brush away from residual trees to meet the Exhibit D spacing and retention standards. This machine-plus-crew pairing keeps the masticator and chipper productive while ensuring the finished unit fully meets specification rather than leaving machine-only gaps.

Our operators and crew are briefed that no more than 5% of residual trees in any unit may be significantly damaged, and that damage beyond that threshold carries a \$200-per-tree charge. We will minimize ground disturbance and residual damage by working within equipment slope limits, avoiding saturated soils, water-barring any equipment trails to the RFP's gradient spacing, and smoothing berms or ruts deeper than 6 inches.

HAND CUT-AND-PILE

In hand-pile acreage, the crew processes vegetation with chainsaws and pole saws and hand-piles all material. Piles are built to no larger than 6×6×6 feet, kept at least 10 feet from residual tree trunks and 200 feet from residences, sited in canopy openings where possible, covered with wax paper (waxed side up) on construction, and given a cleared perimeter line at least 2 feet wide. On slopes with rollout potential, a trench of at least 8 inches is cut on the downhill side of each pile. Feeder piles are used and neatly windrowed where fuel volume exceeds a single 6×6×6 pile.

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FUELS MITIGATION EXPERTS

CSLB # 1089268



LOP-AND-SCATTER

In Lop-and-Scatter acreage, cut material is lopped and scattered to a depth not exceeding 18 inches and kept from concentrating around the base of residual trees, with the same pruning standard applied.

PILE-BURNING ASSISTANCE

Wildland will provide staff trained in pile-burning operations under the direction of our consulting Burn Boss, Dennis Rein, equipment, and water resources in compliance with the RCD burn plan and smoke management plan. We burn only on permissive burn days and within prescription, maintain a cleared line of at least 2 feet to bare mineral soil around each pile, keep residual crown scorch under one-third on more than 95% of trees, and revisit piles to consolidate unburned material as needed for adequate consumption. We understand the RCD may pause or stop ignitions at any time, even within prescription.

STAFFING

Wildland will staff the Project with an experienced field organization led by a designated project lead who serves as the RCD's primary point of contact and coordinates scheduling, inspections, and environmental compliance. Core field staffing includes:

- Equipment Operators - qualified operators for the tracked skid-steer masticator, the tracked chipper, and the tracked grapple/masticator excavator.
- 10 to 15-person Hand Crew - chainsaw and pole-saw qualified sawyers feeding chippers, performing supplemental pruning and brush work, and building/covering hand piles.
- Qualified Burn-Boss - Certified burn boss to ensure compliance with the RCD burn plan.

AGENCY COORDINATION

Wildland will coordinate with the RCD and applicable agencies throughout the Project, including:

- Placer County RCD - pre-operations meeting before work begins; scheduling, inspection coordination, and treatment redesignation decisions with the RCD Project Manager.
- Placer Air Pollution Control District - coordination on smoke management and permissive burn-day status for pile burning (SMP prepared by the RCD).
- CAL FIRE - burn permit/LE-5 coordination as required under PRC 4423 (obtained by RCD), and compliance with state fire-prevention law and RCD Fire Policy.
- Placer County - business license prior to start of work; encroachment permit and traffic control if any public-road closures become necessary.
- Qualified biologist - nesting-bird survey coordination if any work occurs between February 15 and August 31.



WORK PLAN & SCHEDULE

Wildland is prepared to begin work within two weeks of contract award and to meet the Priority 1 February 10, 2029 deadline. We estimate a total duration of approximately 4 - 5 months for the mechanical, hand, and lop-and-scatter treatments, exclusive of pile-burning assistance. This estimate is subject to weather and operational conditions, including saturated-soil days, Red Flag Warnings, air-quality or burn-day restrictions, and other stoppages outside the Contractor's control. Pile-burning assistance is scheduled separately and carried out on permissive burn days across the fall-winter-spring window. The sequence below is our planned phasing. Actual dates will be set with the RCD Project Manager at the pre-operations meeting and adjusted for weather, soil moisture, and permissive burn days.

<u>PHASE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>PLANNED TIMING</u>
Mobilization	Pre-operations Meeting, Equipment Cleaning, Site Setup (Outhouse, Staging)	Within 2 Weeks of Award
Phase 1	Mechanical Mastication & Chipping w/ Supplemental Hand Work - P1 <50% Slope (36 Acres)	First Operating Period
Phase 2	Mechanical treatment - P1 >50% Slope (25 Acres)	Follows Phase 1
Phase 3	Hand Cut & Pile (22.5 Acres), Lop & Scatter (7.5 Acres)	Concurrent / Following Mechanical
Phase 4	Pile-burning Assistance (22.5 Acres)	Permissive burn days, Fall-Winter-Spring
Closeout	Final Cleanup, Inspection, Invoicing	Prior to Feb 10, 2029



COST SUMMARY

The firm unit prices below correspond to Exhibit A – Schedule of Items / Cost Proposal Form, attached. All prices include overhead, profit, permits, and incidentals. Unit prices are firm and are non-negotiable; unit acreages may fluctuate up to 10% per the RFP with unit prices held constant.

