

**2018 FOREST HEALTH WATERSHED COORDINATOR PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION**

This is the Application form only for 2018 Watershed Coordinator Program grants under the 2018 Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Program Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines detail the background and requirements to apply for funding under the program.

Applicants should familiarize themselves with the Guidelines prior to completing this Grant Application and refer to it for important dates and questions regarding the content of their submission.

Please use the Grant Application Checklist to ensure that all necessary materials are submitted to facilitate prompt application review. Prior to the application deadline, interested applicants may contact staff with questions.

Please prepare all materials using an easy-to-read font. When complete, please submit a digital version via email to the Department of Conservation wcp@conservation.ca.gov.

You will receive acknowledgement upon the receipt of the application via email.

Mariposa County Resource Conservation District:

Upper Merced River, Upper Chowchilla/Upper Fresno River, and Lower Mariposa Group of
Streams Watersheds

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1. Cover sheet for watershed coordinator program

Project Information	
Project Title	Mariposa County Watershed Coordinator
Location (County and/or City)	Mariposa County
District Number(s):	Senate: District 8
	Assembly: District 5
Watershed Coordinator Zone	Sierra Nevada & Cascade
Target Watershed(s) (HUC 10 and/or HUC 8)	Upper Merced River, Upper Chowchilla/Upper Fresno River, and Lower Mariposa Group of Streams Watersheds
Grant Request Amount	\$235,000
Watershed Coordinator Costs	\$188,000
Administrative Costs	\$ 47,000
Applicant Information	
Applicant Name	Mariposa County Resource Conservation District
Organization Type	Special District
Department/Office	Mariposa County Local Partnership Office
Federal Employer ID Number	77-0438850
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Narrative questions

2. *Executive summary*

Concisely summarize the purpose of the proposal, including how it relates to the Forest Carbon Plan. In addition, this section should list any participating local governments or other partners and include a brief description of the watershed characteristics and demographics.

The Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (Mariposa RCD) is submitting this proposal to secure funding to expand our current role as Coordinator for the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management program into a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for the three HUC 8 watersheds within Mariposa County. The Watershed Coordinator will 1) build on existing collaborative efforts to develop and implement strategic Forest Health projects – both new projects and projects already proposed but not yet implemented 2) encourage and facilitate consensus-based project prioritization, and 3) work to obtain funding for planning and implementation of those projects. Using the existing Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program boundaries which coincide with the Mariposa County boundaries, the Watershed Coordinator will work with the many State, Federal, local, nonprofit, and regional organizations active in the area to serve as a resource and *perform vital work necessary to achieve regional forest health goals consistent with the Forest Carbon Plan.*

Mariposa County watersheds are “ground zero” in the bark beetle infestation and one of the hardest hit areas in California for tree mortality caused by the exceptional drought which began in 2012. More than 10 million pine trees have died throughout the County due to tree mortality, not to mention standing live trees consumed by fire. The Merced River Watershed has become the poster child for dramatic visual evidence of impacts on forest health from climate change, drought, bark beetles, and fire. More than 200,000 acres have burned in the County since 2016, with two of those fires, the Detwiler and Ferguson Fires, causing thousands of residents to evacuate from their homes, destroying many homes, outbuildings and ranching infrastructure, and wreaking havoc on the tourism-based economy of the town of Mariposa. The carbon sequestration function performed by our forests is at extreme risk.

The County is located on the Western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range with terrain that varies from rolling oak grassland foothills in the west to rugged mountains in the east with peaks exceeding 11,000 ft. It has a total land area of about 1,461 square miles (935,228 acres). There are 18,251 people living in 2,430 single family owner occupied homes. Of these 18,251 people, 2,940 are over 65; 3,516 have a disability, and 9,150 people are in the workforce. Much of this work is seasonal employment centered on the service and hospitality based tourism industry. There are no incorporated cities in Mariposa County. Depending on the data used, there are 10 to 12 communities designated as disadvantaged and the town of Coulterville is designated as severely disadvantaged with a median household income of less than \$15,000 per year.

Mariposa County is home to Yosemite National Park, and more than 50 percent of the total land area is managed as federal public land by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and the Sierra and Stanislaus National Forests. These lands do not directly generate any tax revenue for the County and are managed for multiple and varied uses by their regulating agencies. The remainder of the land is privately owned and governed by Mariposa County. The Region provides a world-renowned travel destination and experiences an annual influx of up to 5 million visitors. This influx occurs primarily in a 5-6 month period during the warmer months of the year. As a result, hotels and restaurants make up 40 to 50 percent of the total employment in the County.

The County encompasses the high Sierra headwaters of the Merced River in Yosemite National Park as well as the foothill watersheds of the lower Mariposa Group of Streams and the Upper Fresno/ Upper Chowchilla River. The Merced River watershed makes up about 65% of the area. The landscape is overgrown, has massive amounts of fuel from standing dead trees as well as downed trees, and is at risk of extensive erosion and impacts to water quality and infrastructure due to frequent high-intensity fire and unpredictable rain and snowfall patterns which contribute to flooding.

Fourteen communities are designated as At Risk for Wildfire by CAL FIRE, with almost 50 % of the land area in Tier 1 or Tier 2 high hazard zones. Much of Mariposa County also falls into the four Priority Landscape areas determined by CAL FIRE for Reducing Wildfire Threats to Forest Ecosystems and Communities and Restoring Pest and Fire Damaged Areas. (See map included with Attachment #1).

All of these factors mean that the important carbon sequestration benefits provided by Mariposa County's forested watersheds are threatened and diminishing, and it is critical to implement projects and programs across the landscape to stabilize carbon levels. A funded Forest Health Watershed Coordinator would help address this need.

3. *Application questions*

The questions below are designed to solicit specific facts regarding how the proposal addresses the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Program goals and objectives. Please respond to all questions in the order listed and clearly label each question and answer. Points will be attributed to each section and not to individual questions. If a question does not apply to your proposed work, indicate that it is not applicable ("N/A").

Demonstrated need (20 Points)

Current Watershed Conditions/Potential Benefit to the Watershed

- a. Describe how the watershed encompasses forest lands with characteristics and indicators prioritized by the Forest Carbon Plan:
 1. Forests projected to be at risk due to climatically driven stressors.
 2. Forests at greatest risk to high-severity events (e.g., fire, insect outbreak).
 3. Stands with existing large trees.
 4. Forests at high risk of type-conversion (e.g., forest to shrub or grass vegetation).
 5. Areas with high habitat values at risk, such as spotted owl Activity Centers.
 6. Areas that need to be reforested after high mortality events.
 7. Forests at risk of conversion to other uses, including development and agriculture.
 8. Previously treated areas that are in need of follow-up "maintenance" treatments, which are generally less costly and may be able to be accomplished via prescribed fire.

The seven bullet points in red above (1-6 and 8) apply to the current watershed conditions in all watersheds in Mariposa County down to the HUC 12 level. Rather than address all seven, I will only address four of the indicators prioritized in the Forest Carbon Plan as suggested in the Guidelines for this grant.

Forests projected to be at risk due to climatically driven stressors - Climate change is expected to have significant and various impacts on the watersheds within Mariposa County for the following reasons: 1) changing hydrology due to a shift from snow to rain precipitation, 2) higher fire risk due to warmer, drier conditions over the year, and associated impacts on greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), water quality and flooding, 3) longer and drier conditions over the year, and associated impacts on water quality and flooding, 4) longer and more severe multi-year droughts, 5) more evapotranspiration and thus less runoff from mountain headwaters due to longer annual growing seasons at higher elevations, 6) greater summer water demand from all categories of users and 7) habitats and species shifts.

Forests with high habitat values at risk – Mariposa County watersheds provide hundreds of square miles of habitat for countless species, including a broad range of terrestrial and aquatic organisms, and over 50 state and federally recognized special-status and endangered species including the Pacific fisher, California Spotted Owl, foothill yellow-legged frog, Yosemite toad, and western pond turtle. Improvement of aquatic and terrestrial habitat to promote the survival, restoration, and growth for these important species, and many others, is critical as is the eradication of invasive species. Yosemite National Park, the Sierra National Forest, and the Stanislaus National Forest have large, old growth trees, some of the few groves of giant sequoias in the world, and provide a unique, irreplaceable and highly valued habitat.

Areas that need to be reforested after high mortality events- As demonstrated on the CAL FIRE Priority Landscapes Map included in Attachment #1 – Maps, Mariposa County watersheds have thousands of acres of land prioritized for reforestation including the 200,000 acres burned most recently in the Detwiler and Ferguson Fires, plus land burned previously in the Rim Fire, the Railroad Fire, and others. Reforestation work has taken a backseat to fuels reduction due to limited resources and funding in the County. Public safety work such as roadside hazard tree removal and fuel breaks have been deemed higher priority than reforestation. This proposal would allow the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator to work with organizations like the American Forests Foundation and the Sierra Foothills Conservancy to implement climate-smart reforestation and meadow restoration projects on a significant scale.

Forests at high risk of type-conversion – In the hotter climate of the Southern Sierra Nevada, forests that burned at high severity are not regrowing as forest. More and more areas are experiencing a change in vegetation type from forest to shrub or grasslands, which can reburn at high severity in less than a decade, and store less than 10 percent of the carbon of the forests they replaced.

- b. Describe the watershed's current condition and cite any formal studies, reports, or research papers that support the description. Do not attach the actual studies or reports; citations are sufficient.

Mariposa County Watersheds have experienced 80 to 90 percent tree mortality in heavily forested areas which account for more than half of the County's land. *THE STATE OF THE SIERRA NEVADA'S FORESTS: FROM BAD TO WORSE* published by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy in 2017, states: Three factors combined to create the perfect storm in the Sierra: overgrown, unhealthy forests; two more years of extreme drought; and one of the warmest winters on record. These three elements opened the door to a significant increase in the native bark beetle population, and led to unprecedented tree die-off across the Region... Drought, warmer temperatures, and overgrown forests also fueled more large, damaging wildfires.

These factors lead to: Threats to public safety and infrastructure from falling trees › Increased sediment production affecting water quality and water infrastructure › Financial burden on local homeowners and local/state government to remove dead trees and/or clean up after severe wildfire › Taxpayer burden in the form of inflated costs due to increased fire suppression, fire cleanup, structure damage, and increased sedimentation › Increased short-term and long-term fire danger › Loss of a significant amount of carbon absorbed and stored, and an increase in greenhouse gas emissions › Loss of critical wildlife habitat › Loss of revenue from tourism and recreation.

The Little Hoover Commission report published in February 2018, titled *Fire on the Mountain: Rethinking Forest Management in the Sierra Nevada* states: “Proactive forest management practices recommended by the Commission gradually will rebuild healthy high-country forests that store more water, resist new insect infestations and check the speed and intensity of wildfires. Investing upfront to create these healthier forests will pay dividends in the long run by curbing the spiraling costs of state firefighting and tree removal while building stronger recreation and sporting economies in the Sierra Nevada. Forests largely restored to the less crowded natural conditions of centuries ago - through greater use of prescribed burning to replace unilateral policies of fire suppression and mechanical thinning to remove buildup of forest fuels - also will improve wildlife habitat, enhance environmental quality and add to the resilience of mountain landscapes amidst the uncertainties of climate change.”

Fire on the Mountain confirms the narrative of Mariposa County watersheds we have provided above: Rural counties are reeling from costs of removing and storing dead trees that threaten their public safety. Rural homeowners, often retired and on fixed incomes, are having to tap their life savings to take down dead trees near homes and buildings.... All Californians benefit from healthy forests that supply fresh water, clean the air and store carbon. But it is the small mountain towns, the local rural areas that lack strong economies, lucrative tax bases and concentrated political power that are bearing the economic brunt of tree mortality crisis.

The Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, updated in 2016, also describes the watershed’s current condition along with a prioritized list of 51 projects to improve watershed health, water quality, water supply, habitat and recreation, and respond to the impacts of climate change.

Projects contemplated to be facilitated by the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator are also consistent with CAL FIRE’s Strategic Plan and local Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Strategic Plans, as well as the California Water Plan, and specific projects will be identified once we’ve completed the stakeholder process to establish regional priorities for forest areas most in need of treatment to improve forest health and watershed conservation.

- c. Describe how the watershed coordinator would benefit the watershed. The response should address:
 - The watershed-related goals in your organization’s strategic or long-range plan, the connection between the Forest Carbon Plan and those goals, and how a watershed coordinator would help your organization achieve these goals. Specific problems and issues on public and/or private land within the watershed, and how a watershed coordinator would help to address these problems.
 - Direct benefits a watershed coordinator would provide to the watershed and what methods will be used to measure and evaluate the watershed coordinator’s direct benefits to the watershed.

Any existing watershed coordination efforts currently in place, gaps in coordination, and how the watershed coordinator will fill those gaps.

As described above, watersheds in Mariposa County have been heavily affected by the consequences of drought, tree mortality, flooding, and catastrophic wildfires since 2010, including the Rim, Detwiler, Railroad and Ferguson fires. There are many ongoing collaborative efforts including a local Tree Mortality Task Force, the Integrated Regional Water Management group, a Forestry and Fuels Committee, a Fire Prevention Planning group, the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery group, the Southwest Interface Team, and others which involve CAL FIRE, the US Forest Service, Yosemite National Park, Bureau of Land Management, Mariposa County government including the Planning Department and Public Works, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Sierra Foothills Conservancy, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Upper Merced Watershed Council, Mariposa County FireSafe Council, the Mariposa Biomass Project, California Office of Emergency Services, and other local nonprofit groups and interested citizens and landowners.

The Mariposa County RCD is active and engaged in all of these efforts. Our mission is to “encourage and facilitate cooperative solutions to local resources conservation issues and problems.” We provide technical, financial and educational resources to meet the needs of the local land-users. As a special district of the State, the Mariposa County RCD has the unique ability to liaison between government and private landowners. We can contract with government agencies as a peer unlike nonprofit organizations, and also work on private lands unlike many federal, state, and local governments. We also serve as lead agency for CEQA filings. During the past three years, we have obtained and implemented \$6.5 million in programs to reduce hazardous fuels, conserve water and provide technical assistance to landowners.

But, despite the efforts and substantial investments of all the local agencies, the scale of the threat to the health of our forest watersheds means there are not nearly enough resources to do the work required at the pace and scale required. All of the partner agencies are limited by personnel and funding in being able to implement projects. The Mariposa County RCD is entirely grant funded, and therefore dependent on successfully obtaining funding and restricted to using those funds for the purposes detailed in the grant agreements. Much of the time currently spent by the Mariposa County RCD program manager, who is also the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM coordinator, is uncompensated by grant funding. Time and effort spent identifying and investigating grants, as well as time spent sharing that information with stakeholders and forming collaborative groups to pursue that funding is uncompensated. Salary for time spent writing grants and assisting others in writing grants is currently compensated out of the reserves of the organization, monies usually received as indirect charges for the various grants already obtained. This structure limits the ability of the program manager to assist others.

