

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

October 19, 2021



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AGENDA

- Brief summary of initial grant projects
- Next steps for new vegetation management projects
- Collaboration between other public and private partners
- Funding opportunities

PROGRESS REPORT 2021

- ✓ **Request for Proposals (March 2021)**
- ✓ **Project Selection (May 2021)**
- ✓ **Grant Agreements & Distribution of Funds (June 2021)**
- ✓ **Funding & Environmental Compliance Support (July 2021)**
- ✓ **Community Workshop – West County (August 2021)**
- ✓ **Hired Vegetation Management Coordinator (September 2021)**
- ✓ **Board Update on Grant Program (October 2021)**



19 Grants
worth
\$3,648,500



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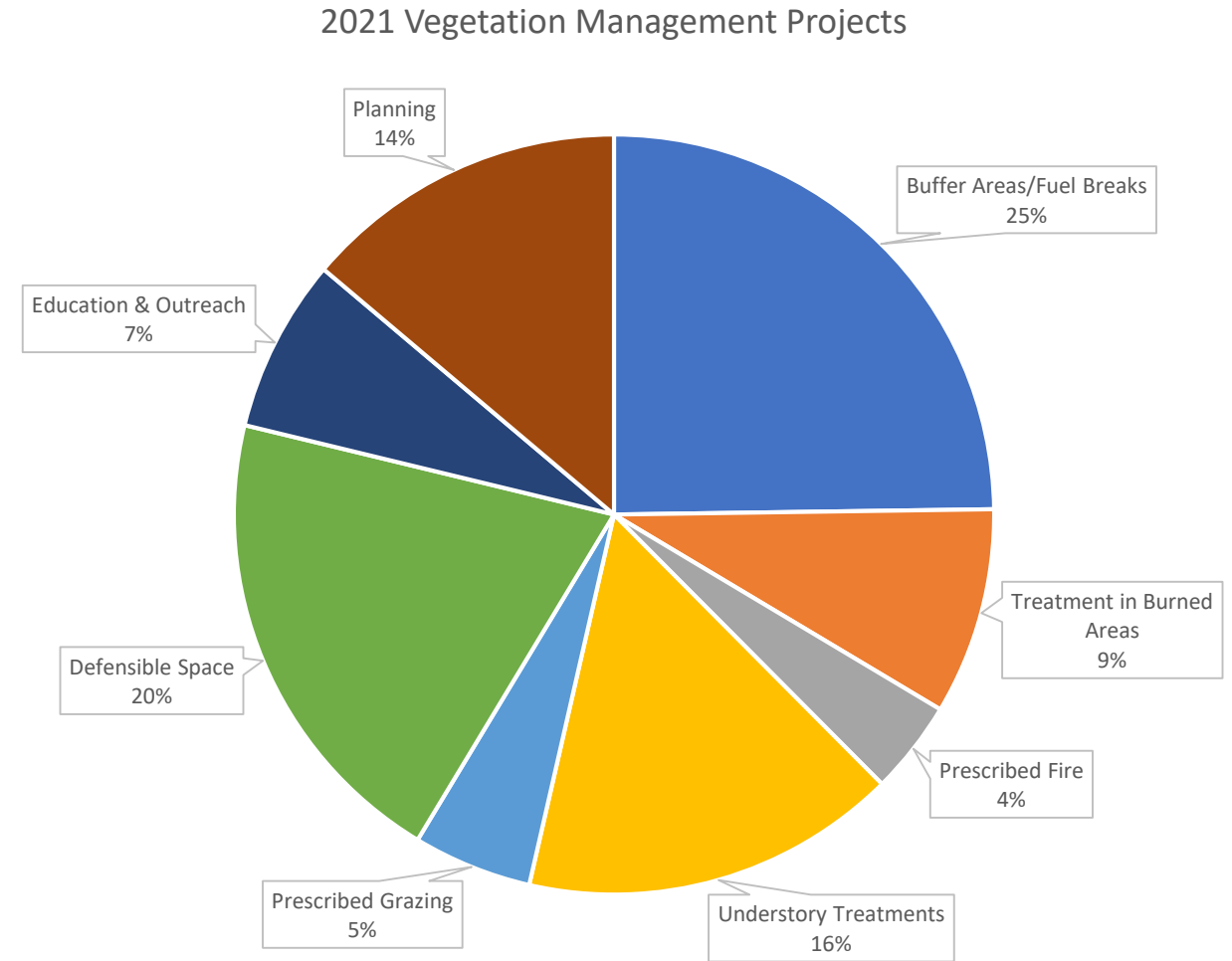
2021 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