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TREATMENT TYPE</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Priority 1	I	Mechanical <50% Slope	36	\$3,100/Acre	\$111,600
	II	Mechanical >50% Slope	25	\$4,000/Acre	\$100,000
	III	Hand Treat and Pile	22.5	\$2,900/Acre	\$65,250
	IV	Lop and Scatter	7.5	\$3,000/Acre	\$22,500
		GRAND TOTAL - PRIORITY 1			<u>\$299,350</u>
Priority 2	V	Mechanical <50% Slope	14.5	\$3,100/Acre	\$44,950
	VI	Mechanical >50% Slope	11	\$4,000/Acre	\$44,000
	VII	Lop and Scatter	7	\$3,000/Acre	\$21,000
		GRAND TOTAL - PRIORITY 2			<u>\$109,950</u>
Hourly	VIII	Pile Burning Assistance	22.5	\$100/Hr.	Per Man-Hr.
	IX	Incidental Hand Treat	-	\$95/Hr.	Per Man-Hr.
	IX	Incidental Tracked Chipper (15")	-	\$175/Hr.	Per Hr.



SAFETY AND QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

Wildland has developed a comprehensive Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) that complies with Federal and Cal OSHA requirements. Wildland crews are trained in these requirements and are given the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for assigned tasks. Wildland equipment and work sites are inspected daily for safety to ensure environmental compliance with applicable regulations. Wildland has incorporated the ICS 206 Medical Plan into our Safety Program.

Wildland has a zero-tolerance policy for alcohol or substance abuse on the job or while operating equipment or driving to or from the jobsite. Wildland employees are provided with a copy of the Substance Abuse Policy and must acknowledge receipt, understanding and compliance in writing.

Operations will adhere to BMPs for erosion control, watercourse protection, and invasive species prevention. Equipment, footwear, and clothing will be decontaminated prior to mobilization to prevent transport of noxious seeds. A Wildfire Prevention Plan will be in effect with daily Job Hazard Analysis briefings, fully charged ABC fire extinguishers, backpack water pumps, hand tools per crew member, and proper spark arrestors on all internal combustion equipment per PRC-4442. No work will occur during Red Flag Warnings or Fire Weather Watches without written permission from the Fire Department, and Wildland will follow all fire safety protocols throughout the project.

Wildland's workday begins with a mandatory Job Safety Analysis (JSA) meeting for all employees on site and ends with employee check-in for accountability. Hazards posed by the public, weather, fire danger levels, equipment, and terrain are identified, discussed, and mitigated. All Wildland crews assigned to this project attend mandatory training prior to the start of work. This training will cover treatment prescriptions, plant species identification, sensitive environmental resources, and cultural resources.

NOXIOUS AND INVASIVE SEEDS TRANSIT AVOIDANCE

Equipment, vehicles, trousers, and footwear are cleaned before entering the site in order to eliminate the transfer of noxious plants to the jobsite. If it is determined that Wildland transported seeds to a site, Wildland readily accepts responsibility for mitigation. Measures Wildland takes to reduce the potential of invasive species being transported to and from a site include:

- Limiting the quantity of equipment.
- Sanitizing equipment from potential invasive plant seeds prior to mobilization.
- Cleaning work boots and clothing prior to entering and exiting the work site.
- Wildland crews work one site per day.
- Chipper trucks are tarped and not overloaded.
- Soil disturbance is minimized.



WINTERIZATION RULES FOR EROSION CONTROL

Wildland will choose the right equipment for the job, operate the equipment with the environment in mind, and mitigate any damages as part of the job. Any work that incidentally disturbs the soil will be treated before it rains or conclusion of Project, whichever comes sooner. On dirt roads erosion mitigation such as water bars or rolling dips will be installed where shown with flagging by permit.. No water diversion methods will direct waterflow to unstable areas. Culverts will not be plugged by debris, and WLPZ protocols are adhered to rigorously. If large areas of soil are disturbed enough to warrant straw or other method to disperse energy from rainfall, Wildland will supply and install straw or other erosion control methods. Such measures will be documented.

PILE BURNING/FIRE APPLICATIONS RULES

Wildland will develop a Burn Plan in coordination with RCD and our consulting Burn Boss, Dennis Rein, prior to executing the burn phase of the project. At a minimum, the following apply:

Site Preparation

Piles must be “ringed” to bare mineral earth a minimum of 12”. On slopes over 10%, roll-out trenches will be in place to catch debris. Piles will be built with a vapor barrier, such as waxed paper, to ensure efficient ignition. Care will be taken to ensure burn piles are not constructed where hot gasses will harm tree canopies, overhead electric power and communication wires or built within 100 feet of a watercourse. If habitat piles are identified, they will be flagged as “Do Not Burn”.

Weather, Topography, GO/ NO GO, Proximity to Hazards

A complete forecast for the day of the ignition, the day after, and a wind/RH forecast for the third day will be saved as a PDF or screenshot before ignition verifying no winds over 15 MPH or RH below 35%. NWS or other credible source will be used for meteorological data. If a fire weather watch or red flag is forecast, the burn is cancelled. Wildland will utilize a “go/no go” system that adheres to RCD protocols. a

Water and Hand Tools On-site

Each crew member will have a hand tool for firefighting such as hoe-rake or shovel readily accessible within 50’ and half the crew will have a dedicated backpack water pump readily accessible. For refills, at least 5 gallons of water per pump must be readily available.