A Forest Health Watershed position, fully funded for two years, would increase the Mariposa County RCD’s capacity to seek out new funding sources, provide staff time assistance in preparing funding requests, and do the work of advancing projects toward completion. The Mariposa County RCD program manager, who would become the Watershed Coordinator if this application is successful, already has positive working relationships with stakeholders in the watershed. As demonstrated by the number of support letters included here, there is overwhelming support for the RCD’s application, as well as a clear recognition that Mariposa County watersheds need this assistance to address the overwhelming challenges to Forest Health.

A salary-based grant would increase our ability to pursue less program-specific efforts (water conservation rebates for instance) and allow us to pursue more strategic planning efforts that we currently cannot bill to any one grant. For example, the RCD program manager participates in the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery project and dedicated approximately 240 hours of uncompensated time to collaborate, strategize and produce a multi-partner competitive grant application for CAL FIRE's Forest Health grant program. Because this time is uncompensated, it impacts the financial status of the RCD, particularly when the application may not be awarded funding. Yet, this is exactly the kind of task that is vital to the watershed's forest health. Having Watershed Coordinator funding will allow us to continue this type of work without jeopardizing the organization's finances.

The projects needed in Mariposa County Watershed are directly in line with the Forest Carbon Plan. Especially after the loss of life and assets in the town of Paradise during the Camp Fire, a town very much like towns in Mariposa County, stakeholders in the watersheds are committed to improving forest health in the watershed by implementing mechanical thinning, prescribed fire, meadow restoration, conservation easements, and biomass utilization, all of which are specifically supported in the Forest Carbon Plan.

We have potential partners throughout the watersheds, eager to collaborate. We have had discussions with the American Forests Foundation and the Sierra Foothills Conservancy about collaborating on reforestation projects and meadow restoration. These are projects detailed in the Forest Carbon plan as critical to restoring forest health and increasing carbon sequestration, but they have had to take a back seat to more urgent public safety protection projects such as roadside hazard tree removal and fuels reduction projects. A Forest Health Watershed Coordinator position can assist in supporting not only fuels reduction but prescribed fire projects, the Mariposa Biomass Plant, habitat conservation and restoration, and trails and other recreational projects.

Direct benefit to the watershed will be measured in terms of project progress. From identifying new projects and assisting in forming collaborative teams, to advancing existing projects – from the conceptual stage to the planning stage, from planning to shovel ready, from shovel ready to implementation, and from implementation to completion. This progress can be quantified and tracked, and results can be analyzed to identify issues and barriers and adapt to them. Special attention will be paid to finding and obtaining planning grants to accomplish necessary CEQA documentation, as many grantors require that CEQA be complete before a project can be submitted for implementation grant funds. This has been a major stumbling block for many worthy and critical forest health projects.

Other benefits will be less easily quantified but include more frequent and effective collaboration with local and regional partners due to having a dedicated Watershed Coordinator to facilitate interactions and discussions. More coordinated strategic planning will result in more cohesive and beneficial programs of work among all stakeholders. And given the current trend among grantors to favor collaborative efforts, the work of the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator will be able to increase the number and dollar amount of grants secured in the watersheds.

Consistency with the recommendations of the Forest Carbon Plan (25 Points)

- I. List the overall goal(s) that the watershed coordinator will focus on during the grant period. Goals are a statement of the long-term, broad vision for the watershed; they should exhibit significant benefits for the watershed and may take a while to achieve. For example, a goal may be: To improve forest health in the XYZ River watershed.
 - a. Describe how each goal relates to at least one recommendation or action outlined in the Forest Carbon Plan.

The goal of this application is to improve forest health in all watersheds in Mariposa County, including the Upper Merced River, the Upper Chowchilla/Upper Fresno River, the Lower Mariposa Group of Streams, and all subwatersheds down to the HUC 12 level. This is consistent with the goals of the Forest Carbon Plan (pg 31):

1. *Enhance*: Expand and improve forest management to enhance forest health and resilience, resulting in enhanced long-term carbon sequestration and storage potential.
2. *Protect*: Increase protection of California's forested lands and reduce conversion to non-forest uses, resulting in a more stable forested land base.
3. *Innovate*: Pursue innovations in wood products and biomass utilization in a manner that reduces or offsets GHG emissions; promotes land stewardship; and strengthens rural economies and communities.

- b. Identify and discuss the tasks that will be implemented to support each goal. Each goal must have one or more tasks. A task is a significant step that must be completed to achieve a goal. Tasks must focus on outcomes rather than the methods used. For example, a task related to the goal above may be: Conduct thinning and removal of dead and dying trees in XYZ Watershed. Tasks must be directly related to the required and eligible activities outlined in the Guidelines.

Task 1 Bring together stakeholders to review and align existing plans related to Forest Health (1.*Enhance*)

Task 2 Produce a Forest Health Watershed Plan – with prioritized projects agreed to by stakeholders (1.*Enhance*)

Task 3 Identify and obtain funding for high priority projects – projects will be determined on a watershed-wide basis after consultation with stakeholders, but will include such activities as reforestation, fuel breaks, mechanical thinning, prescribed fire, meadow restoration, biomass utilization, and research such as Lidar acquisition. Many partnerships and collaborative groups already exist and they are aware of this potential grant. Multiple local and regional partners are eager to participate. (3.*Innovate*)

Task 4 Implement high priority projects – Based on successful grant applications or other funding agreements, forest health projects will be implemented throughout the Mariposa County watersheds. (2.*Protect* 3.*Innovate*)

- c. For each task, discuss the sub-tasks that will be completed. Describe why this approach was chosen to address issue(s) within the watershed. Describe the connection between sub-tasks and tasks and how they will contribute to the completion of each goal.

For Task 1, subtasks include a review of existing plans related to forest health, including the CAL FIRE state and local strategic plans, the Countywide Strategic Fire Plan, the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the Communitywide Wildfire Protection Plan, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Plan, US Forest Service Long Range Management Plan, Yosemite National Park Long Range Management Plan and Strategic Fire Plan, and others. We will also attend existing collaborative meetings, such as the Southwest Interface Team and the Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery project, and determine whether additional focused meetings are necessary to plan the Forest Health Watershed Plan. This will allow us to identify any stakeholders not previously included and to build consensus and raise awareness of the availability of the Watershed Coordinator to assist stakeholders in advancing their projects – from conceptual through planning, to shovel ready to completion.

For Task 2, a draft Forest Health Watershed Plan and master list of prioritized projects will be created and discussed with stakeholders. At this point we will begin the process of entering into partnership agreements with project proponents such as American Forest Foundation, the Sierra Foothills Conservancy, US Forest Service, Yosemite National Park, Sierra Water Work Group, Upper Merced River Watershed Council and others. Although we have had preliminary discussions with all parties mentioned, we have not moved forward with specific projects until we have an opportunity to discuss with all stakeholders and have achieved consensus on priority projects and the best partnerships to accomplish those projects.

For Task 3, we will expand upon our role in informing the 150 Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM stakeholders about appropriate funding opportunities to include additional stakeholders and the wider world of all possible funding (rather than being focused on IRWM). Task 1 will have included identifying the universe of stakeholders and projects which will enable a further search for appropriate funding sources, including grants, public-private partnerships and any other funding arrangements that can be found. The DOC Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant will allow the RCD to fund staff time to assist more fully in preparation of grant applications for stakeholders as well as preparing applications for the RCD to submit.

For Task 4, we will work to assist any stakeholders who successfully obtain funding to implement any Forest Health project. The RCD can serve as Fiscal Agent, Lead Agency on CEQA, and provide templates for contracts, memoranda of understanding, or other types of agreements. We are also active as grantees in implementing water quality, fuels reduction, biomass utilization, and other forest health projects, and will be able to accelerate and expand on our participation. Depending on the results of efforts to secure funding, this grant would enable us to hire additional staff to support the Watershed Coordinator or share Watershed Coordinator duties.

- d. Performance Measures: Explain the methods that will be used to measure the effectiveness of the watershed coordinator's efforts. Each task must include a performance measure. Performance measures are quantifiable standards that measure the success of a task and the task's direct benefit to the watershed. Performance measures are verified through data or information collection. Performance measures are generally reported as numbers, ratios, or counts. Performance measures go a step beyond reporting the completion of activities, the number of meetings held, or the number of attendees at an event. Effective performance measures should quantify the direct benefit to the watershed. For example, the number of acres treated or the percent type conversion

avoided could be used to measure direct benefits to the watershed. A performance measure should not be a list of tasks completed.

For Task 1, we will monitor the value to the watershed of the prioritized projects developed by aligning existing plans. This number will include the value in dollars of the project as well as the value of the completed project in terms of GHG emissions reduced, acres treated, biomass utilized, trees planted, meadowland acres restored, acres conserved, private property acres treated, etc.

For Task 2, a similar but more expansive analysis will be performed based on the final stakeholder-approved list of prioritized projects in the Forest Health Watershed Plan. This will include socioeconomic indicators such as jobs created, tourism dollars protected from loss by improved aesthetics and forest health, number of acres treated, number of trees planted, habitat protected, meadows restored, biomass utilized, energy created, GHG emissions reduced, open pile burning avoided, homes and structures protected, research conducted and the estimated value to the region of that research, etc.

For Task 3, performance will be measured by the number of completed grant applications as well as their value in dollars and the potential results of their implementation to improved forest health.

For Task 4, performance will be measured by the number of grants awarded or other types of funding obtained by the Mariposa County RCD or other partner organizations implementing projects identified in the Forest Health Watershed Plan. Results of projects advanced or implemented will be tracked and reported using metrics cited above.

Collaboration (25 Points)

- II. Describe any existing partnerships that will be leveraged to meet the goals identified above. Identify all partners and describe their contribution to the proposal, including cash or in-kind match, and the history of the partnership. Provide letters of support from partners that clearly outline the partner's role in the proposal and any direct support they will provide the watershed coordinator. Letters of support should include:
 - a. An explanation of the entity's relationship with the applicant.
 - b. A description of the entity's jurisdiction as it relates to the watershed.
 - c. A description of any intended contributions (e.g. financial contributions, donated staff time or resources) to support the watershed coordinator.

Letters of support should be provided as an attachment to this application and addressed to "Department of Conservation."

- III. Describe any existing or planned collaborations with other organizations operating in the watershed. What efforts are currently under way to encourage cooperation between organizations?

As quoted from Long, et al, 2014, in the Forest Carbon Plan, "A socioecological system is a dynamic association of biophysical and social factors that interact and continuously adapt to regulate flows of critical resources, such as

biodiversity, water, nutrients, energy, materials, infrastructure, and knowledge.” This understanding of a watershed as an organizing unit explains why our proposal includes all the watersheds within Mariposa County and the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Watershed boundaries. This area encompasses the full range of biophysical and social factors necessary for successful planning and implementation of forest health projects.

The Mariposa County RCD is actively engaged throughout the watershed with stakeholders ranging from individual private land owners to state, local and federal agencies. Some of the most currently active partnerships include the Sierra Nevada Small Scale Community Biomass Project Collaborative (SNSSCBPC), South West Interface Team (SWIFT), the Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery project (SSARR), the Mariposa County Fire Prevention Planning Committee (FPCC), and the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Group (Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM).

SNSSCPC is a group of four small scale community biomass plants partnering on a grant proposal to the US Forest Service Wood Innovations Grant program to work together on completion of the final requirements necessary to begin plant construction and operation. Partners are the Forest Biomass Business Center in Camptonville, the Nevada County Biomass Task Force in Grass Valley, Blue Mountain Electric Company in Wilseyville, and the Mariposa Biomass Project in Mariposa. Combined, these four plants will utilize 67,900 bone dry tons of forest biomass per year equating to treatment of 5,223 acres of mixed conifer forest land per year, and create up to 80 full-time, living-wage jobs in rural, low-income forested communities. The project includes creating usable templates for fuels contracts, financing, and meeting environmental requirements that would be shared with the US Forest Service to assist others in realizing a small scale community biomass plant. This group was formed in November 2018.

SWIFT was formed 15 years ago and is group of government and external partners, including the U.S. Forest Service, CAL FIRE, representatives from Tuolumne and Mariposa counties, FireSafe Councils and the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District that works collaboratively to create fire adapted communities. Strategically protecting homes in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) is the organization’s goal. Prescribed burns, fuel breaks and ground mastication efforts are used by all partners to achieve that objective. Mariposa County RCD removed 176 standing dead hazard trees in SWIFT’s jurisdiction in 2017 using CAL FIRE Tree Mortality grant program funds.

Formed in 2017, the SSARR is an all-lands, coordinated adaptive management framework developed to improve the administration, health and resilience of the forests and watersheds of the southern Sierra Nevada. The SSARR is voluntary and composed of government, scientific, tribal and non-profit organizations, representing State and Federal Responsibility Areas in Mariposa, Madera, and Fresno Counties. Grant proposals were submitted to CAL FIRE’s Forest Health grant program in June and December, 2018. Mariposa County Resource Conservation District was the applicant for a \$3.9 million grant with roadside hazard tree clearance, biomass utilization, reforestation, and prescribed burns for Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park. There was also a Lidar acquisition and data analysis component to the multi-partner project. The Lidar data will allow the SSARR to establish regional priorities for forest areas most in need of treatment to improve forest health and watershed conservation.

FPCC is an ad hoc County committee formed in September 2018 and is comprised of CAL FIRE, Mariposa County Fire, Mariposa County Planning Department, Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, Mariposa County FireSafe Council and two Mariposa County Supervisors. The purpose of the ad hoc committee is to discuss priorities for grant applications for fuels reduction projects and work together to update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan

(CWPP) to ensure that it addresses tree mortality issues and is consistent with the CAL FIRE Strategic Plan and local Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Strategic Plan. The committee worked together to submit a CAL FIRE Fire Prevention grant application in December 2018 to update the CWPP.

The Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM was formed in 2012 by the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District to bring stakeholders together to prepare an Integrated Watershed Management Plan and jointly apply for funding from the Department of Water Resources. There are 20 members who have signed an MOU and more than 75 participants. The plan was completed in 2014 and updated in 2016. Members have received almost \$3 million in grant funding since the group was initiated.

