

## Attachment A

### Vegetation Management Grant Program Proposals Needing CEQA Issue Resolution

WiConduit / Canyon Road      \$150,000

Vegetation management in the Canyon Road Community, located on a hilltop within the Hollydale region of the Forestville jurisdiction, where parcels are connected via a private road that is surrounded by heavy forest and wildland. The goal is to create a healthy and fire safe perimeter by reducing forest debris and ladder fuel on several private parcels on a total of approximately 30 acres of land, with priority focus on clearing vegetation to the basin of the major hillside slopes and areas nearest to homes and roadway access.

Guernewood Neighborhood Association      \$545,000

Implementation of a large ridgetop fuel break to reduce the risk of wildfire using the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption 14 CCR 1038.3 that allows harvest of up to 300 acres if within Moderate, High, or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and that mandates that areas within 150 feet of structures be prioritized. Funds would be used to create a 157+ acre shaded fuel break on a north/south orientated ridge, on slopes less than 50%, directly west of the community of Guernewood and Guerneville. The fuel break would clear vegetation on appurtenant roads and improve fire suppression capabilities and safety in the Guernewood Neighborhood Association and the larger Guerneville area.

Friends of Rio Nido      \$872,533

Project proposal to create a “buffer zone” circling Rio Nido that clears invasive, non-native fuel sources to provide access for fire crews and to help prevent fire from spreading into Rio Nido, Guerneville, and other communities, and to remove dangerous fire ladder vegetation and invasive growth throughout the interior corridors. The project would utilize Lop & Scatter clearing throughout the wildlands and boundaries of Rio Nido properties—where there are Medium to Heavy fuel loads. The interior areas throughout the Rio Nido corridors would be manually cleared to remove dangerous fire ladder vegetation and invasive growth. Clearing would include highly invasive English ivy as well as other highly flammable invasive vegetation and would provide much needed inner-community defensible space.

Hacienda Improvement Association      \$124,032

The community of Hacienda, Forestville, CA, is built in a canyon formed by Hobson Creek and its tributaries. Hobson flows into the Russian River west of the Hacienda Bridge on River Road. The section at the entrance to the neighborhood, northerly of Westside Road, shows 85 years of neglect of an abandoned golf course – dead trees, poison oak and blackberry thickets, ivy and poison oak climbing the trees, overcrowded saplings. The proposed project would reduce the risk of wildfires by thinning saplings, removing ladder fuels and reducing underbrush along the roadside perimeter and within the southern part of the historic golf course. Treatment would occur along Skyline, McPeak, Westside, and Sequoia roads (primary evacuation routes), and approximately 11.5 acres between those roads. Work methods to be used include lop and scatter, building habitat piles, and chipping of woody materials.

Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds/Three Camps \$727,419

Representing three nonprofit camps under the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Camp Meeker, this project would create calming zone buffers between camp infrastructure and the wilderness thereby reducing fuel loads, and creating safe ingress/egress for fire personnel on property along existing trails and roads. Collectively, these landowners are stewards of 717 acres of forest and 138 habitable building structures including homes and camp properties located in high fire risk areas north and west of Camp Meeker, which represents a lower-income/highly vulnerable community. This project could also provide alternative evacuation routes to/from Camp Meeker through Chenoweth and Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds by clearing approximately two miles of road. The reduction of fuel density would help protect approximately 2.8 miles of the Dutch Bill Creek watershed, which is a major tributary of the Russian River and runs along the Bohemian Highway corridor. This area is also a high priority for environmental protection and has received millions of dollars in funding from the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the protection of coho salmon and other fish along its river and tributaries.

Summer Home Park Corporation \$215,500

Summer Home Park Corporation (SHP) is a 90-acre property located on the south side of the Russian River just east of the town of Guerneville where there are approximately 150 homes, many on extremely steep slopes in densely vegetated areas. In conjunction with Odd Fellows Recreation Club (OFRC) to the west, there are nearly 350 homes and upwards of 1,500 residents and guests housed between Pocket Canyon Ridge and the Russian River in the months of June through September. SHP proposes to create and maintain 54 acres of shaded fuel break. The project would aid in the implementation of a large ridgetop fuel break using the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption 14 CCR 1038.3 that allows harvest of up to 300 acres if within Moderate, High, or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and that mandates that areas within 150 feet of structures be prioritized. The project would implement 20 acres of shaded fuel break 100 feet on each side of the seasonal Pocket Canyon Ridge Road and 34 acres on the hillside above the residential areas, creating and maintaining defensible space within 150 feet around homes and structures, thereby improving fire suppression capabilities and safety in SHP as well as the larger Guerneville area.

Odd Fellows Recreation Club \$339,232

Odd Fellows Recreation Club (OFRC) is a 326-acre property located in Moderate and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the State Responsibility Area in Sonoma County. There are 199 cabins and other structures on the property, many of which are located on extremely steep slopes in densely vegetated areas. In conjunction with its neighbor Summer Home Park (SHP) to the east, there are nearly 350 homes and upwards of 1,500 residents and guests housed between Pocket Canyon Ridge and the Russian River in the months of June through September.

OFRC proposes create and maintain 85 acres of shaded fuel break. The project would aid in the implementation of a large ridgetop fuel break using the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption that allows harvest of up to 300 acres if within Moderate, High, or Very High Fire Hazard Zones and that mandates that areas within 150 feet of structures be prioritized. Under this exemption, OFRC would be able to create two major fuel breaks totaling 85 acres. 19 acres of shaded fuel break, 100 feet on each side of the seasonal Pocket Canyon Ridge Road, would provide firefighters an anchor point from which to contain wildfire spread over the ridge. An additional 66 acres on the hillsides above the residential areas creating and maintaining defensible space within 150 feet around homes and structures, would improve fire suppression capabilities and safety in OFRC as well as the larger Guerneville area.