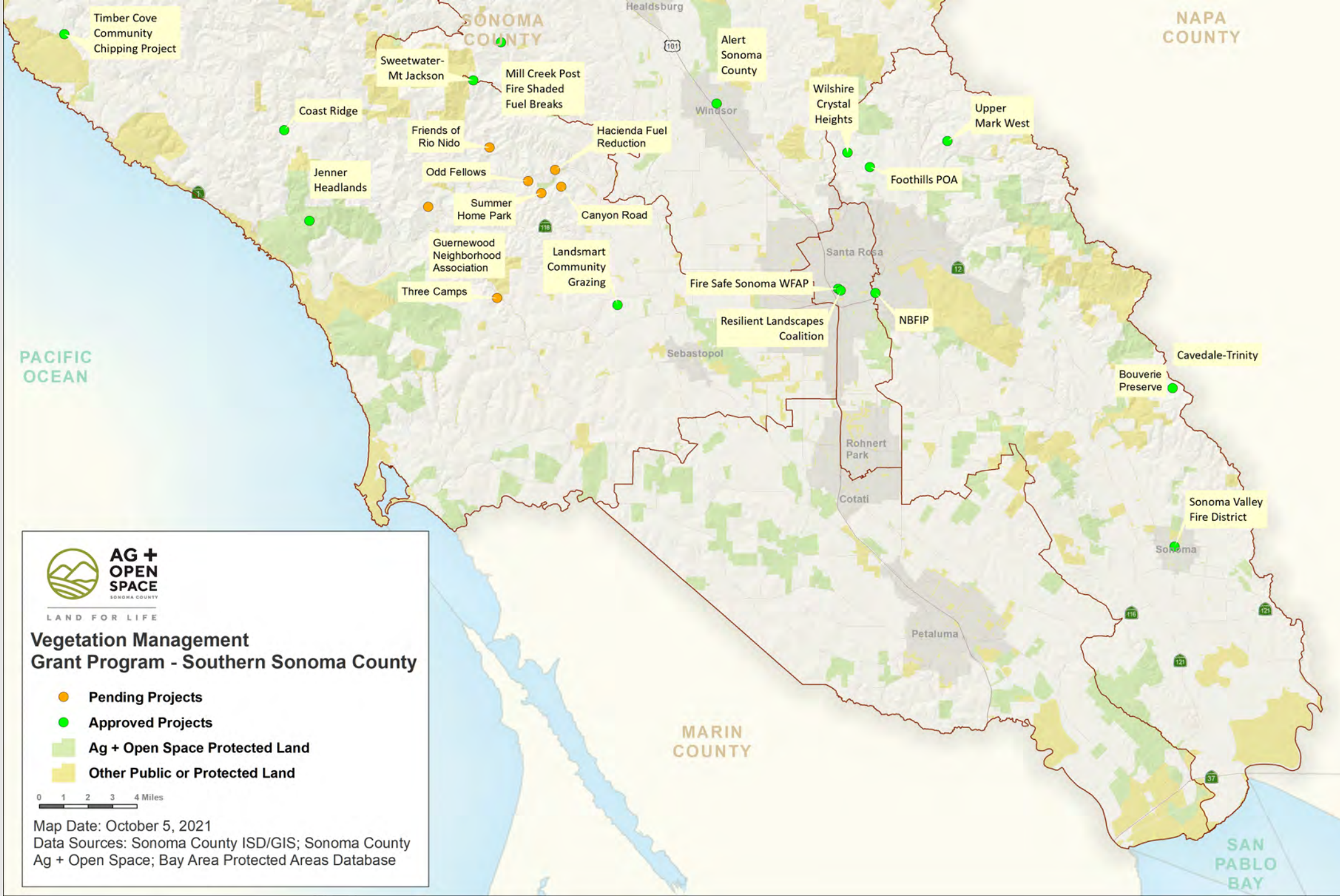
- **Project Highlights**

- Fuel breaks & understory treatments = 41%
- Defensible space & treatments in burned areas = 29%
- Prescribed fire & grazing = 9%

- **Project Cost Range**

- Range: \$20,900 to \$515,860
- Average: \$184,340





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Vegetation Management Grant Program - Southern Sonoma County

- Pending Projects
- Approved Projects
- Ag + Open Space Protected Land
- Other Public or Protected Land

0 1 2 3 4 Miles

Map Date: October 5, 2021

Data Sources: Sonoma County ISD/GIS; Sonoma County
Ag + Open Space; Bay Area Protected Areas Database



Vegetation Management Grant Program - Northern Sonoma County

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Map Date: October 12, 2021

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CAVEDALE & TRINITY ROADSIDE TREATMENT

10.3 miles + Critical Asset Protection

BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



- **Monitor Current Grant Progress**
 - Develop Narrative and Fiscal Reporting Template (October 2021)
 - Site Visits and Assessment of Progress (November 2021)
- **Pending Projects (Cal VTP-dependent)**
 - Complete Site Visits (October 2021)
 - Project Design & Initiate Cal VTP scope (October/November 2021)
 - Cal VTP completion / Grant Agreements (March 2022)
 - Project implementation (April 2022)



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Vegetation Management Grant Program - Pending Projects

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Friends of
Rio Nido

Hacienda Fuel
Reduction

Guernewood
Neighborhood Assoc.

Odd Fellows
Rec Club

Canyon Road

Summer Home Park

PLACEHOLDER
MAP

Three Camps
Fuel Reduction

NEXT STEPS / TIMELINE (cont.)

- **New Grant Cycle 2022**
 - Technical Advisory Committee meeting (November 2021)
 - Public Workshops (December 2021)
 - Solicit Proposals for Community-driven Projects (January 2022)
 - Select & Award new Grant Agreements (April 2022)
- **Program Evaluation and Adaptive Management**
 - Technical Advisory Committee workshop (April 2022)
 - Update to Board of Supervisors (May 2022)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

- **Transportation & Public Works:**
 - Hazard Tree Removal Program
 - Roadside Vegetation Removal
- **Permit Sonoma:**
 - Cal VTP & CEQA compliance for grantees
 - Federal funded projects (BRIC / HMGP)
 - Home hardening and defensible space



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



- **Local Funding:**

- Potential Fire Tax Measure

- **State Funding:**

- FY 21/22 & FY 22/23 = \$1.514 Billion for Forest Health & Fire Prevention
- Resilient Forest & Landscape = \$608 Million (CALFIRE)
- Community Hardening = \$25 Million (CalOES & CALFIRE)
- Cal VTP & LiDAR data = \$48 Million (CALFIRE & Natural Res. Agency)

- **Federal Funding:**

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) – FEMA
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – FEMA



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THANK YOU

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