The Mariposa County RCD also participated in a regional call hosted by the Sierra Nevada Alliance to explore opportunities to partner on this Watershed Coordinator grant. After discussions with the Sierra Resource Conservation District in Fresno County and Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions in Tuolumne County, all parties agreed that due to the large geographical areas to be served, partnering would not be effective in terms of a salaried coordinator. We did all agree to continue to collaborate and partner whenever possible on projects and large landscape efforts, however.

In addition to the partnerships described above, we are including 34 letters of support from partners and stakeholders with this application in Attachment #3 – Collaboration and Support Letters. Letters are from:

1. All Power Labs – Portable biomass unit manufacturer. Partner on CAL Fire Forest Health grant application
2. American Indian Council of Mariposa – Southern Sierra Miwok Nation tribal organization active in Mariposa. Members of Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM
3. Paul Amstutz – Science and math teacher, Yosemite Park High School, Merced River Water Quality Monitoring Team leader
4. California Office of Emergency Services –Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM Member, Tree Mortality Task Force partner
5. California Association of Resource Conservation Districts – Statewide RCD organization, Partner on Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant. Mariposa is one of 10 Sierra Nevada counties to receive funding to provide technical assistance to private land owners
6. Kathy Chappell - Mariposa County School Board member, local winery owner
7. Double Tree Forest Management – Local fuels treatment contractor, partners with USFS and with NRCS for EQIP contract work on private lands
8. Fish Camp Fire and Rescue – Local volunteer fire department, Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member, Infrastructure Committee Chair
9. Frank Cole – Local private landowner and tree service company owner
10. Friends of the Merced River – Local environmental advocacy group working to protect and preserve the Merced River
11. Mariposa Biomass Project – Local nonprofit seeking to construct a small scale biomass plant Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member. RCD has been fiscal agent and grant administrator for \$5.2 million in grant funds from US Forest Service and California Energy Commission for this project

12. Mariposa County Board of Supervisors- Provides some funding for RCD, partners in Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery project, Fire Prevention Committee, partners on CAL FIRE Forest Health grant application, partners on State Water Resources Control Board technical assistance grant
13. Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center – Local advocacy and business development organization
14. Mariposa County FireSafe Council – Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member, partners on CAL FIRE grants for Downed Tree Removal on private land and Community Wildfire Protection Plan update
15. Mariposa Public Utility District – Local water provider. Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member, Regional Water Management Group member. Owns a 400-acre conservancy to protect water quality and provide recreational access to the public
16. Merced River Conservation Committee – Local environmental organization, partner in technical consulting capacity for fisheries projects
17. Natural Environments, Inc – Local design and construction company owner
18. Lake Don Pedro Community Services District – Local water district, Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member, partners on Department of Water Resources Water Use Efficiency grant (Mariposa RCD is subgrantee and grant administrator)
19. Linda Parsons – Local private land owner
20. Sierra Business Council – Local business advocacy organization
21. Sierra Foothills Conservancy – Local nonprofit conservancy. Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member. Partners on recent Caltrans mitigation grant. RCD serves as lead agency for CEQA filings
22. Sierra National Forest – Federal forest management agency. Partners on Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery project. Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member
23. Sierra Nevada Alliance – Regional advocacy organization, led efforts to form partnerships for this grant
24. Sierra Nevada Conservancy – State conservation agency, Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member, partner in Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery project, past partnerships for staffing agreement contracts, partners in the SNC Watershed Improvement Program
25. Sierra Water Workgroup – Regional organization focused on watershed health, partners on RCD's IRWM planning grant, consultant for Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM mapping tool
26. Spiritual Assembly – Local faith based group, participant in Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM
27. Stanislaus National Forest – Federal forest management agency. Partners in SWIFT group. Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM members
28. South West Interface Team (SWIFT) – Local collaborative group for fire prevention planning and fuels reduction projects, Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member
29. University of California Cooperative Extension – Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member, partners on outreach for water use efficiency rebate program and native plant sales
30. Upper Merced River Watershed Council – Local Watershed Council originally formed by RCD but developed into separate nonprofit agency. Formerly implemented DOC Watershed Coordinator grants. Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member
31. Whispering Oaks Estates – Local homeowners association. Member of Yosemite--Mariposa IRWM. Partners on project planning for reservoir rehabilitation and habitat conservation project
32. Yosemite Area Audubon Society – Local chapter of national environmental organization, member of Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM

33. Yosemite National Park – One of America’s oldest and most beloved National Parks, a leading international tourist destination and a national treasure. Partners in SSARR. Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM member. Partners on CAL FIRE Forest Health grant application 2018
34. Yosemite Tourism Bureau – Local organization promoting tourism to Mariposa County

Consistency with additional planning efforts (15 Points)

- IV. Describe how the proposal will complement other planning efforts in the watershed. How does the proposal support published watershed goals identified by the State or other entities?

As described throughout this application, the Mariposa County RCD is actively engaged in multiple planning efforts throughout the County as well as some regional and statewide IRWM efforts (the Mountain Counties Funding Area Disadvantaged Community Involvement Coordinating Committee and statewide Roundtable of Regions). We work closely with the Mariposa County Planning Department, CAL FIRE, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, US Forest Service and others to contribute content and ideas to strategic plans. As coordinators for the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM plan we are very familiar with the California Water Action Plan and align our activities with it closely.

Our proposal acknowledges the many existing state and local plans and begins with reviewing and aligning projects contained within them to produce a master list from which to hold discussions and foster stakeholder engagement.

Co-benefits (10 Points)

- V. Provide a qualitative description of the co-benefits anticipated to result from successful completion of the proposed tasks, as well as any quantitative information to support your claims (e.g., support biodiversity, promote a clean water supply, support local economies, provide recreational and educational opportunities, protect spiritual and cultural resources.

While we will not finalize projects until we’ve completed a stakeholder process, we can say that all forest health projects considered will have multiple co-benefits. For example:

Project support to complete the Mariposa Biomass Plant will have the co-benefit of not only creating 15 full-time living wage jobs in Mariposa County, but it will reduce the amount of truck traffic on the two major highways serving the area. Currently logging trucks haul biomass to Rio Bravo or Chinese Camp biomass plants in Fresno and Sonora causing damage to the roadways and emitting large amount of GHG. Mariposa County’s road conditions are ranked 54th out of 58 counties in the State. Having a closer local option that can take 12 – 15 truckloads a day will reduce wear and tear on roads as well as carbon emissions while producing up to 18 percent of the electricity needed in Mariposa County. Removing biomass from the landscape also protects infrastructure and helps to prevent damage to culverts, bridges and other critical infrastructure when that debris is washed into roads and creeks during heavy rains and flooding. This has become a significant problem in Mariposa County, particularly in burn-damaged areas. And because the main driver of the local economy is tourism, passable roadways are critical.

Fuels reduction and fuel break projects will provide significant socio-economic benefits by improving public safety along heavily traveled roads and protecting both first responder access, public evacuation routes and carrying up to 5 million tourists to three of the four entrances to Yosemite National Park. Removing hazard trees, burned snags, and

downed wood from roadway corridors not only improves and protects the scenic vistas tourists come to see, it reduces fuel loads in close proximity to the Tier 1 communities of Coulterville, Greeley Hill, Mariposa, Midpines, Jerseydale, Bootjack, Foresta, Yosemite West, Wawona, and Fish Camp. The removal directly reduces the fire threat and GHG emissions in a region that has experienced large wildfires ignited along roadsides. It also preserves the world-renown recreational and educational opportunities available in Yosemite, the Sierra and the Stanislaus National Forests.

Projects that prepare for and implement prescribed fire increase improve the health of the landscape by reducing vegetation thereby making it possible to slow, stop, or prevent megafires in an area notoriously difficult and dangerous to suppress fire.

Reducing forest fuel loading also increases downstream water availability and reduces competition for water among trees, making standing trees healthier and more vigorous. Reducing stocking density directly increases downstream water availability and facilitates land managers' ability to conduct prescribed fire to maintain forests closer to historic densities of 150 trees per acre that will be more fire resistant and better adapted to persist during drought ensuring downstream water availability in the long-term. Water quality is also protected by reducing erosion and sedimentation.

Reforestation projects promote soil health and allow for soil remediation through the use of biochar created with mobile units or at the Mariposa Biomass plant, prepare for low intensity prescribed fire, and reduce high intensity fire that negatively impacts soil structure and stability and increases erosion rates. Soil remediation with biochar produced from woody residues from our forests secures carbon in the soil in the long term and reduces the probability of future carbon loss as biochar is locked in the soil will not volatilize during fire.

Meadow restoration projects and conservation projects will protect habitat and allow for natural carbon sequestration processes to remain in place across the landscape. Invasive species clearance protects and promotes the health of native species, and allows meadows to function to clean and filter runoff and protect the water supply.

This portion of the Sierra Nevada hosts many fire dependent species that have been affected by lack of prescribed fire, drought, bark beetles and climate change. For example, Fresno mat *Ceanothus fresnensis*, a shrub species endemic to the Sierra Nevada foothills, will benefit directly from reduced risk of high intensity fires, as well as the State-listed Pacific fisher and California spotted owl. Ponderosa Pine, the main tree species devastated by the tree mortality epidemic, is also ecologically adapted to fire and will benefit from a more frequent prescribed fire schedule; possibly helping shift forest species composition back to historical levels.

Water Quality Protection and Improvement, improved Soil Health, increased Conservation, and Climate Adaptation will be gained as we restore watershed functionality, improve forest and watershed health, promote soil health through reforestation and prescribed fire, and reduce wildfire threat. All projects included in the Forest Health Watershed Plan will be evaluated for co-benefits and prioritized among stakeholders. We feel comfortable saying that we will not implement any project that does not have co-benefits.

Long-term success (5 Points)

- VI. Describe any methods or plans to sustain the watershed coordinator position and build upon the accomplishments of the work plan beyond the life of the grant. Include an explanation of how the organization will attempt to maintain funding for the watershed coordinator position after the grant term.

One of the options the Mariposa County RCD is exploring is entering into a Forest Stewardship contract with the two National Forests in Mariposa County – the Sierra and the Stanislaus. The program manager will be attending a three-day workshop in March hosted by the Forest Service to gather information about this opportunity. We hope to build on the proposal in our Wood Innovations grant application to create templates for use in developing small scale biomass projects as well as for general use in Forest Stewardship contracts.

In addition, we believe that we will be able to increase our annual support from Mariposa County – from an average of \$24,000 per year to \$48,000 per year – based on the demonstrated benefits we provide to the residents of Mariposa County. Our programs and projects not only benefit individual private landowners, a role we are uniquely suited to filling, but benefit all residents of Mariposa County by improving forest and watershed health. Having healthy forested watersheds is the lifeblood of this community, providing jobs and wellbeing to all. Providing stable funding for our operations is a wise investment for the County government.

A third idea is to increase the size of our annual native plant sale. This two-day event has gotten more and more popular and in 2018 we sold all the plants we had purchased for both days of the sale within two hours on the first day. We quickly ordered more plants and sold them all on the second day, raising \$7,000 for the RCD. We are exploring ways to take orders from the public over a longer period of time so that we can optimize our ability to resell native plants to meet the local demand. We sell native wildflower seeds and milkweed seeds at our offices throughout the year, but could promote this program more to increase sales. We may also look into selling tree seedlings for reforestation efforts, either to individual land owners or as part of large scale project with partners. We will continue our partnership with the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program to cross promote each other's plant sales and educate the public on proper planting for wildfire resiliency and climate-smart land stewardship techniques.

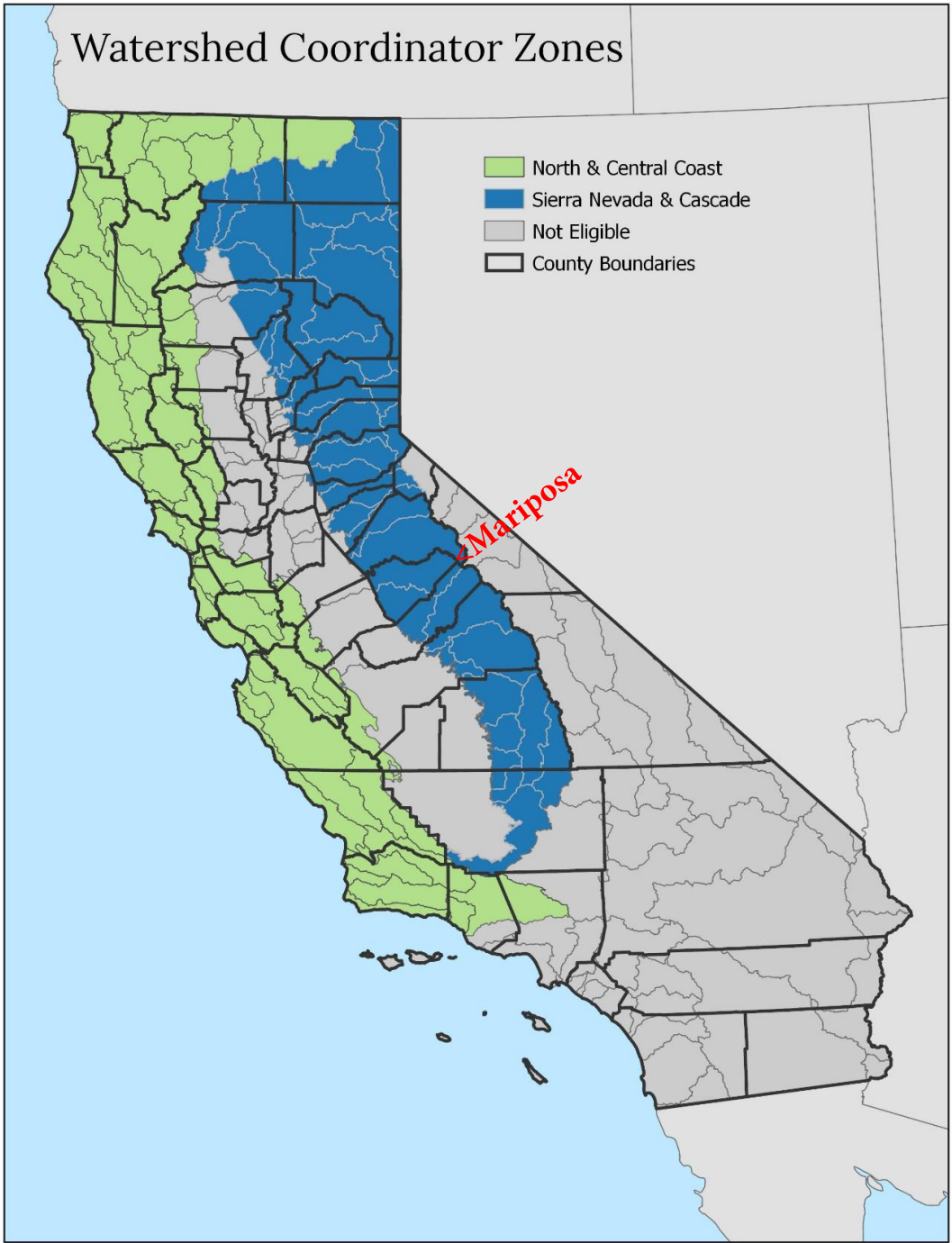
The Mariposa County RCD also hopes to leverage the partnerships we've developed with the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, Yosemite Tourism Bureau, Sierra Business Council and other local and regional advocacy and economic development organizations to form public/private partnerships potentially centered on assisting local landowners with fuels reduction, home hardening, or defensible space projects. A safer and healthier environment benefits all residents and protects the watershed for locals and tourists alike.

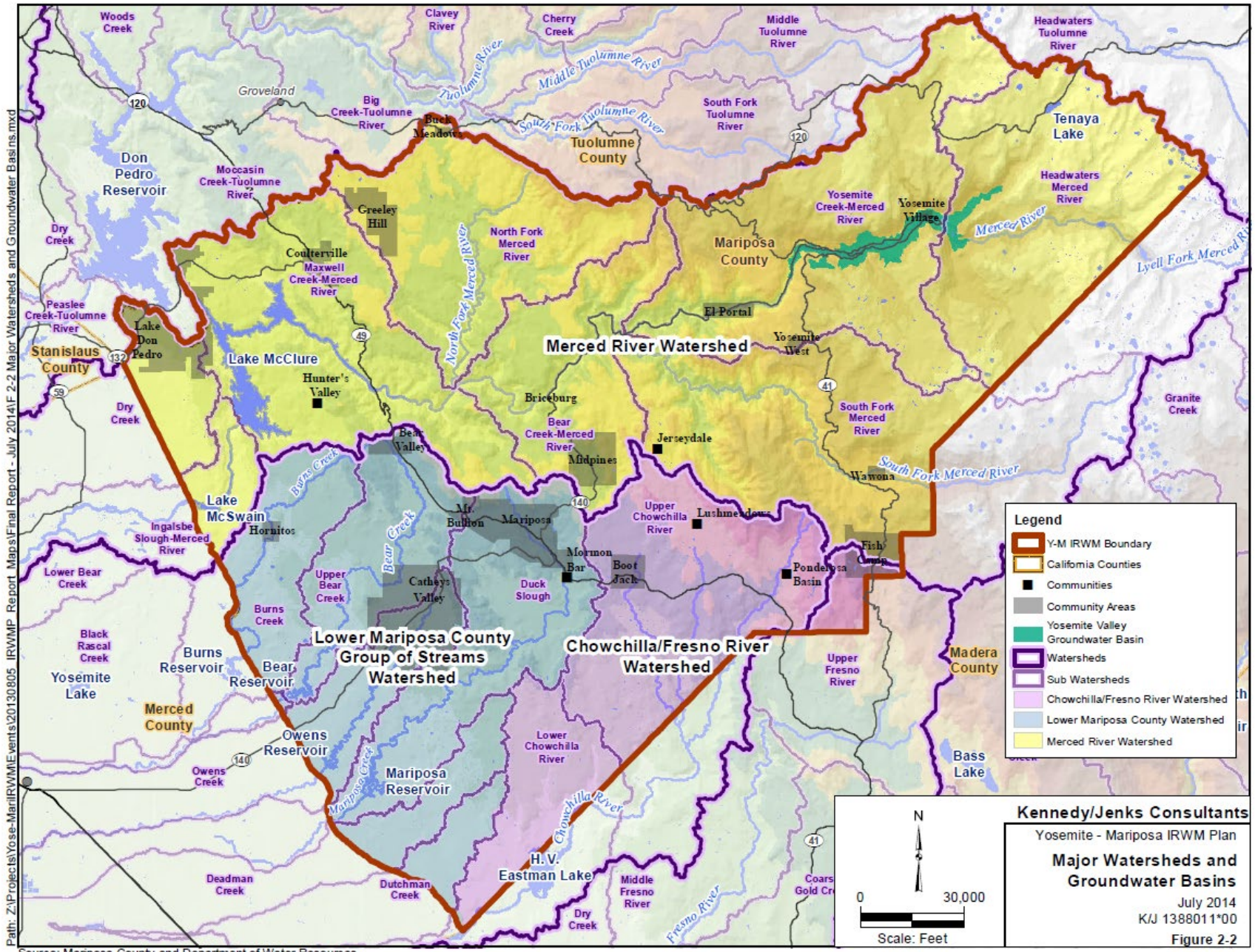
4. Work plan

TASK 1 Bring Together Stakeholders to Review and Align Existing Forest Health Plans	Timeline [Start and End Date]	Total Requested Grant Funds
Subtask A: Create master list of existing efforts and plans Subtask B: Attend existing or convene new meetings Subtask C: Prepare master project listing Performance Measures: Value of aligned master list of projects in both dollars and results, e.g. GHG emissions reduced, acres treated, trees planted, biomass utilized, energy produced, meadow acres restored, research projects completed, etc.	May to September 2019	\$56,446.65
TASK 2 Produce a Forest Health Watershed Plan		
Subtask A: Gain consensus on prioritized project list Subtask B: Draft Forest Health Watershed Plan Subtask C: Gather input on draft and create final plan, share with stakeholders and get approval Performance Measures: A Forest Health Watershed Plan endorsed by stakeholders with overall benefit to the watershed from a socioeconomic perspective as well as measures listed above.	September 2019 to March 2020	\$72,199.88
TASK 3 Identify and Obtain Funding for Forest Health Projects		
Subtask A: Identify funding Subtask B: Share funding information with stakeholders Subtask C: Prepare or assist in preparation of grant applications Performance Measures: Grant applications for a variety of stakeholders to implement forest health projects, potential results of grant projects if implemented (see above)	June 2019 to May 2021	\$55,791.09
TASK 4 Implement Projects		
Subtask A: Secure funding Subtask B: Implement or assist in implementation of projects Subtask C: Partner with and assist organizations implementing projects Performance Measures: Grants awards, partner agreements, results of projects implemented	September 2019 to May 2021	\$50,562.38
GRAND TOTAL	\$235,000.00	

5. Budget applicants must provide a budget broken down by cost type and by task. All costs must be eligible. Applicants may use the Excel template provided. If awarded funding, this Budget will be incorporated into the Grant Agreement.

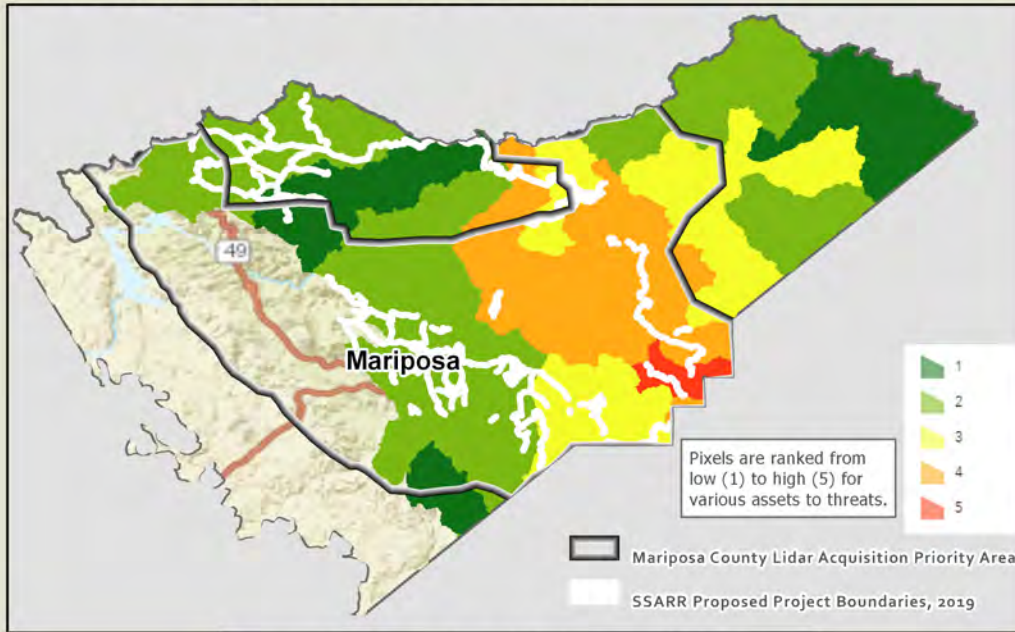
PERSONNEL	Hourly Rate/ Unit Cost	Number of hours/units	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task4	Total Requested Grant Funds
Watershed Coordinator A	\$67/hr	2,805	\$46,230	\$60,300	\$40,006	\$41,464	\$188,000
Watershed Coordinator B							
		Subtotal	\$46,230	\$60,300	\$40,006	\$41,464	\$188,000
TRAVEL COSTS							
Travel: Within watershed							
Travel: To required meetings							
		Subtotal	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (maximum of 20% of grant)							
Example: Office space (prorated)	\$1583.33/mo	24 mos	\$7,916.65	\$9,499.88	\$13,585.09	\$6998.38	\$38,000
Example: Supplies	\$100/mo	24 mos	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$600	\$2,400
Example: Travel	\$300/trip	10 trips	\$900	\$900	\$600	\$600	\$3,000
Example: Legal or Management staff	\$75/hr	48 hrs	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$3,600
		Subtotal	\$10,216.65	\$11,899.88	\$15,785.09	\$9,098.38	\$47,000
		TOTAL	\$56,446.65	\$72,199.88	\$55,791.09	\$50,562.38	\$235,000.00



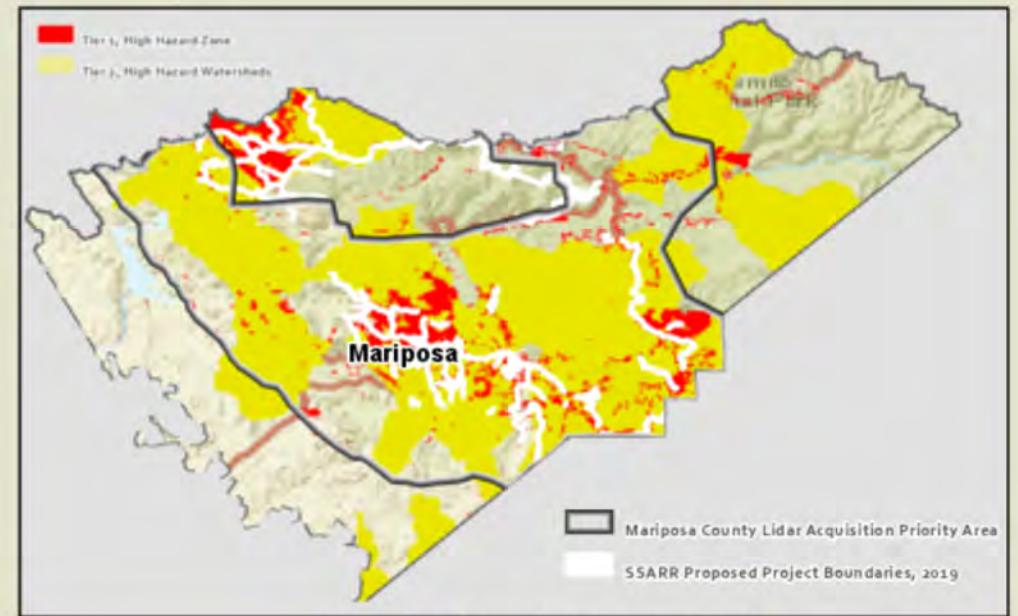


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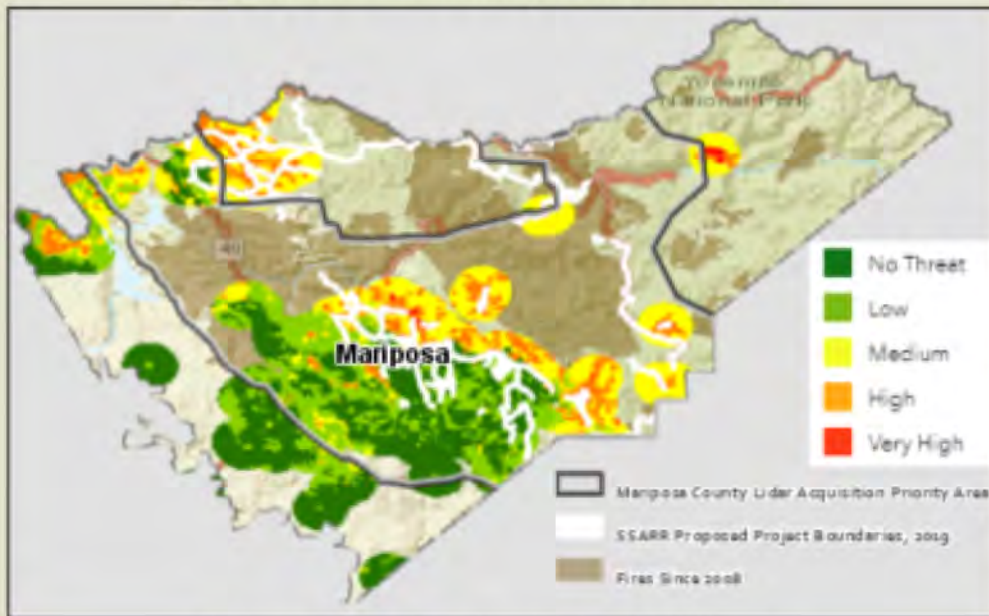
CalFire Priority Areas



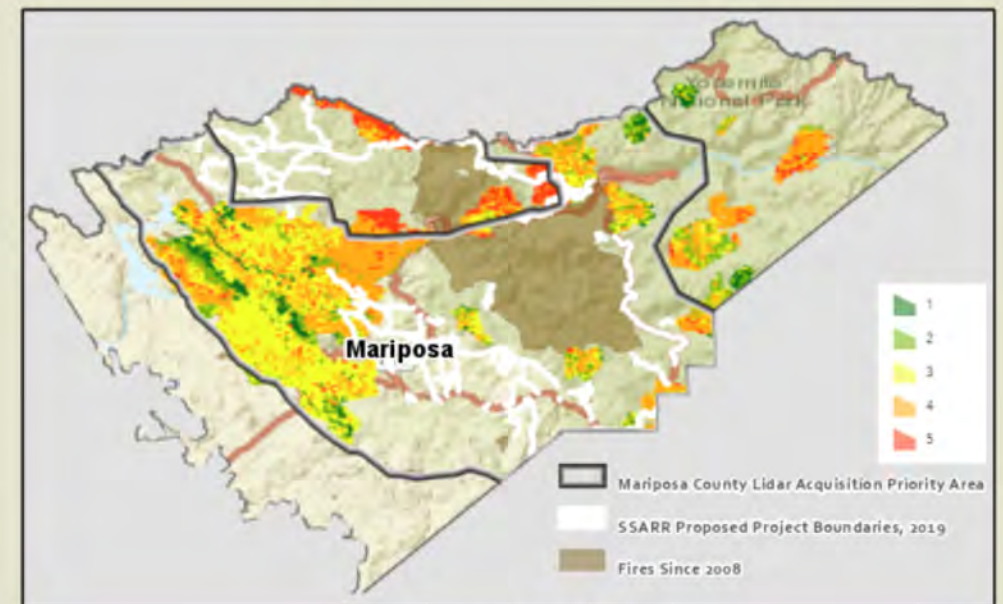
Priority Area for Reducing Wildfire Risks to Forest Ecosystem Services



