



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-62

MEETING: February 9, 2021
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer
RE: Local Assistance Tree Mortality Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Grant Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) for Local Assistance Tree Mortality in the Amount of \$93,205; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 State of California budget includes \$93,205 in Local Assistance Tree Mortality funds for Mariposa County. This amount, plus any remaining County funds from prior tree mortality projects, can serve as a match for California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) support available through the Governor's office. CDAA support would cover 75% of eligible costs incurred.

Public Works is in the process of developing a project to use eligible funds before the January 31, 2022 deadline. This action accepts the grant revenue for later use.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors declared a State of Emergency related to tree mortality with Resolution 2015-446 and regularly renewed this action through 2020. Although the County's proclamation has now been terminated, the state emergency proclamation for the area including Mariposa County is still in effect.

The Board approved an agreement with Blue Ridge Services, Inc. for tree mortality operations management services on February 7, 2017. The final amendment included a total not-to-exceed amount of \$5,503,500 with less than \$100,000 required as a local match. Blue Ridge provided a final report to the Board on June 23, 2020.

On January 7, 2020, the Board accepted \$591,714 from RCD for cleanup of trees that were felled but not removed as part of the County's tree mortality mitigation efforts. These grant funds were included in the above-mentioned contract with Blue Ridge Services. No local match was required to complete this project.

Anticipating this funding would be approved, the County issued an RFP for tree mortality mitigation services in October 2020. Ultimately, a project was not identified

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at that time.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the grant agreement. The County may forfeit available funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agreement 8GA20005 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

SECONDER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors

AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey