

Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services

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1. Pilot Project - Leisure Pines Project
 - a. Partnership between County, Cal OES, CAL FIRE, and PG&E
 - b. Fell, removed and chipped trees and woody debris affecting approximately 120 homes along Highway 108
 - c. First tree mortality project in California (since Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency in October 2015).
 - d. CAL FIRE slash clean-up is 50% complete.
 - e. 100+ loads of logs were removed and delivered to wood sort yard, (adjacent to Ultrapower Chinese Camp), and converted to biomass or sold to wood shavings plant.
 - f. Excellent press coverage (KCRA, CAL FIRE, Cal OES, CSAC).
 - g. Everyone involved was very pleased with the outcome.
2. Future Projects
 - a. Old Highway 120 (mailed approx. 50 Right of Entry Forms).
 - b. Mi-Wuk Village (Mailed Approx. 940 Right of Entry Forms)
 - i. Continue to work collaboratively with PG&E as they finalize their work plans with their new contractor.
 - c. Funding
 - i. Hazard Mitigation Grant (applied for \$4 million)
 1. Will announce grant awards in September
 2. Grant application was for fuels reduction and vegetation management –private lands (within 100 ft of home defensible space)
 3. Asking homeowners to pay 25% share of cost
 4. Seeking 25% match for those homeowners who are unable to pay the 25% (subject to financial review and eligibility)
 - ii. CAL FIRE - \$200K grants
 1. SRA
 2. Tree Mortality
 - a. Apply to use as match for Hazard Mitigation for those homeowners who cannot afford the 25% match

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- b. Trucking costs for homeowners who have already paid to have trees cut but could not afford to have it hauled away
- c. Abate hazard trees on Community Service Roads.
Currently no funding available to assist with this critical infrastructure.
- iii. U.S. Forest Service
 - 1. \$2 million road agreement with Stanislaus National Forest to abate hazard trees on U.S.F.S. land adjacent to County roads.
- iv. Regional CCC – (\$23 hr-includes supervision, training & equip)
 - 1. Hires local youth (investing in local youth 18-24)
 - 2. Est. \$111k 4 months (6 person crew)
 - 3. Not called out for fires
 - 4. No campsite needed, as youth live locally
 - 5. Seeking funding to cost share with CDAA (ex. \$111k 4 mos. \$55K grant from CAL FIRE, \$55k CDAA (\$13,750 County Share of Cost)
 - 6. May need more than one crew (\$222 4 mos/\$111 CAL FIRE grant, \$111K CDAA/ \$27,750 County Share of Cost)
- v. State CCC (\$500K 6 months)
 - 1. Hires youth from various locations (18-24 or up to 29 Veteran)
 - 2. \$500K 6 mos. (15 person crew)
 - 3. Need to provide camp location
 - 4. Can be called away for fires
 - 5. Seeking funding to cost share with CDAA (ex. \$500K 6 mos. \$250K CAL FIRE grant, \$250K CDAA (\$62,500 County Share of Cost)
 - 6. Needs going forward
- d. Ultrapower Chinese Camp-NEED CONTRACT EXTENSION!
 - i. Critical infrastructure needed to deal with wood product
 - ii. If contract is not extended/renewed, we will have to find alternatives to reusing or recycling of wood products
 - iii. It is a bit redundant to be planning another bio-mass plant (NDRC) when we are in the midst of closing the current site

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