Dynamics, Change in Conditions

Wildland’s goal is for the complete consumption of fuels, however if a change in conditions occurs, the Project may need to be interrupted for safety. Removing and extinguishing unburned fuels, putting water on piles, stumps, and other hazard reductions are mandatory if conditions are warranted.



Watercourse Lake Protection Zone

During operations, no substance or material, including soil, silt, bark, sawdust, wood material, ash or petroleum will be allowed to discharge into waters of the state, in quantities harmful to fish, wildlife, or the beneficial function of riparian zones, or the quantity and beneficial uses of water. Bio-oil or other organic food oils will be used as bar oil in chain saws when operating in the Watercourse Lake Protection Zone (WLPZ).

- Culverts will not be blocked by any material during operations. All wood and vegetation debris, including chips, will be removed from around culverts and not placed in a location which can be displaced by heavy rains to block culvert.
- Chipped material will be broadcast up to 6" in settled depth and will not be broadcast into or within required distance from stream channels, culverts, vineyards, driveways, or gardens.
- Maintain adequate canopy cover, especially on southside of watercourse.
- Maintain adequate sources of large wood debris, relevant to site-specific conditions and future needs.
- No refueling of equipment within the WLPZ.
- All cut wood debris will be removed from WLPZ.
- Heavy Equipment is not allowed within 50' of watercourse unless on an existing road.
- Retain a minimum of 50% of canopy cover within given work area of the WLPZ.
- Within 15' of watercourse, only very limited work can occur.
 - All Large Woody Debris (LWD) in waterways will remain as habitat.
 - Dead standing trees may be removed with zero-ground disturbance.

Birds & Wildlife Avoidance

Avoidance areas will vary based on time of year and the presence of birds and other protected wildlife. Wildland will refer to the permit, before work begins for current details about environmental restrictions. Throughout the Project activity timeline Wildland will remain observant and diligent looking for nests. If a nest is found, the area will be avoided and findings reported to the RCD. (Outside of nesting season, Wildland still avoids trees with nest and does not treat trees with possible raptor or endangered species nests). Other habitats such as wood rat nests, Large Woody Debris (LWD), and decaying debris on forest floor and near watercourses will be avoided. LWD is large diameter (>16") woody material that has ground contact or is in a watercourse that wildlife uses for habitat. Wildland will not disturb or otherwise add or remove LWD to watercourses.



SPILLS AND SPILL KITS

No repairs will occur where a leak or spill will harm the environment. Hydraulics, bar oils, fuels, grease, coolants, etc. must all be serviced, refilled, checked outside of the WLPZ. Spill kits must be within 50' of any repair involving fluids and sufficient to immediately stop the spread and absorb full quantity of fluids. Spill kits are sized for equipment on site: half gallon, 5 gallon, 50 gallons, etc. depending on the equipment. Wildland will avoid any activity that may stain or damage concrete or asphalt. Spill kits include SDS for all fluids used onsite and contain necessary clean up tools and chemicals.

FIRE SEASON SAFETY PLAN

Fire season in California generally starts in May of each year and typically runs into November, depending on weather and fuel conditions. Wildland Corp will apply the following requirements during any Level I (Very High), Level II (Extreme) or Red Flag conditions.

GENERAL FIRE SEASON REQUIREMENTS

Wildland will park vehicles on paved or dirt improved areas near the work site. Equipment will be fueled in a dirt or paved area, allowing equipment to cool where there is no flammable vegetation that can be ignited by hot exhaust. Crews will be provided with at least (1) serviceable round-point shovel with an overall length of not less than 46 inches and (1) five-gallon water fire extinguisher or backpack pump. Wildland will provide and maintain a fire pump with a minimum of 500 gallons of water and a 1-inch hose line in the immediate work area. The hose line will be a minimum of 100 feet in length with an adjustable combination nozzle that can provide a fog pattern and straight stream capability of 50 gallons per minute.

RED FLAG WARNING

No work within or adjacent to grass, brush or forest covered areas will occur within 24 hours of a predicted red flag event as determined by the National Weather Service (<https://www.weather.gov>). Wildland's Safety Manager will document, and file Pre-Task Hazard Analysis (PTHA) form noting the severe weather conditions and will coordinate with Project Team when work is safe to resume.



EXPERIENCE & REFERENCES

THE TUNNEL EAST BAY HILLS FUEL BREAK

Jeff Isaacs-Fire Chief

jisaacs@mofd.org 925-357-1909

Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District

The Tunnel Hills Shaded Fuel Break Project applied various vegetation treatments on 1,223 acres of land within Contra Costa County, including fuel breaks and fuel reduction at the wildland urban interface (WUI). The fuels mitigation methods included manual vegetation management, mechanical treatment, prescribed herbivory treatment, herbicide application, and prescribed burning. Wildland Corporation was awarded a \$3.5 million contract as “primary contractor” with MOFD. Wildland completed the project, including the late addition of acreage under budget and within schedule.



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FUELS MITIGATION EXPERTS

CSLB # 1089268



CITY OF ORINDA FUELS REDUCTION & COMMUNITY CHIPPING PROGRAM

Todd Trimble 925-253-4202 ttrimble@cityoforinda.org

City of Orinda Facilities & Parks Supervisor

Wildland has an on-call contract with the City of Orinda to provide fuels reduction, and a renewed contract for staffing the City of Orinda's Community Chipping Service. To date, Wildland has completed \$1.5 million of fuels mitigation work for the City of Orinda.