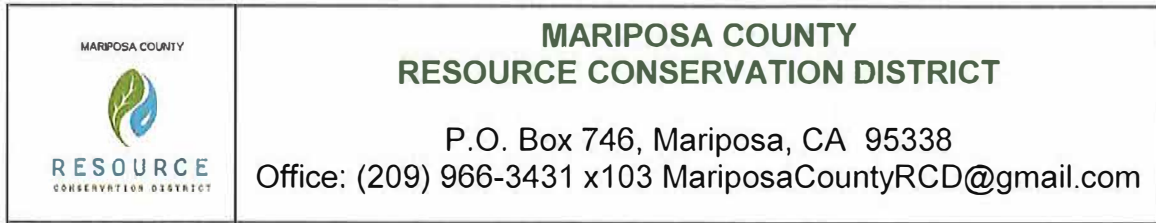
Priority Area for Restoring Pest Damaged Areas



Priority Area for Reducing Wildfire Threats to Communities



Priority Area for Wildfire Damage



Resolution #18-011

RESOLUTION OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOREST HEALTH WATERSHED
COORDINATOR GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), using Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds appropriated by the California Legislature to agencies that administer California Climate Investments, has created the Forest Health Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Conservation has awarded a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant in the amount of \$235,000 to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District to facilitate the development and implementation of watershed improvement plans consistent with the Forest Carbon Plan and Executive Order B-52-18; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District agrees to the terms and conditions of the California Department of Conservation grant agreement and to follow the submitted Application, Work Plan, Budget and Appendices attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District authorizes acceptance of a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant from the California Department of Conservation in the amount of \$235,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of Mariposa County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District all grant documents, including but not limited to agreements, amendments and requests for payment necessary to secure funds and implement the approved grant projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Program Manager is hereby authorized to sign and execute invoices on behalf of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorizations are effective for five (5) years from the date of adoption of this resolution.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District at a regular meeting of the Board on December 5, 2018 by the following vote:

APPROVED

Ayes: John Schroeder, Lyle Turpin, John Carrier.

Nays: None.


Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Signature: 

Title: President

Date: 12/05/18

Signature: 

Title: Vice President

Date: 12/05/18

Attest:


Virginia Cole, Office Manager



IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

Yosemite National Park is pleased to support Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's (RCD) application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan. A Watershed Plan would build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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The Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County. The RCD has been active and engaged in encouraging and facilitating cooperative solutions to local resource conservation issues and problems, and participates in many current collaborative efforts to address forest health and watershed improvement including leading the Integrated Regional Water Management program and Forestry and Fuels Reduction committee, the Tree Mortality Task Force, the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery collaborative, the Southwest Interface Team (SWIFT), and the Fire Planning ad hoc committee working to update the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The RCD has been managing multiple grants and programs valued at more than \$10 million over the past five years.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Reynolds
Superintendent



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Melinda Barrett
Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

On behalf of the Sierra National Forest (SNF), I enthusiastically provide my strongest possible endorsement in support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

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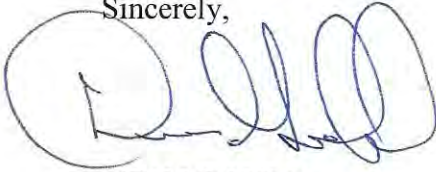
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While Mariposa County and the SNF have endured unprecedented events over the past decade, the experiences have also forged a bond that is also stronger than ever. The SNF stands directly alongside our Mariposa County and RCD partners, and commit to continued support of anything that we can provide to ensure continued success in implementing these critical treatments.



Thank you in advance for your consideration of this application. We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DEAN GOULD". The signature is stylized with large loops and a prominent initial "D".

DEAN GOULD
Forest Supervisor

cc: michael.pickard@sierranevada.ca.gov; Judith Tapia, Denise Tolmie, Jeanette Williams



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Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

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JASON KUIKEN
Forest Supervisor





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Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

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SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Dear Grant Program Manager:

The Mother Lode Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program. The BLM has partnered with the Upper Merced River Watershed Council (operating under the umbrella of the Mariposa RCD) over the last dozen years. Most of our involvement has been regarding the fight of noxious weeds along the Merced River corridor, and the Citizen Water Quality Monitoring program. The Watershed Council also provided grant funding to update and renovate the BLM Merced River Visitor Center at Briceburg. The BLM has partnered with the Upper Merced River Watershed on many other smaller community oriented educational programs and events over the years. Most recently, we cohosted a 50th anniversary celebration of the Wild and Scenic River Act with a Wild and Scenic Film Festival in El Portal last October. Our organization benefits greatly from the programs, support and cooperation with the RCD.

A Watershed Coordinator would develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan and build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region. This plan would help the BLM prioritize it's management in the region. Based on the BLM's past partnership with the Mariposa RCD, we would welcome supporting them in any way feasible to develop and implement the Forest Health Watershed Plan, should they be awarded this grant, and believe this grant would further support the BLM's management goals within the watershed.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Meyer-Shields
Field Manager, Mother Lode Field Office

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors



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January 8, 2019

Department of Conservation
 Division of Land Resource Protection
 Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

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We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

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Miles Menetrey

Board of Supervisors Chair



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January 3, 2019

Watershed Coordinator Program Manager
Department of Conservation Division
of Land Resources Protection
801 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Watershed Coordinator Program Manager:

RE: DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION WATERSHED COORDINATOR GRANT PROGRAM

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would like to recommend the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) for the Department of Conservation's Watershed Coordinator Program funding and support the development of a Mariposa County-wide Forest Health Watershed Plan.

Mariposa County and the Southern Sierra have been devastated in recent years by widespread drought, tree mortality, and large catastrophic wildfires. The SNC and the State of California has identified upper watershed and forest management as key to protecting critical natural resources and allowing the State to meet its greenhouse gas emission targets. Many partners within the Sierra have recognized the incredible need to plan and implement forest restoration at an increased pace and greater scale than done previously.

The SNC launched the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) with a goal to move away from random acts of restoration and proceed in a more coordinated effort to apply science-based restoration on a landscape scale. The MCRCD has been a great partner to the SNC and embraced the WIP model to increase the pace and scale of restoration. They have been engaged with local partners to identify, plan, and implement coordinated restoration projects in the Mariposa area and are playing a central role in a newly developed collaborative effort in the region, the Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery Program. The continued effort and success of these kinds of collaborations is critical for the long-term health of our forests and watersheds.

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Mariposa County Forest Health Watershed Plan will build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region, aligning itself strongly with the goals of the WIP. Additionally, this proposal will lead to the implementation of critical fuels reduction projects within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) increasing the resiliency of the forest and nearby communities to the threat of climate change and wildfires.

This funding will allow the MCRCD to increase their capacity and complete a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County. This plan will be used to identify and prioritize future forest restoration projects and will add to the overall effectiveness of restoration efforts already under way within the county. Therefore, the SNC recommends the MCRCD for the Watershed Coordinator Grant Program.

Sincerely,



Angela Avery
Executive Officer

cc: Melinda Barrett, Mariposa County Resource Conservation District



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To: Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

From: Sierra Foothill Conservancy
PO Box 691
Mariposa, CA 95338

Regarding: Support for Mariposa County RCD Application

Dear Grant Program Manager:

The Sierra Foothill Conservancy, a regional non-profit land trust, enthusiastically supports the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

Mariposa County is one of the hardest hit counties in the Sierra Nevada, suffering from the consequences of drought, tree mortality, flooding, and catastrophic wildfires since 2012, including the Rim, Detwiler, Railroad and Ferguson fires. From 2002 to 2012, when Mariposa County received Watershed Coordinator funding from the Department of Conservation, the Mariposa County RCD implemented a successful program that organized stakeholders, prioritized projects, spurred the creation of the Upper Merced River Watershed Council, and secured \$1.4 million dollars to implement projects. Renewed funding will provide the opportunity to re-establish and expand on those previous successes.

We believe the Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County and hope to be able to partner in future meadow health and restoration outreach opportunities. The RCD has been active and engaged in encouraging and facilitating cooperative solutions to local resource conservation issues and problems and participates in many current collaborative efforts to address forest health and watershed improvement. SFC has partnered with the RCD on several projects including the Oak Woodland

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Conservation Project where we worked together to conserve over 300 acres of high-quality oak woodland habitat in the Chowchilla River Watershed of Mariposa County. Additionally, as a participant in the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Group's Regional Water Advisory Council, SFC is familiar with the work done by the Mariposa County RCD to facilitate these meetings, serve as administrator of the IRWM plan, share information, secure funding, and assist with project prioritization and development.

The Watershed Coordinator program aligns well with SFC's mission and goals to conserve our natural and cultural heritage by protecting these resources and ensuring that present and future generations will continue to experience and enjoy the land in this region. We appreciate the opportunity to recommend this organization and encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

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Bridget M. Fithian
Executive Director



January 14, 2019

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Re: SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Dear Grant Program Manager:

The Merced River Conservation Committee (MRCC) is a local volunteer organization of members interested in the Merced River watershed and its future, based in Mariposa County. Our principal interests are fisheries and aquatic habitat, trail and boating recreation, and historic sites. Our members' fish, raft, and hike on the Merced River and are interested in the long-term protection and enhancement of the Merced River. The organization was founded in 2008 to participate in the Merced River Hydropower Projects' FERC relicensing and State Water Resources Control Board review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Joaquin River and San Francisco Bay-Delta.

MRCC is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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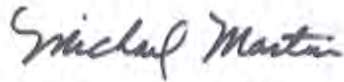
As a stakeholder in the UMRWC, I provided technical assistance on matters of anadromous fisheries, flows, and water quality on the Merced River watershed from 2009 to 2012. I also appeared before the Mariposa County RCD to provide information transfer and technical assistance on the UMRWC's ongoing grants and activities on the Merced River. In 2015 and as a fisheries

consultant to Mariposa County RCD¹, I coordinated and developed an (non-funded) grant proposal for the purposes of: planning, designing, securing permits, and installing two fish screens on 2 unscreened agricultural diversions in the lower Merced River.

In my opinion the Mariposa County RCD is outstanding organization and is a proven candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County. The RCD has been active and engaged in encouraging and facilitating cooperative solutions to local resource conservation issues and problems, and participates in many current collaborative efforts to address forest health and watershed improvement including: leading the Integrated Regional Water Management program and Forestry and Fuels Reduction committee, the Tree Mortality Task Force, the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery collaborative, the Southwest Interface Team (SWIFT), and the Fire Planning ad hoc committee working to update the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The RCD has been managing multiple grants and programs valued at more than \$10 million over the past five years.

MRCC supports the work of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District and encourages you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the District for the benefit of our forests, watershed, and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely



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¹ Mariposa County Resource Conservation District is the fiscal and accounting organization administering the Proposed Grant. Collaborating project partners include Merced River Conservation Committee, a standing committee of the Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), the Upper Merced River Watershed Council (501c3 non-profit organization), East Merced Resource Conservation District, the Merced Fly Fishing Club, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tuolumne River Restoration Center, La Grange



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Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

February 14, 2019

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Dear Grant Program Manager:

Friends of the River is pleased to support Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

Because of the more than three decades of work we have done around the wild and scenic Merced River and its tributaries, we have spent considerable time in the county and know some of the leadership there.

Drought-induced tree mortality and the recent fires have been noticeable by most of the many visitors to the county, even if they are just journeying to Yosemite National Park.

No doubt the county's many visitors would appreciate a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan.

We hope that you can award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District.

Sincerely,

Ronald Stork,
Policy Director
Friends of the River
rstork@friendsoftheriver.org

February 13, 2019

David Bunn
Director
California Department of Conservation
801 K Street, MS 14-15
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Dear Director Bunn,

RE: FOREST HEALTH WATERSHED COORDINATOR GRANT PROGRAM- *Mariposa RCD Watershed Coordinator Proposal*

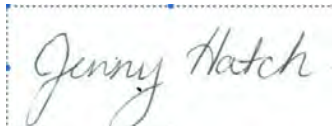
Sierra Nevada Alliance is pleased to support the Mariposa RCD's proposal for the Department of Conservation's 2019 Watershed Coordinator Grant. Mariposa RCD participated in Sierra Nevada Alliance's "Sierra Nevada Watershed Coordinator Call". We believe that the RCD is well positioned to collaborate with other organizations in their region to create and execute an effective watershed coordinator plan, informed by the Forest Carbon Plan.

Should the RCD be awarded the Watershed Coordinator Grant, Sierra Nevada Alliance would be happy to help support the success of their project in any way we can.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Executive Director
Jenny Hatch

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Sierra Nevada Alliance

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:
SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The Sierra Water Work Group is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

Mariposa County is one of the hardest hit counties in the Sierra Nevada, suffering from the consequences of drought, tree mortality, flooding, and catastrophic wildfires since 2012. The Mariposa County RCD is very involved with collaborative efforts such as the Roundtable of Regions, Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Group, and the DWR Mountain Counties Funding Area Disadvantaged Community Involvement Coordinating Committee. We have worked closely with the RCD for several years and believe they are an ideal candidate to share information, secure funding, and assist with project prioritization and development in Mariposa County watersheds. They will do an excellent job in the role of Watershed Coordinator and developing a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

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January 8, 2019

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
801 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Watershed Coordinator Program Manager,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) proposal for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant. As you know RCDs have been working with their local communities on forest health issues since they were created over 75 years ago. They are an essential part of the forest health equation in California. The MCRCD is no exception and has a long history of working with partners in the area to provide coordination and strategic implementation of forest health projects.