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C O R P O R A T I O N

FUELS MITIGATION

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Joe Ottolini - Fire Prevention Captain

jotto@cccfpd.org – 925-941-3300 x1524

Wildland has a multi-year on-call contract with the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District for fuels mitigation, abatement and defensive space projects.



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HOGBACK RIDGE FIREBREAK PROJECT

Napa Communities Firewise Foundation

Jeff Enos

jeff@napafirewise.org - 707.333.4332

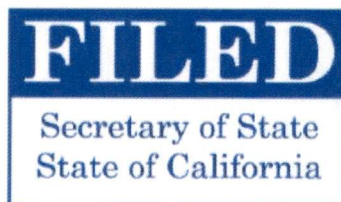
Wildland has worked for the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation on several projects. Most recently, Wildland undertook and successfully completed a 138 Acre portion of The Hogback Ridge Firebreak Project. The goal of the project was to provide maintenance, fuel reduction and improvements to an existing 200' wide shaded fuel break. Wildland successfully completed the project within budget and on-schedule, notwithstanding the addition of more acreage late in the project.



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California Secretary of State Electronic Filing



General Stock Corporation - Articles of Incorporation

Entity Name: Wildland Corporation
 Entity (File) Number: C4828855
 File Date: 01/05/2022
 Entity Type: General Stock Corporation
 Jurisdiction: California

Detailed Filing Information

1. Corporate Name: Wildland Corporation
2. Business Addresses:
 - a. Initial Street Address of Corporation: 1242 Upper Happy Valley Road
Lafayette, California, 94549
United States of America
 - b. Initial Mailing Address of Corporation: 1242 Upper Happy Valley Road
Lafayette, California, 94549
United States of America
3. Agent for Service of Process:

California Registered Corporate Agent (1505): CORPNET, INCORPORATED (C3192531)
4. Shares: 1500
5. Purpose Statement: The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the General Corporation Law of California other than the banking business, the trust company business or the practice of a profession permitted to be incorporated by the California Corporations Code.

The incorporator affirms the information contained herein is true and correct.

Incorporator: Amanda J Beren

Certificate Verification Number: KRQWMW9

Use bizfile.sos.ca.gov to verify the certified copy.



Secretary of State Certificate of Status

I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

Entity Name: WILDLAND CORPORATION
Entity No.: 4828855
Registration Date: 01/05/2022
Entity Type: Stock Corporation - CA - General
Formed In: CALIFORNIA
Status: Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of September 14, 2026.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

Certificate No.: 498685740

To verify the issuance of this Certificate, use the Certificate No. above with the Secretary of State Certification Verification Search available at bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

Pursuant to Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code
and the Rules and Regulations of the Contractors State License Board,
the Registrar of Contractors does hereby issue this license to:

WILDLAND CORPORATION

License Number 1089268

to engage in the business or act in the capacity of a contractor in the following classifications:

A - GENERAL ENGINEERING
B - GENERAL BUILDING
D49 - TREE SERVICE

Witness my hand and seal this day,
May 20, 2022

Issued March 29, 2022

CERTIFIED COPY

Susan Granzella

Susan Granzella, Board Chair

This license is the property of the Registrar of Contractors,
is not transferable, and shall be returned to the Registrar
upon demand when suspended, revoked, or invalidated
for any reason. It becomes void if not renewed.

David R. Fogt

David R. Fogt, Registrar of Contractors

License Number:

B013727

Date of Issuance:

1/1/2026

License Valid Period:

1/1/2026-12/31/2027

LIMITED

TIMBER OPERATOR LICENSE

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION



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WILDLAND CORPORATION
1242 UPPER HAPPY VALLEY ROAD
LAFAYETTE, CA 94549

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This Timber Operator License does not purport to confer nor grant property rights in timber, land, or the products thereof.

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DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
9/10/2026

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER License # 0C32169 Rancho Mesa Insurance Services, Inc. 2355 Northside Drive Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92108	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (619) 937-0164 FAX (A/C, No): E-MAIL ADDRESS: INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A : Greenwich Insurance Company INSURER B : State Compensation Ins. Fund INSURER C : INSURER D : INSURER E : INSURER F :
INSURED Wildland Corporation 1242 Upper Happy Valley Rd Lafayette, CA 94549	NAIC # 22322 35076

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☒ PROJECT ☐ LOC OTHER:			NGL-1009516-02	9/12/2026	9/12/2027	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
A	☒ AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☒ ANY AUTO OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☒ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☒ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			NBA-1009515-02	9/12/2026	9/12/2027	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
A	☒ UMBRELLA LIAB ☒ OCCUR ☒ EXCESS LIAB ☐ CLAIMS-MADE DED ☐ RETENTION \$			NEC-7000006-02	9/12/2026	9/12/2027	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ Aggregate \$ 1,000,000
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) ☐ Y / N If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below		N / A	9400245-2026	4/14/2026	4/14/2027	☒ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
A	Equipment Floater			NIM-1009517-02	9/12/2026	9/12/2027	Limit \$100k/Ded 1,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
RE: PROOF OF INSURANCE

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

*****EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE***** *****EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE***** *****EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE***** *****EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE*****	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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WHEREAS, on August 1, 2006, SDRMA in its capacity as a member of Public Risk Innovation, Solutions and Management (PRISM) and having executed the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) governing PRISM, was appointed administrator for the purpose of enrolling small public entities into the (PRISM) Health and/or Employee Benefits Small Group Program (hereinafter "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the PROGRAM as well as benefit coverage, rates, assessments, and premiums are governed by the PRISM Health Committee and/or PRISM Employee Benefits Committee for the Program (the "Committee") and not SDRMA; and

WHEREAS, ENTITY desires to enroll and participate in the Program, acknowledging that SDRMA acts solely in an administrative capacity and does not establish Program terms.