The MCRCD participates in many current collaborative efforts to address forest health and watershed improvement including; leading the Integrated Regional Water Management program and Forestry and Fuels Reduction committee, the Tree Mortality Task Force, the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery collaborative, the Southwest Interface Team (SWIFT), and the Fire Planning ad hoc committee working to update the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. From 2002 to 2012 Mariposa County secured a watershed coordinator grant and the MCRCD implemented a successful program that organized stakeholders, prioritized projects, spurred the creation of the Upper Merced River Watershed Council, and secured \$1.4 million dollars to implement projects.

This grant will build on a history of success and further the strategic forest health work that is critical to California's forest ecosystems. I am pleased to support the MCRCD and encourage you to provide a DOC Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Grant to the MCRCD to support the forest health work being done in Mariposa County.

Respectfully,

Karen Buhr
Executive Director

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:
SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

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Sincerely,



Kevin Packard
Sergeant - OES Coordinator
Mariposa County Sheriff's Office

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February 11, 2019

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Re: SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Dear Grant Program Manager:

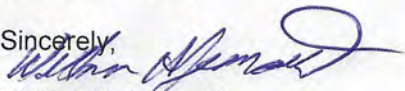
The American Indian Council Of Mariposa County, Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation, is pleased to support Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

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Sincerely,

William H. Leonard
Chairman

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:
SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The Mariposa Biomass Project is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

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Mariposa County is one of the hardest hit counties in the Sierra Nevada, suffering from the consequences of drought, tree mortality, flooding, and catastrophic wildfires since 2012, including the Rim, Detwiler, Railroad and Ferguson fires. The Mariposa County Resource Conservation District has partnered with us to construct a 2.4 megawatt community biomass plant since 2016. We have secured \$5.2 million dollars from the US Forest Service and the California Energy Commission with the RCD serving as fiscal agent and grant administrator on behalf of the Mariposa Biomass Project Nonprofit.

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Sincerely,



CEO MARIPOSA BIOMASS PROJECT

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

All Power Labs (APL) is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program. For over a decade, APL has successfully designed, manufactured, and deployed mobile biomass gasification systems for the ecologically responsible processing of agricultural, forestry, and municipal waste. We have been a partner on several CAL FIRE grants in the past and are pleased to work with the coalition supporting Mariposa County and the surrounding region.


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Sincerely,


Jim Mason, CEO



February 7, 2019

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Subject: SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Dear Grant Program Manager:

The Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan. A Watershed Plan would build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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Sincerely,

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Jonathan Farrington
Executive Director
Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau



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Department of Conservation
 Division of Land Resource Protection
 Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:
 SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

As a local community conservation organization, Yosemite Area Audubon Society is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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As a participant in the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Group's Regional Water Advisory Council, we are familiar with the work done by the Mariposa County RCD to facilitate these meetings, serve as administrator of the IRWM plan, share information, secure funding, and assist with project prioritization and development. We believe the Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County. This project aligns well with Yosemite Audubon's commitment to the sustainable balance of our community's people, birds, other wildlife, habitat and economy through conservation, education, and advocacy.

Sincerely,

Lowell Young
 President

Lowell Young, President,
 Yosemite Area Audubon Society

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Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

RE: SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPLICATION

University of California Cooperative Extension Mariposa County is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's (RCD) application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

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Sincerely,



Fadzayi Mashiri
County Director
University of California Cooperative Extension
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Tuolumne County
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 Fire Department

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 Association

Yosemite Foothills
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 Fire Safe Council

**Tuolumne and
 Mariposa County**
 Resource
 Conservation
 Districts

Department of Conservation
 Division of Land Resource Protection
 Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:
 SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The Southwest Interface Team is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District’s application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

Mariposa County is one of the hardest hit counties in the Sierra Nevada when it comes to impacts to Watersheds. It has suffered from the consequences of drought, tree mortality, Flooding, i.e. the March 22nd, 2018 storm which caused significant flood damage across the county and catastrophic wildfires since 2012, including the Rim, Detwiler, South Fork, Railroad and Ferguson fires.

From 2002 to 2012, when Mariposa County received Watershed Coordinator funding from the Department of Conservation, the Mariposa County RCD implemented a successful program that organized stakeholders, prioritized projects, spurred the creation of the Upper Merced River Watershed Council, and secured \$1.4 million dollars to implement projects. Renewed funding will provide the opportunity to re-establish and expand on those previous successes.

After discussions within our collaborative group, we feel that the Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County. The RCD has been active and engaged in encouraging and facilitating cooperative solutions to local resource conservation issues and problems, and participates in many current collaborative efforts to address forest health and watershed improvement including; leading the Integrated Regional Water Management program and Forestry and Fuels Reduction committee, the Tree Mortality Task Force, the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery collaborative, the Southwest Interface Team (SWIFT), and the Fire Planning ad hoc committee working to update the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The RCD has been managing multiple grants and programs valued at more than \$10 million over the past five years.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

Allen Johnson

Allen Johnson
SWIFT Coordinator



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Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

January 9, 2019

Dear Grant Program Manager:
SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council, Inc. fully supports the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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After vetting with all partners, we believe the Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County. The RCD has been active and engaged in encouraging and facilitating cooperative solutions to local resource conservation issues and problems, and participates in many current collaborative efforts to address forest health and watershed improvement including; leading the Integrated Regional Water Management program and Forestry and Fuels Reduction committee, the Tree



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We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack Love". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John "Jack" Love
Executive Director
Mariposa County Fire Safe Council, Inc

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Fish Camp Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.
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(We are a 501 (c) 3 corporation)



January 10, 2019

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:
SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The Fish Camp Volunteer Fire Assn. is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

Mariposa County would benefit greatly with a fully augmented Forest Health Watershed Plan to obtain funding to develop projects to help restore health to a critically devastated forest.

Mariposa County has been one of the hardest hit areas in the state from pine beetle infestation. This developed over a long period of drought that adversely affected the overgrown forest's ability to the beetle attacks. This then led directly to Wildland fires that destroyed everything in its path. Some of these southern exposures may never recover.

The Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County. We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

This would provide a mandatory fuel reduction (thinning) program that is decades overdue and help return the forest to a healthy state.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

Donn Harter, Chairman

Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Mariposa County

PO Box 1975, Mariposa, CA 95338

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Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

February 5, 2019

Dear Grant Program Manager:

RE. SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Mariposa County is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop and support a Forest Health Watershed Plan that will build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region, restore, protect, and sustainably develop associated regional natural resources, and enhance the long-term health and wellbeing of the region's residents and visitors.

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Having participated in meetings of the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Group and its Regional Water Advisory Council, we are familiar with the work done by the Mariposa County RCD to facilitate these meetings, serve as administrator of the IRWM plan, share information, secure funding, and assist with project prioritization and development. We believe the Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds, residents, and visitors of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Becker, Chair

MARIPOSA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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January 23, 2019

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

RE: Support for Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Application

Dear Grant Program Manager:

The Mariposa Public Utility District (MPUD) is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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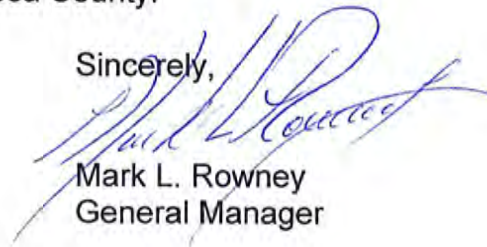
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MPUD owns a 400 plus acre conservancy adjacent to the town of Mariposa. The conservancy protects important watershed that impacts the public water supply as well as provides hiking trails for the public. Over growth of vegetation and land management has been a task that MPUD depends on outside resources for assistance. MPUD has sponsored three vegetation management projects in the past 8 years. These types of projects are important components of watershed management. MPUD also maintains access to the Merced River that flows from Yosemite National Park. It is critical that the water sheds for Mariposa surface water sources are maintained to provide the best water quality possible.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

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Mark L. Rowney
General Manager



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December 13, 2018

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:
SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Lake Don Pedro Community Services District is pleased to support Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan would build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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The Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County. The RCD has been active and engaged for decades in *encouraging and facilitating cooperative solutions to local resource conservation issues and problems*. The RCD serves as program manager for the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management group and participates in other collaborative efforts to address forest health and watershed improvement. It provides technical, financial and educational resources to meet the needs of local land-users and has been managing multiple grants and programs valued at more than \$10 million over the past five years.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Kampa
General Manager



February 8th 2019

Department of Conservation
 Division of Land Resource Protection
 Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

As President of the Sierra Business Council, I am pleased to support Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

I believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan. A Watershed Plan would build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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I encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

Steve Frisch
President
Sierra Business Council

Kathy Chappell
5892 Vineyard Lane
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2/11/2019

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

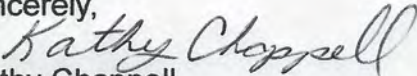
Dear Grant Program Manager:

I am very pleased to support Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program. I am very proud to be a 3rd generation resident of Mariposa County with my family first moving here in the 1930's. I have lived here myself for over 30 years and taught school here in Mariposa for 24 years, and now I am currently an elected member the of Mariposa County Unified School District Board of Trustees. Furthermore, my husband and I owned and operated a vineyard and winery here for 25 years.

I believe our county would greatly benefit from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan. This plan would build on the ongoing county efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects and obtain funding to meet the local critical forest health needs. Mariposa County has suffered greatly over the past decade from drought, tree mortality, flooding and catastrophic wild fires. In the past, RCD received funds to implement the successful Upper Merced River Watershed Council and Coordinator, and now renewed funding will provide the opportunity to re-establish and expand on those successes.

Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for our county. RCD has been active facilitating solutions to local resource conservation issues and problems and participates in many efforts to address forest health and watershed issues including: leading the Integrated Regional Water Management program and Forestry and Fuels Reduction committee, the Tree Mortality Task Force, the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery collaborative, the Southwest Interface Team, and the Fire Planning ad hoc committee working to update the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. RCD has been managing multiple grants and programs valued at more than \$10 million dollars over the past 5 years.

I encourage you to award Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of our forests, watershed and residents.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chappell

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Dear Grant Program Manager:

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Wayne Kelly as board member of the Whispering Oaks Subdivision and IRWM group's Regional Water Advisory Council participant is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that our watershed would benefit from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan. To help obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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As a participant in the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Group's Regional Water Advisory Council, we are familiar with the work done by the Mariposa County RCD to facilitate these meetings, serve as administrator of the IRWM plan, share information, secure funding, and assist with project prioritization and development. We believe the Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,  Wayne Kelly cfp

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

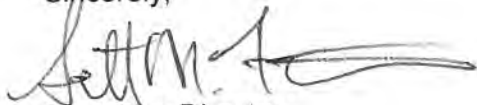
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Sincerely,



Executive Director

Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce



NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS, INC.

... a design and construction company
Lic# 792682

January 15, 2019

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:
SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Mr. David Wise is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

David Wise
President, Natural Environments, Inc.

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Date: 1-22-2019



DOUBLE TREE FOREST MANAGEMENT



Jeston Smith / Garrett Smith

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Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager,

RE: Support for Mariposa County RCD Application

Double Tree Forest Management, LLC is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

It is our belief that Mariposa County would greatly benefit from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, strategically plan, develop projects, and obtain the needed funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region. We wholeheartedly give our support in this effort!

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We respectfully encourage you to AWARD a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely, 

Jeston Smith, Owner / Double Tree Forest Management, LLC

Frank Cole

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Abast22@hotmail.com

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION


Frank Cole is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

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We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely, 

January 25, 2019

Dear Grant Program Manager,

I have been working with the Mariposa County RCD for several years on watershed and tree mortality issues on our property in Mariposa County. This agency and its staff provide an invaluable and much needed service to Mariposa County. Please support them.

Sincerely,
Lynda Parsons

Department of Conservation - Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

As a former Water Quality Monitoring Team Leader, and on behalf of the teachers & students of El Portal & Yosemite Park High School, I am happy to support Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

I believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan. A Watershed Plan would build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.

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I strongly encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds, students and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,



Paul Amstutz

Science & Math Teacher - El Portal School & Yosemite Park High School

Former Water Quality Monitoring Team Leader - Cold Canyon / Merced River

Attachment 4

9. Proof of applicant capacity

Applicants should provide a short narrative description of their capacity to successfully implement the grant, should the project be funded. This description should address:

- How the applicant's board and/or management structure will contribute to the effective execution of project tasks.
- Any professional staff within the applicant's employ who are qualified to develop and successfully implement the tasks outlined in the proposal. The response should include a description of the skills and experience of such staff or, if the applicant does not possess such expertise, how the applicant will acquire this expertise.
- Any financial resources at the applicant's disposal to support the implementation of the grant.
- Any additional resources the applicant can draw on to ensure his/her success. Resources include, but are not limited to volunteers, physical capital, and existing partnerships.

In addition to the above narrative, applicants must provide at least two of the following documents as evidence of their capacity to manage the grant, if the project is awarded funding:

- Evidence of previous experience successfully implementing grants similar in size and scope within the last three (3) years.
- A copy of the current annual organizational budget.
- A copy of the most recent financial audit (if an audit is not available, a copy of the organization's recent financial statements).
- If the applicant or is a non-profit, copies of the most recent Federal form 990 and IRS 501(c)(3) Tax Determination Letter.
- Letters of support from previous clients, partners, or grantors that reference the organization's experience.

The Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) is a special district of the state with a five-member volunteer Board appointed by the County Board of Supervisors in lieu of an expensive general election (as provided for in the Public Resources Code). The District has two paid staff, an office manager and a program manager. In addition, the office is a Local Partnership Office housing Natural Resources Conservation Service staff and participates in a staffing agreement with NRCS to hire two additional staff to assist the NRCS in completing Environmental Quality Improvement Program contracts for private landowners who agree to implement conservation practices on their land. The Mariposa County office was awarded by the NRCS as Outstanding Local Partnership Office in late 2017 for the highest volume of EQIP contracts processed in the state.

The Mariposa County RCD is well qualified to administer this grant including reporting, coordinating with project partners, fiscal management, contracting, environmental compliance, and communication with the public. The RCD is engaged in multiple collaborative efforts to improve watershed and forest health and implement projects on the ground, and is the lead agency for the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management program. The MCRCD has successfully managed millions of dollars in State, Federal, and NGO grants. Since 2016, the RCD has applied for 15 grants and received 13 of those with a value of \$6.5 million. All funds are audited annually by an independent auditor.

Some of our most relevant recent grants include:

CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant 5GG17171 - Community Downed Tree Removal and Cleanup	\$196,480
CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant 5GG17170 - Community Wildfire Prevention Video Project	\$ 96,440
CAL FIRE Tree Mortality Grant 5GS16117- Low Income Defensible Space Hazardous Tree Removal	\$275,826
Dept of Conservation RCD Financial Assistance Grant 3016-654	\$ 46,209

Dept of Water Resources Grant 4600011497 - Water Use Efficiency Grant (Administrator/ Subgrantee)	\$194,405
Dept of Water Resources Grant 4600010068 - Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM Planning	\$823,019
USDA Forest Service Wood Innovations Grant16-DG-11052021-229 - Mariposa Biomass Project	\$224,080
CA Energy Commission EPIC Grant 17-021 - Mariposa Biomass Project	\$5,000,000

Not all grantors have a system in place for making referrals for grantees, but some do. We are including here 1) a grant completion report from the Department of Water Resources, 2) a reference letter from the US Forest Service, Region 5, related to our recent Wood Innovations grant, and 3) a letter from Lake Don Pedro Community Services District. Lake Don Pedro CSD contracted with Mariposa County RCD for both program implementation (water saving rebate program design and implementation) as well as overall grant administration which includes progress reports to the State. The Water Efficiency rebate program exceeded the grant goals of conserving 11 million gallons of water per year by almost 100 percent – providing 811 rebates which will conserve 20, 774,618 gallons of water per year over the products replaced. This conserved water represents a significant benefit to the environment and to residents in this drought-prone, high fire danger community.

The current fiscal year organizational budget is also included here. As you will see, the bulk of our funding goes to program implementation with a small amount to cover indirect costs. All grants are on a reimbursement basis, which makes cash flow considerations very important. The Mariposa RCD has worked hard to establish a fund structure that allows us to complete work, pay salaries and contractors, and still pay the ongoing monthly bills while awaiting reimbursement. This grant would improve our ability to pursue grants and other funding and pay the Watershed Coordinator for that time – time which is usually not billable to anything other than the limited overhead/indirect fund. Our 2018 Audit is not yet final but should be available before grants are awarded. We will be happy to supply it upon request.

The Mariposa County RCD has sufficient capacity, diverse partnerships, and extensive experience to carry out the creation of a stakeholder-approved Forest Health Watershed Plan, secure funding, and implement projects, either as the lead agency, a project partner, a fiscal agent, or merely a supporter.



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File Code: 1580
Date: December 17, 2018

Watershed Coordinator Program Manager
Dept. of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
801 K Street MS 14-15
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Watershed Coordinator Program Manager,

The following is in reference to Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's (RCD) grant application.

The US Forest Service awarded Wood Innovations Grant #16-DG-11052021-229 to Mariposa County RCD for the amount of \$244,800 in May, 2016 for development of the Mariposa Small Biomass Power Project. The grant included \$153,580 in Federal funds and \$90,500 in matching funds.

Mariposa County RCD has successfully administered this grant, including coordinating and communicating with cooperators, managing contracting and contractor payments, requested reimbursement on a regular basis, maintained required back-up documentation and records, and submitted required performance reports on a timely basis.

If the occasion arose, we would not hesitate to use Mariposa RCD as grant administrator for a new award.

Please feel free to contact Larry Swan, Program Manager, if you have any questions (707-562-8917, lswan01@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,


SHERRY HAZELHURST
Director, State & Private Forestry

cc: L. Swan, Mariposa RCD



STD 4
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GRANTEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH
Rev10/10

AGREEMENT NUMBER 4600010068		AMENDMENT NUMBERS 3	
DEPARTMENT Water Resources		GRANTEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM P.O. Box 746, Mariposa CA 95338	
DIVISION Integrated Regional Water Management			
EVALUATOR'S NAME Anna Aljabiry			
PROJECT TITLE Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM		AGREEMENT EXPIRATION DATE 06/30/2016	
1. TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT INCLUDING AMENDMENTS \$823,019		GRANTEE DEPARTMENT (if different than grantee's name)	

2. DESCRIBE THE WORK THAT WAS IN THE PROJECT WORK PLAN.

Grant work included preparation of the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM Plan. Grantee used a public outreach process, information gathered from existing reports in the region, and a data management system to identify, extract, and analyze the most relevant information. The agreement was amended three times partly to include an update to the IRWMP to meet the Proposition 1 2016 standards requirement.
Amendment #1: Changed invoice drawdown method from funding match to concurrent, removed facilitation contract reference and extended the termination date of the grant agreement.
Amendment #2: Extended time to accommodate more meetings to private well owners and to evaluate data management software/system implementation.
Amendment #3: Added more time needed to achieve goals in amendment #2.

3. WAS THE WORK PERFORMED?

NO – if no, explain why YES – if yes, explain how the work met the specific problem, administrative requirement, or program need for the project.

The grantee did not have a regional water management plan prior to this agreement. They also did not have a structured group that met regularly to discuss regional issues. The formation of the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWMG allowed stakeholders and local government entities within Mariposa IRWM region to start sharing information, knowledge, and to discuss the challenges that face the region on the local and the regional levels. The group established regular focus meetings and reached out to the disadvantaged communities by holding meetings within disadvantaged communities and inviting them to participate in the ongoing effort to improve the water system in the area. The grantee submitted all deliverables, including reports, invoices, and was consistently available to communicate with DWR and the local participants. Grantee also kept a well maintained log of all the announcements, upcoming meetings, and events throughout the state. The outcome was not just the IRWMP, but also better coordination among the region water management group members who will continue updating the plan and sharing information.

4. DID THE GRANTEE FULFILL ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT?

NO – if no, explain why YES – if yes, explain how the work met the specific problem, administrative requirement, or program need for the project.

The Grantee completed the work specified in the original agreement and three amendments. They submitted all reports necessary to document the work done throughout the life of the agreement. The Grantee was always timely, reachable, and responsive.

5. EMPLOYEE TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING GRANTEE PERFORMANCE <i>Cy Cross for Anna Aljabiry</i>		6. TITLE RPS I	7. TELEPHONE NUMBER 9161651-9262
8. EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE Leslie C. Pierce <small>Digitally signed by Leslie C. Pierce DN: cn=Leslie C. Pierce, o=IRWM, ou=Financial Assistance Branch, email=leslie@waterresources.ca.gov, c=US Date: 2017.03.20 08:56:22 -0700</small>		9. TITLE Program Manager II	11. TELEPHONE NUMBER 9161651-9251
		10. DATE 3/16/17	



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December 13, 2018

Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

REFERENCE FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

Lake Don Pedro Community Services District has contracted with the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District since May 2017 for grant implementation and administration. The original contract for \$175,260 was for design and implementation of a rebate program for water saving devices, and it was supplemented in September 2017 to add grant administration and invoicing of a \$1 million grant we received from the Department of Water Resources, for a total contract of \$194,505.

We are very satisfied with the performance of the Mariposa County RCD in developing and implementing the countywide rebate program, as well as efficiently managing grant administration. The rebate program has reached 744 Mariposa County residents and conserved more than 20 million gallons of water per year – almost twice the 11 million gallon goal set for the program.

The RCD has paid out the rebates on a reimbursement basis, invoicing us monthly, and has had no trouble managing the cash flow.

The Mariposa County RCD is an excellent grant administrator and is very experienced in working with stakeholders to achieve results. They would be an excellent choice to serve as Watershed Coordinator and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County.

If you need additional information about the capacity of the Mariposa County RCD, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter J. Kampa', is written over a large, light blue scribble.

Peter J. Kampa
General Manager

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT(803)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
REVENUE:						
<u>GL Lines</u>						
11-00 Interest	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
11-00 Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
11-00 Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 Mariposa Cnty Contrib Agrmt	33,437.50	0.00	0.00	9,437.50	9,437.50	28%
16-00 (804) NRCS-Contrib Agrmt.	4,096.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
16-00 (806) CALFIRE-DOWNED TREE	16,075.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
16-00 (810) IRWMP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 (811) DWR Funds-IRWMP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 (812) NRCS- Res Con Asst.	2,276.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
16-00 (813) Mariposa BioMass Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 (814) NRCS-Forester	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 (815) DOC Grant	2,772.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
16-00 (816) Cal Recycle	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
16-00 (817) EPIC Grant	6,189.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
16-00 (XXX) CALFIRE-VIDEO GRANT	8,767.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
11-70 Sales	8,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
	82,364.18	0.00	0.00	9,437.50	9,437.50	11%
Fund Balance Carryover	2,923.81					
NET:	85,287.99					
DISBURSEMENTS						
<u>GL Lines</u>						
04-89 Bank Charges	1,050.00	0.00	0.00	90.05	90.05	9%
04-16 Audit Expense	3,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Equip/Software/Furniture	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Insurance - Liability & E/O	5,021.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Insurance - Worker's Comp.	1,352.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Memberships	867.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Mileage	170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Offc. Exp/Postage/Water	500.00	0.00	0.00	260.14	260.14	52%
04-16 Janitorial Servs / Cleaning Sup.	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Internet / Website	470.00	0.00	0.00	51.36	51.36	11%
02-01 Payroll - Office	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	198.00	198.00	1%
03-01 Payroll Employees taxes	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Promo/Eductn/Assistance	650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Rent	11,059.20	0.00	0.00	921.60	921.60	8%
04-16 Electricity	1,720.00	0.00	0.00	181.32	181.32	11%
04-16 Propane	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Workshops & Conferences	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16 Sales Expense	5,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
07-87 Sales Tax	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Auditor Charges	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Storage unit	700.00	0.00	0.00	58.00	58.00	8%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	60,259.20	0.00	0.00	1,760.47	1,760.47	3%
Contingency Fund	25,028.79	0.00				
NET:	85,287.99	0.00				
Beginning Cash Balance FY19	2,923.81					
YTD Revenue	9,437.50					
YTD Disbursements	1,760.47					
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	10,600.84					

NRCS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (804)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr =
REVENUE:						
<u>GL Lines</u>						8%
72-67 Grant Income	39,991.83	0.00	0.00	3,059.50	3,059.50	8%
30-00 Interest	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
11-00 Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	40,016.83	0.00	0.00	3,059.50	3,059.50	8%
Fund Balance Carryover	1,561.80	0.00				
NET:	41,578.63	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:						
<u>GL Lines</u>						
07-87 Administration	4,096.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Payroll Expenses	32,115.28	0.00	0.00	2,736.56	2,736.56	9%
02-01 Payroll Taxes	3,389.73	0.00	0.00	209.35	209.35	6%
03-01 Workers Comp.	390.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	39,991.83	0.00	0.00	2,945.91	2,945.91	7%
Contingency Fund	1,586.80					
NET:	41,578.63					
Beginning Cash Balance FY19		1,561.80				
YTD Revenue		3,059.50				
YTD Disbursements		2,945.91				
Current Cash Balance		1,675.39				

SNC DEMO GARDEN (805)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018

		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
REVENUE:							
<u>GL Lines</u>							
16-00	Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
30-00	Interest	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
01-31	Misc. Income	259.93	0.00	0.00	259.93	259.93	100%
TOTAL REVENUE:		261.93	0.00	0.00	259.93	259.93	
Fund Balance Carryover		48.39	0.00				
NET:		310.32	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:							
<u>GL Lines</u>							
04-16	Irrigation	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16	Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16	Plants	112.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
04-16	Planting Mixes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16	Replacement Material:	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		262.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Contingency Fund		48.32	0.00				
NET:		310.32	0.00				
Beginning Cash Balance FY19			48.39				
YTD Revenue			259.93				
YTD Disbursements			0.00				
Current Cash Balance			308.32				

CAL FIRE - DOWNED TREE REMOVAL AND CLEANUP PROJECT (806)
BUDGET REPORT FY18
 July 2018

REVENUE:		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	June 1 June 30	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
2010	State Reimbursement	275,826.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
2020	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2030	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2040	Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:		275,826.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Fund Balance Carryover		0.00	0.00				
NET:		275,826.00	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:							
1010	Admin	16,075.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
0491	Mileage	351.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1025	Adv/printing/workshop	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1027	Downed Tree Removal	225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
	Forester	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1028	PM Payroll	27,365.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1029	PM Payroll Taxes	3,060.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1030	PM Worker's Comp	174.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1040	Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		275,826.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Variance:		0.00					
NET:		275,826.00					
			*Inkind Match Directors \$9,000.00				
Beginning Cash Balance FY19			0.00				
YTD Revenue			0.00				
YTD Disbursements			0.00				
Current Cash Balance			0.00				

**CONTINGENCY FUND (808)
 BUDGET REPORT FY19
 July 2018**

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month Total	July 1 - July 31	Current Total	Variance % of yr =
						8%
REVENUE:						
16-00 Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
30-00 Interest	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
11-00 Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Fund Balance Carryover	23,985.49	0.00				
NET:	24,285.49	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS						
07-87 Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Professional Serv	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Office Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Workshops & Conf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Contingency Fund	24,285.49					
NET:	24,285.49					
Beginning Cash Balance FY19		23,985.49				
YTD Revenue		0.00				
YTD Disbursements		0.00				
Current Cash Balance		23,985.49				

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Donation Account (809)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	July 1 - July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
REVENUE:						
<u>GL Lines</u>						
11-00 Interest	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
11-00 Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
11-00 Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
11-70 Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
REVENUE:	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Fund Balance Carryover	2,471.08	0.00				
NET:	2,501.08	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS						
<u>GL Lines</u>						
04-89 Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Audit Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Equip/Software/Furniture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-Apr Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-16 Office Expense/Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
02-01 Payroll - Office	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
03-01 Payroll Emplr taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
03-01 Workers Comp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Contingency Fund	2,501.08	0.00				
NET:	2,501.08	0.00				
Beginning Cash Balance FY19	2,471.08					
YTD Revenue	0.00					
YTD Disbursements	0.00					
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	2,471.08					

**INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (810)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018**

REVENUE:	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	July 01 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
2010 Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2020 Interest	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
2030 Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2040 Transfer in	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Fund Balance Carryover	23,684.55	0.00				
NET:	23,834.55	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:						
1010 Admin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1020 Training/Seminars	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1022 IRWM Expenses	100.00	0.00	0.00	38.00	38.00	38%
IRWM Travel	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1025 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1027 Professional Services	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1028 Admin Payroll	17,886.00	0.00	0.00	3,382.50	3,382.50	19%
1029 Admin Payroll Taxes	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	258.77	258.77	13%
1030 Admin Worker's Comp	114.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1040 Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1050 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	21,450.00	0.00	0.00	3,679.27	3,679.27	17%
Contingency Fund	2,384.55					
NET:	23,834.55					
Beginning Cash Balance FY19		23,684.55				
YTD Revenue		0.00				
YTD Disbursements		3,679.27				
Current Cash Balance		20,005.28				