NOW THEREFORE, SDRMA and ENTITY agree as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this MEMORANDUM, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms when capitalized have the respective meanings set out below and are applicable to the singular as well as to the plural forms of such terms and to the masculine as well as to the feminine and neuter genders of such terms.
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 - c. “Program Participation Agreement” means the agreement issued by PRISM/AUS Underwriting to the Entity that details the final terms of acceptance and any special exceptions or terms that have been made a part of the underwriting approval and is required to be completed and executed in order to constitute full acceptance as a member of the PRISM Small Group Program.

- d. "Program" or "PRISM" means the Public Risk Innovation, Solutions and Management (PRISM) Health and/or Employee Benefits Small Group Program.
 - e. "Program Documents" means the following: SDRMA Program Administrative Guidelines, SDRMA Resolution, Program Underwriting application and any required underwriting documents, Program approval, Program Underwriting & Eligibility Rules and Program Participation Agreement.
2. PURPOSE. ENTITY is signatory to this MEMORANDUM for the sole purpose of enrolling in the Program.
 3. ENTRY INTO PROGRAM. ENTITY shall apply for participation in the Program by executing and all forms prescribed by SDRMA. SDRMA shall submit the completed forms to the Program's Underwriter who has the authority to accept or reject Entity's application in its sole discretion based on the Program's governing documents and in accordance with the Program's eligibility guidelines.
 4. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT. Program provides health benefits to all active employees, retired employees, dependents of an active or retired employee and public officials of the ENTITY who satisfy requirements for participation. ENTITY public officials may participate in the Program only if they are currently being covered and their own ENTITY's enabling act, plans and policies allow it. ENTITY must contribute at least the minimum percentage required by the eligibility requirements
 5. PREMIUMS. ENTITY agrees and acknowledges that premiums and rates for the Program are set by the Committee and that SDRMA's Administrative Fee is set by SDRMA For each billing cycle. ENTITY will remit the total monthly amount billed by SDRMA for each category of participants and the census of covered employees, public officials, dependents and retirees. PREMIUMs are based on a full month, and there are no partial months or prorated PREMIUMs. Enrollment for mid-year qualifying events and termination of coverage will be made in accordance with the SDRMA Program Administrative Guidelines.

Late Payment Penalties. ENTITY shall pay all PREMIUM invoices as billed to SDRMA, regardless of any changes to eligibility or adjustments to PREMIUMS that may occur during the billing month and not reflected in the PREMIUM invoice. SDRMA shall issue PREMIUM invoices to ENTITY prior to the coverage month in which they are due. PREMIUM invoices are due by the due date stated on the invoice and considered delinquent thirty (30) calendar days from the due date. In addition to the outstanding balance due for any unpaid invoice, ENTITY shall be liable to SDRMA for a late payment penalty of 1% of the outstanding balance of any unpaid portion of such invoice effective (30) calendar days after the invoice due date. SDRMA reserves the right to terminate the

MEMORANDUM and ENTITY'S Participation Agreement, including immediate cessation of all services under the Program, any time after it provides written notice to ENTITY of its failure to pay the amount due of any invoice.

6. **BENEFITS.** Benefits provided to ENTITY participants shall be as set forth in ENTITY's Plan Summary for the Program and as agreed upon between the ENTITY and its recognized employee organizations as applicable. Not all plan offerings will be available to ENTITY, and plans requested by ENTITY must be submitted to Program underwriter for approval.
7. **ASSESSMENTS AND DIVIDENDS.** The Program annual premium, as approved by the Committee will be established at a level which is anticipated to provide adequate overall funding. The Program will directly manage surpluses and deficits. Premiums are targeted to fund expected claims (including incurred-but-not-reported (IBNR) and run-out), reinsurance (if any), Program/administrative expenses, and any reserve or margin adopted by the Committee.

If Program funds are insufficient (including funding IBNR), the Committee may impose premium assessments on all applicable participating Entities, consistent with the JPA, including ENTITY signing this MEMORANDUM. Entities that have withdrawn from the Program are liable for assessments attributable to plan year(s) in which they participated.

After appropriate reserves and obligations are funded and any Committee-approved margin is achieved, the Committee may declare a dividend or premium credit, using a formula recommended by the Program Underwriters and actuary.

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16. EFFECTIVE DATE. This MEMORANDUM shall become effective on the later of the first date of coverage for the ENTITY or the last date of signing of this MEMORANDUM by the Chief Executive Officer or Board President of SDRMA and the authorized person for the ENTITY.
17. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS. This MEMORANDUM may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have executed the MEMORANDUM as of the date set forth below.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Special District Risk
Management Authority

Dated: _____

By: _____

ENTITY Name



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e. “Program Documents” means the following: SDRMA Program Administrative Guidelines, SDRMA Resolution, Program Underwriting application and any required underwriting documents, Program approval, Program Underwriting & Eligibility Rules and Program Participation Agreement.

42. PURPOSE. ENTITY is signatory to this MEMORANDUM for the ~~express-sole~~ purpose of enrolling in the ~~P~~rogram~~ROGRAM~~.

23. ENTRY INTO PROGRAM. ENTITY shall ~~enroll~~ apply for participation in the ~~P~~rogram~~ROGRAM~~ by ~~making application through executing and all forms prescribed by SDRMA.~~ SDRMA shall submit the completed forms to which shall be subject to approval by the ~~P~~rogram~~ROGRAM~~'s Underwriter who has the authority to accept or reject Entity's application in its sole discretion based on the Program's and governing documents and in accordance with the Program's ~~applicable~~ eligibility guidelines.

34. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT. ~~P~~rogram ~~ROGRAM~~ ~~is designed to provide an alternative provides~~ health benefits ~~solution~~ to all ~~participants~~ active employees, retired employees, dependents of an active or retired employee and public officials of the ENTITY who satisfy requirements for participation. ~~of the ENTITY including active employees, retired employees (optional), dependents (optional) and public officials (optional).~~ ENTITY public officials may participate in the ~~P~~rogram~~ROGRAM~~ only if they are currently being covered and their own ENTITY's enabling act, plans and policies allow it. ENTITY must contribute at least the minimum percentage required by the eligibility requirements

45. PREMIUMS. ENTITY ~~understands~~ agrees and acknowledges that premiums and rates for the ~~P~~rogram ~~ROGRAM~~ are set by the ~~COMMITTEE~~ Committee and that SDRMA's Administrative Fee is set by SDRMA For each billing cycle. ENTITY will remit the total monthly ~~premiums based upon rates established amount billed by SDRMA~~ for each category of participants and the census of covered employees, public officials, dependents and retirees. PREMIUMs are based on a full month, and there are no partial months or prorated PREMIUMs. Enrollment for mid-year qualifying events and termination of coverage will be made in accordance with the SDRMA Program Administrative Guidelines.



~~Rates for the ENTITY and each category of participant will be determined by the COMMITTEE designated for the PROGRAM based upon advice from its consultants and/or a consulting Benefits Actuary and insurance carriers. In addition, SDRMA adds an administrative fee to premiums and rates for costs associated with administering the PROGRAM. Rates may vary depending upon factors including, but not limited to, demographic characteristics, loss experience of all public entities participating in the PROGRAM and differences in benefits provided (plan design), if any.~~

~~SDRMA will administrate a billing to ENTITY each month, with payments due by the date specified by SDRMA. Payments received after the specified date will accrue penalties up to and including termination from the PROGRAM. Premiums are based on a full month, and there are no partial months or prorated premiums. Enrollment for mid-year qualifying events and termination of coverage will be made in accordance with the SDRMA Program Administrative Guidelines.~~

~~Late Payment Penalties. ENTITY shall pay all PREMIUM invoices as billed to SDRMA, regardless of any changes to eligibility or adjustments to PREMIUMS that may occur during the billing month and not reflected in the PREMIUM invoice. SDRMA shall issue PREMIUM invoices to ENTITY prior to the coverage month in which they are due. PREMIUM invoices are due by the due date stated on the invoice and considered delinquent thirty (30) calendar days from the due date. In addition to the outstanding balance due for any unpaid invoice, ENTITY shall be liable to SDRMA for a late payment penalty of 1% of the outstanding balance of any unpaid portion of such invoice effective (30) calendar days after the invoice due date. SDRMA reserves the right to terminate the MEMORANDUM and ENTITY'S Participation Agreement, including immediate cessation of all services under the Program, any time after it provides written notice to ENTITY of its failure to pay the amount due of any invoice.~~

56. BENEFITS. Benefits provided to ENTITY participants shall be as set forth in ENTITY's Plan Summary for the ~~Program~~ **PROGRAM** and as agreed upon between the ENTITY and its recognized employee organizations as applicable. Not all plan offerings will be available to ENTITY, and plans requested by ENTITY must be submitted to ~~P~~**rogram**~~PROGRAM~~ underwriter for approval.
6. ~~COVERAGE DOCUMENTS. Except as otherwise provided herein, coverage documents from each carrier outlining the coverage provided, including terms and conditions of coverage, are controlling with respect to the coverage of the PROGRAM and will be provided by SDRMA to each ENTITY. SDRMA will provide each ENTITY with additional documentation, defined as the SDRMA Program Administrative Guidelines which provide further details on administration of the PROGRAM.~~
7. ~~PROGRAM FUNDING. It is the intent of this MEMORANDUM to provide for a fully funded PROGRAM by any or all of the following: pooling risk; purchasing individual stop loss~~



~~coverage to protect the pool from large claims; and purchasing aggregate stop loss coverage.~~

~~8. ASSESSMENTS. Should the PROGRAM not be adequately funded for any reason, pro-rata assessments to the ENTITY may be utilized to ensure the approved funding level for applicable policy periods. Any assessments which are deemed necessary to ensure approved funding levels shall be made upon the determination and approval of the COMMITTEE in accordance with the following:~~

~~a. Assessments/dividends will be used sparingly. Generally, any over/under funding will be factored into renewal rates.~~

~~b. If a dividend/assessment is declared, allocation will be based upon each ENTITY's proportional share of total premiums paid for the preceding 3 years. An ENTITY must be a current participant to receive a dividend, except upon termination of the PROGRAM and distribution of assets.~~

~~c. ENTITY will be liable for assessments for 12 months following withdrawal from the PROGRAM.~~

~~d. Fund equity will be evaluated on a total PROGRAM-wide basis as opposed to each year standing on its own.~~

7. ASSESSMENTS AND DIVIDENDS. The Program annual premium, as approved by the Committee will be established at a level which is anticipated to provide adequate overall funding. The Program will directly manage surpluses and deficits. Premiums are targeted to fund expected claims (including incurred-but-not-reported (IBNR) and run-out), reinsurance (if any), Program/administrative expenses, and any reserve or margin adopted by the Committee.