NRCS: RCA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (812)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
REVENUE:						
<u>GL Lines</u>						
72-68 Grant Income	30,607.92	0.00	0.00	4,355.04	4,355.04	14%
30-00 Interest	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
11-00 Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00 Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
correction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	30,617.92	0.00	0.00	4,355.04	4,355.04	14%
Fund Balance Carryover	(3,749.90)					
NET:	26,868.02					
DISBURSEMENTS:						
<u>GL Lines</u>						
04-25 Administration	2,276.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-17 Payroll Expenses	25,236.59	0.00	0.00	3,026.70	3,026.70	12%
03-06 Payroll Taxes	2,753.64	0.00	0.00	231.55	231.55	8%
02-25 Workers Comp.	340.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	30,607.92	0.00	0.00	3,258.25	3,258.25	11%
Variance:	(3,739.90)					
NET:	26,868.02					
Beginning Cash Balance FY19	(3,749.90)					
YTD Revenue	4,355.04					
YTD Disbursements	3,258.25					
Current Cash Balance	(2,653.11)					

USFS: WIG (813)
BUDGET REPORT FY18
July 2018

		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 100%
REVENUE:							
<u>GL Lines</u>							
72-68	Grant Income	13,319.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
30-00	Interest	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
11-00	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00	Transfer In				0.00		
TOTAL REVENUE		13,369.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Fund Balance Carryover		7,508.30	0.00				
NET:		20,877.54	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:							
<u>GL Lines</u>							
04-25	Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-18	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
04-17	Office Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
03-06	Workers Comp Ins	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
02-25	Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
03-01	Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
07-87	Transfer Out	5,259.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Contractor services	11,381.74	0.00	0.00	2,705.08	2,705.08	24%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		16,641.23	0.00	0.00	2,705.08	2,705.08	16%
Variance:		4,236.31	0.00				
NET:		20,877.54	0.00				
Beginning Cash Balance FY19			7,508.30				
YTD Revenue			0.00				
YTD Disbursements			2,705.08				
Current Cash Balance			4,803.22				

**NRCS: Forestry (814)
 BUDGET REPORT FY19
 July 2018**

		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
REVENUE:							
<u>GL Lines</u>							
72-68	Grant Income	15,337.00	0.00	0.00	3,628.18	3,628.18	24%
30-00	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
11-00	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16-00	Transfer In						
TOTAL REVENUE		15,337.00	0.00	0.00	3,628.18	3,628.18	24%
Fund Balance Carryover		(555.34)	0.00				
NET:		14,781.66	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:							
<u>GL Lines</u>							
04-25	Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
04-18	Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
04-17	Office Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
03-06	Workers Comp Ins	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
07-87	Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Contractor services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Contractor/Tech	15,337.00	0.00	0.00	3,060.00	3,060.00	20%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		15,337.00	0.00	0.00	3,060.00	3,060.00	
Variance:		(555.34)	0.00				
NET:		14,781.66	0.00				
Beginning Cash Balance FY19			(555.34)				
YTD Revenue			3,628.18				
YTD Disbursements			3,060.00				
Current Cash Balance			12.84				

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION - (815)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018

REVENUE:		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
2010	State Reimbursement	20,865.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
2020	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2030	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2040	Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:		20,865.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Fund Balance Carryover		12,077.21	0.00				
NET:		32,942.27	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:							
1010	Admin	2,772.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1020	Operating Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1022	Travel	364.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
0491	Supplies	1,737.02	0.00	0.00	168.74	168.74	10%
1025	Equipment	881.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1027	Consultants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1027.1	Other	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1028	OM Payroll	19,112.55	0.00	0.00	2,993.52	2,993.52	16%
1029	OM Payroll Taxes	2,403.14	0.00	0.00	229.01	229.01	10%
1030	OM Worker's Comp	108.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1040	Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		28,378.66	0.00	0.00	3,391.27	3,391.27	
Variance:		4,563.61					
NET:		32,942.27					
Beginning Cash Balance FY19			12,077.21				*Cash Match \$4,989.00
YTD Revenue			0.00				*Inkind \$ 6,970.00
YTD Disbursements			3,391.27				
Current Cash Balance			8,685.94				

CAL RECYCLE - (816)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018

REVENUE:		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
2010	State Reimbursement	5,630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2020	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2030	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2040	Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:		5,630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund Balance Carryover		0.00					
NET:		5,630.00					
DISBURSEMENTS:							
1010	Admin Expenses	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1020	Disposal / Recycle	3,830.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1028	PM Payroll	1,252.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1029	PM Payroll Taxes	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1030	PM Worker's Comp	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1040	Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		5,630.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
10% Retention		0.00					
NET:		5,630.00					
Beginning Cash Balance FY17			0.00				
YTD Revenue			0.00				
YTD Disbursements			0.00				
Current Cash Balance			0.00				

**EPIC GRANT (817)
 BUDGET REPORT FY19
 July 2018**

REVENUE:		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
2010	Grant Income	3,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
2020	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2030	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2040	Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:		3,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Fund Balance Carryover		0.00	0.00				
NET:		3,500,000.00	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:							
1020	Travel	884.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1022	Materials / Misc.	4,130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
0491	Subcontractors	3,405,243.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1025	Indirect costs	6,189.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1028	Direct Labor	61,890.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1029	Fringe Benefits	17,545.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1029	Payroll Taxes	1,950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1030	PM Worker's Comp	2,166.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1040	Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		3,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Variance:		0.00					
NET:		3,500,000.00					
Beginning Cash Balance FY17			0.00	We need workers comp.			
YTD Revenue			0.00	We prorate 70% for 1st year			
YTD Disbursements			0.00	30% for 2nd. Year			
Current Cash Balance			0.00				

**WUE GRANT (818)
BUDGET REPORT FY19
July 2018**

REVENUE:		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	July 1 July 31	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
2010	Grant Income	102,758.18	0.00	0.00	22,524.73	22,524.73	22%
2020	Interest	204.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
2030	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2040	Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:		102,962.18	0.00	0.00	22,524.73	22,524.73	22%
Fund Balance Carryover		14,325.11	0.00				
NET:		117,287.29	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:							
1020	Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1022	Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
0491	Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1025	Paid Rebates	75,987.68	0.00	0.00	10,476.62	10,476.62	14%
1027	Pro Svcs - O'Rorke	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1027.1	Pro Svcs - Cheryl Johns	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Advertising	10,300.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	130.00	1%
1028	PM Payroll	15,005.50	0.00	0.00	330.00	330.00	2%
1029	PM Payroll Taxes	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	25.24	25.24	2%
1030	PM Worker's Comp	85.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1040	Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		102,878.18	0.00	0.00	10,961.86	10,961.86	11%
Variance:		14,409.11					
NET:		117,287.29					
Beginning Cash Balance FY17			14,325.11				
YTD Revenue			22,524.73				
YTD Disbursements			10,961.86				
Current Cash Balance			25,887.98				

CAL FIRE - COMMUNITY WILDFIRE VIDEOS (819)
BUDGET REPORT FY18
July 2018


REVENUE:		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Previous Month YTD	June 1 June 30	Current YTD	Variance % of yr = 8%
2010	State Reimbursement	116,440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
2020	Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2030	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2040	Transfer In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:		116,440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Fund Balance Carryover		0.00	0.00				
NET:		116,440.00	0.00				
DISBURSEMENTS:							
1010	Admin	8,767.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
0491	Mileage	2,379.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1025	Adv/printing/workshop	3,070.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1027	Supplies	3,774.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
	Designer/Producer	36,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1028	PM Payroll	58,663.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1029	PM Payroll Taxes	3,450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1030	PM Worker's Comp	336.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
1040	Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		116,440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Variance:		0.00					
NET:		116,440.00					
Beginning Cash Balance FY19			0.00				
YTD Revenue			0.00				
YTD Disbursements			0.00				
Current Cash Balance			0.00				

*Inkind Match Directors \$20,000.

PAYEE DATA RECORD

(Required when receiving payment from the State of California in lieu of IRS W-9 or W-7)

STD 204 (Rev. 5/2018)

1	<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Type or print the information. Complete all information on this form. Sign, date, and return to the state agency (department/office) address shown in Box 6. Prompt return of this fully completed form will prevent delays when processing payments.</p> <p>Information provided in this form will be used by California state agencies to prepare Information Returns (Form 1099). See next page for more information and Privacy Statement.</p> <p>NOTE: Governmental entities, i.e. federal, state, and local (including school districts), are not required to submit this form.</p>					
2	<p>BUSINESS NAME (As shown on your income tax return) Mariposa County Resource Conservation District</p>					
<p>SOLE PROPRIETOR, SINGLE MEMBER LLC, INDIVIDUAL (Name as shown on SSN or ITIN) Last, First, MI</p>					<p>E-MAIL ADDRESS mariposacountyrcd@gmail.com</p>	
<p>MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 746</p>			<p>BUSINESS ADDRESS 5039 Fairgrounds Rd.</p>			
<p>CITY Mariposa</p>	<p>STATE CA</p>	<p>ZIP CODE 95338</p>	<p>CITY Mariposa</p>	<p>STATE CA</p>	<p>ZIP CODE 95338</p>	
3	<p>ENTER FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN): 7 7 0 4 3 8 8 5 0</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ESTATE OR TRUST <input type="radio"/> MEDICAL (e.g., dentistry, psychotherapy, chiropractic, etc.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> LEGAL (e.g., attorney services)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> EXEMPT (nonprofit)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ALL OTHERS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SOLE PROPRIETOR, INDIVIDUAL, OR SINGLE MEMBER LLC (Disregarded Entity)</p> <p>ENTER SSN OR ITIN: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p><i>Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) are required by authority of California Revenue and Tax Code sections 18646 and 18661</i></p>					<p>NOTE: Payment will not be processed without an accompanying taxpayer identification number.</p>
4	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CALIFORNIA RESIDENT - Qualified to do business in California or maintains a permanent place of business in California.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CALIFORNIA NON RESIDENT (see next page for more information) - Payments to nonresidents for services may be subject to state income tax withholding.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No services performed in California.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Copy of Franchise Tax Board waiver of state withholding attached.</p>					
5	<p>I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided on this document is true and correct. Should my residency status change, I will promptly notify the state agency below.</p>					
<p>AUTHORIZED PAYEE REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME (Type or Print) David Mecchi</p>			<p>TITLE President</p>		<p>TELEPHONE (include area code) 209-966-3431 ext.103</p>	
<p>SIGNATURE </p>			<p>DATE 01/18/19</p>		<p>E-MAIL ADDRESS mariposacountyrcd@gmail.com</p>	
6	<p>Please return completed form to:</p>					
<p>DEPARTMENT/OFFICE Mariposa County Resource Conservation District</p>			<p>UNIT/SECTION</p>			
<p>MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 746</p>			<p>TELEPHONE (include area code) 209-966-3431 ext.103</p>		<p>FAX</p>	
<p>CITY Mariposa</p>	<p>STATE CA</p>	<p>ZIP CODE 95338</p>	<p>E-MAIL ADDRESS mariposacountyrcd@gmail.com</p>			

PAYEE DATA RECORD

(Required when receiving payment from the State of California in lieu of IRS W-9 or W-7)

STD 204 (Rev. 5/2018)

1	<p>Requirement to Complete the Payee Data Record, STD 204</p> <p>A completed Payee Data Record, STD 204 form, is required for all payees (non-governmental entities or individuals) entering into a transaction that may lead to a payment from the state. Each state agency requires a completed, signed, and dated STD 204 on file; therefore, it is possible for you to receive this form from multiple state agencies with which you do business.</p> <p>Payees who do not wish to complete the STD 204 may elect not to do business with the state. If the payee does not complete the STD 204 and the required payee data is not otherwise provided, payment may be reduced for federal and state backup withholding. Amounts reported on Information Returns (Form 1099) are in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC).</p>
2	<p>Enter the payee's legal business name. The name must match the name on the payee's tax return as filed with the federal Internal Revenue Service. Sole proprietorships and single member limited liability companies (LLCs) must also include the owner's full name. An individual must list his/her full name as shown on the SSN or as entered on the W-7 form for ITIN.</p> <p>The mailing address should be the address at which the payee chooses to receive correspondence. The business address is the address of the business' physical location.</p>
3	<p>Check only one box that corresponds to the payee business type. Corporations must check the box that identifies the type of corporation.</p> <p>The State of California requires that all parties entering into business transactions that may lead to payment(s) from the state provide their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The TIN is required by the R&TC sections 18646 and 18661 to facilitate tax compliance enforcement activities and the preparation of Form 1099 and other information returns as required by the IRC section 6109(a) and R&TC section 18662 and its regulations.</p> <p>Payees must provide one of the following TINs on this form: social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), or federal employer identification number (FEIN). The TIN for sole proprietorships, single member LLC (disregarded entities), and individuals is the SSN or ITIN. Only partnerships, estates, trusts, corporations, and LLCs (taxed as partnerships or corporations) will enter their FEIN.</p>
4	<p>Are you a California resident or nonresident?</p> <p>A corporation will be defined as a "resident" if it has a permanent place of business in California or is qualified through the Secretary of State to do business in California.</p> <p>A partnership is considered a resident partnership if it has a permanent place of business in California. An estate is a resident if the decedent was a California resident at time of death. A trust is a resident if at least one trustee is a California resident.</p> <p>For individuals and sole proprietors, the term "resident" includes every individual who is in California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose and any individual domiciled in California who is absent for a temporary or transitory purpose. Generally, an individual who comes to California for a purpose that will extend over a long or indefinite period will be considered a resident. However, an individual who comes to perform a particular contract of short duration will be considered a nonresident.</p> <p>Payments to all nonresidents may be subject to withholding. Nonresident payees performing services in California or receiving rent, lease, or royalty payments from property (real or personal) located in California will have 7% of their total payments withheld for state income taxes. However, no withholding is required if total payments to the payee are \$1,500 or less for the calendar year.</p> <p>For information on Nonresident Withholding, contact the Franchise Tax Board at the numbers listed below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Withholding Services and Compliance Section: 1-888-792-4900 E-mail address: wscs.gen@ftb.ca.gov For hearing impaired with TDD, call: 1-800-822-6268 Website: www.ftb.ca.gov</p>
5	<p>Provide the name, title, email address, signature, and telephone number of the individual completing this form. Provide the date the form was completed.</p>
6	<p>This section must be completed by the state agency requesting the STD 204.</p>

Privacy Statement

Section 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) requires that any federal, state, or local governmental agency, which requests an individual to disclose their social security account number, shall inform that individual whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by which statutory or other authority such number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it.

It is mandatory to furnish the information requested. Federal law requires that payment for which the requested information is not provided is subject to federal backup withholding and state law imposes noncompliance penalties of up to \$20,000.

You have the right to access records containing your personal information, such as your SSN. To exercise that right, please contact the business services unit or the accounts payable unit of the state agency(ies) with which you transact that business.

All questions should be referred to the requesting state agency listed on the bottom front of this form.