If Program funds are insufficient (including funding IBNR), the Committee may impose premium assessments on all applicable participating Entities, consistent with the JPA, including ENTITY signing this MEMORANDUM. Entities that have withdrawn from the Program are liable for assessments attributable to plan year(s) in which they participated.

After appropriate reserves and obligations are funded and any Committee-approved margin is achieved, the Committee may declare a dividend or premium credit, using a formula recommended by the Program Underwriters and actuary.

98. WITHDRAWAL. ENTITY may withdraw from this MEMORANDUM and terminate its Program Participation Agreement for a subsequent calendar year subject to the following condition: ENTITY shall notify SDRMA and the PROGRAM in writing of its



~~intent to withdraw at least 90 days prior to their requested withdrawal date. ENTITY shall notify SDRMA in writing of its intent to withdraw from this MEMORANDUM and terminate its Program Participation Agreement at least 120 days prior to January 1st of the subsequent calendar year in which it shall be effective . No withdrawal shall become effective until December 31 of the year that notice of termination is received. ENTITY may rescind its notice of intent to withdraw and terminate no later than October 1st.~~ Once ENTITY withdraws from the ~~Program~~PROGRAM, there is a 3-year waiting period to come back into the ~~Program~~PROGRAM, and the ENTITY will be subject to underwriting approval ~~again~~.

~~10. LIAISON WITH SDRMA. Each ENTITY shall maintain staff to act as liaison with SDRMA and between the ENTITY and SDRMA's designated PROGRAM representative.~~

~~9. ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES. To the extent permitted by law, all controversies between the ENTITY and SDRMA that may arise out of or relate to any of the services provided by SDRMA under the MEMORANDUM, or the construction, performance or breach of this or any other agreement between the ENTITY and SDRMA, whether entered into prior to, on or subsequent to the date hereof, shall be settled by binding arbitration in the City of Sacramento, California, under the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Judgment upon any award rendered by the arbitrator(s) shall be final, and may be entered into any court having jurisdiction.~~

~~11~~10. GOVERNING LAW. This MEMORANDUM shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

~~12~~11. VENUE. Venue for any dispute or enforcement shall be in the City of Sacramento, California.

~~13~~12. ATTORNEY FEES. The prevailing party in any dispute shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees.

~~14~~13. COMPLETE AGREEMENT. This MEMORANDUM together with the related ~~P~~rogramPROGRAM ~~documents~~Documents constitutes the full and complete agreement of the ENTITY.

~~15~~14. SEVERABILITY. Should any provision of this MEMORANDUM be judicially determined to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any remaining provision.

~~16~~15. AMENDMENT OF MEMORANDUM; WAIVER. This MEMORANDUM may not be modified, nor shall any provision hereof be waived or amended, except in a writing duly signed by authorized representatives of SDRMA and ENTITY. The failure of either Party to enforce at any time any provision of the MEMORANDUM shall not be construed to be a waiver of such provision, nor in any way to affect the validity of the MEMORANDUM or the



~~right of either party thereafter to enforce each and every such provision may be amended by the SDRMA Board of Directors and such amendments are subject to approval of ENTITY's designated representative, or alternate, who shall have authority to execute this MEMORANDUM. Any If ENTITY who fails or refuses to execute an amendment to this MEMORANDUM by the deadline included in written notice of SDRMA'S execution of said amendment, SDRMA reserves the right to terminate shall be deemed to have withdrawn this MEMORANDUM and ENTITY'S Program Participation Agreement from the PROGRAM effective as of on the next annual renewal date.~~

~~1716.~~ EFFECTIVE DATE. This MEMORANDUM shall become effective on the later of the first date of coverage for the ENTITY or the last date of signing of this MEMORANDUM by the Chief Executive Officer or Board President of SDRMA and the authorized person for the ENTITY.

~~1817.~~ EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS. This MEMORANDUM may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have executed the MEMORANDUM as of the date set forth below.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Special District Risk
Management Authority

Dated: _____

By: _____

Agency ENTITY Name

Section	Previous Language	Revised Language	Description of Change
Definitions	Various terms and definitions, some not clearly defined or missing.	Expanded and clarified definitions for "Committee," "Coverage Documents," "Program Participation Agreement," "Program," and "Program Documents."	Improved clarity and specificity of key terms for better understanding and administration.
Entry into Program	ENTITY shall enroll in the Program by making application through SDRMA.	ENTITY shall apply for participation by executing all forms prescribed by SDRMA, subject to approval by the Program's Underwriter.	Clarifies the application process and emphasizes underwriter approval.
Maintenance of Effort	Program provides health benefits to all participants of the ENTITY.	Specifies eligible participants (active employees, retired employees, dependents, public officials) and outlines optional participation for some groups.	Clarifies eligibility and participation requirements.
Premiums	ENTITY will remit monthly premiums based on rates established by SDRMA.	Premiums and rates are set by the Committee; SDRMA adds an administrative fee. Details on billing, penalties for late payment, and termination for non-payment added.	Adds detail on premium calculation, billing, and consequences for late payment.
Benefits	Benefits as set forth in ENTITY's Plan Summary.	Benefits must be agreed upon with employee organizations and approved by the Program underwriter.	Adds requirement for underwriter approval of plan selections.

Assessments & Dividends	Assessments/dividends used sparingly; allocation based on premiums paid.	Committee may impose premium assessments if funds are insufficient; details on liability for withdrawn entities and dividend formula.	Expands on funding adequacy, assessment process, and dividend distribution.
Withdrawal	ENTITY may withdraw with 90 days' notice.	Notice period extended to 120 days prior to January 1; rescission deadline added; 3-year waiting period for re-entry after withdrawal.	Tightens withdrawal process and re-entry requirements.
Arbitration	Not previously specified.	Adds binding arbitration clause for disputes, specifying Sacramento, CA as venue.	Introduces formal dispute resolution process.
Amendment	Amendments require written agreement by both parties.	Clarifies amendment process, including SDRMA's right to terminate if ENTITY does not execute required amendments.	Strengthens amendment and termination provisions.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE (GOVERNING BODY) OF Placer County Resource
Conservation District APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S
HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Placer County Resource Conservation District, a public agency duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California (the "ENTITY"), has determined that it is in the best interest and to the advantage of the ENTITY to participate in the Health Benefits Program offered by Special District Risk Management Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority was formed in 1986 in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code 6500 *et seq.*, for the purpose of providing risk financing, risk management programs and other coverage protection programs; and

WHEREAS, participation in Authority programs requires the ENTITY to execute and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding which states the purpose and participation requirements for the Health Benefits Program; and

WHEREAS, all acts, conditions and things required by the laws of the State of California to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in connection with the consummation of the transactions authorized hereby do exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law, and the ENTITY is now duly authorized and empowered, pursuant to each and every requirement of law, to consummate such transactions for the purpose, in the manner and upon the terms herein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ENTITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The ENTITY's Governing Body hereby specifically finds and determines that the actions authorized hereby relate to the public affairs of the ENTITY.

Section 2. Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum of Understanding, to be executed and entered into by and between the ENTITY and the Authority, in the form presented at this meeting and on file with the ENTITY's Secretary, is hereby approved. The ENTITY's Governing Body and/or Authorized Officers ("The Authorized Officers") are hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the ENTITY, to execute and deliver to the Authority the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 3. Program Participation. The ENTITY's Governing Body approves participating in the Special District Risk Management Authority's Health Benefits Program.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are severable.

Section 5. Other Actions. The Authorized Officers of the ENTITY are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents which are necessary in order to consummate the transactions authorized hereby and all such actions heretofore taken by such officers are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20____ by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Name

Title

ENTITY Secretary

To: Placer Resource Conservation District Finance Committee

From: Agriculture Program Manager

Date: September 18th, 2026

Subject: Request for \$10,000 in Reserve Funding for Landowner Technical Assistance

Purpose

Staff is requesting that the Finance Committee recommend allocating up to \$10,000 from District reserves to maintain no-cost technical assistance for farmers, ranchers, landowners, and land managers within Placer RCD District boundaries during a temporary gap in external funding.

Background

Placer RCD's USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreement expires on September 30, 2026. This agreement has supported staff time for conservation planning and technical assistance since 2022. The agreement has reached its maximum allowable five-year term, and available funds were fully expended as of approximately September 15, 2026.

Placer RCD anticipates receiving additional funding through the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), with execution currently expected around January 2027. Staff is also actively pursuing other funding opportunities to support this work.

Proposed Use of Funds

The requested reserve funding would primarily support staff time to:

- Conduct landowner technical assistance and site visits;
- Provide follow-up resources and recommendations for conservation best management practices;
- Assist with the development of conservation plans;
- Support farmers and ranchers with existing NRCS contracts to maintain project continuity, implementation, or project transfer; and
- Assist producers with conservation planning that may lead to future NRCS cost-share applications.

During the funding gap, priority would be given to landowners requesting assistance with active natural resource concerns and producers with existing NRCS contracts or conservation projects requiring continued support.

Fiscal Impact

The \$10,000 request is based on recent quarterly expenditures for this type of technical assistance since January 2026 and is intended to maintain a similar level of service during the anticipated funding gap.

These costs are not expected to be reimbursed through future grant funding and should be considered a direct use of District reserves. If replacement funding becomes available before the full allocation is expended, use of reserve funds would cease or be reduced and any unspent funds would remain in District reserves.

If external funding is delayed and additional bridge funding is needed, staff would return to the Finance Committee and Board for further consideration.

Recommendation

The Ag Program Manager would like to ask that the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to expend up to \$10,000 from District reserves to support conservation planning and technical assistance within Placer RCD District boundaries beginning October 1, 2026, until replacement external funding becomes available or the authorized amount is exhausted.