

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING  
AN AGREEMENT FOR A CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND  
FIRE PROTECTION CALIFORNIA  
CLIMATE INVESTMENT FIRE  
PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR  
THE SANTA BARBARA VMP AND  
IGNITION PREVENTION PROJECT IN  
THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

- a) WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department is responsible for providing fire protection services within the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District and the private lands in the Los Padres National Forest within Santa Barbara County.
- b) WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby approve the Santa Barbara VMP and Ignition Prevention Project Grant Agreement #5GG23245 with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This agreement provides for funding to reduce fuel and ignitions; and improve access and egress throughout Santa Barbara County during the project period beginning with the date of the last signature on the grant agreement and ending on March 15, 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, acting as governing body of the County of Santa Barbara, as follows:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors finds as follows:
  - a. Accepts the Santa Barbara VMP and Ignition Prevention Project Grant Agreement #5GG23245, which is attached and marked as Attachment 1.
  - b. Authorizes the Fire Chief or designee to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Laura Capps, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:  
Mona Miyasato  
County Executive Office  
Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Rachel Van Mullem  
County Counsel

Signed by:  
By: Tyler Sprague  
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Deputy

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:  
Betsy Schaffer, CPA  
Auditor-Controller

Signed by:  
By: Shawna Jorgensen  
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Deputy Auditor-Controller

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Gregory Milligan  
Risk Manager

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By: Gregory Milligan  
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APPROVED:  
Mark A. Hartwig  
Fire Chief

Signed by:  
By: Mark A. Hartwig  
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**State of California  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
GRANT AGREEMENT**

**APPLICANT:** Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
**PROJECT TITLE:** Santa Barbara VMP and Ignition Prevention Project  
**GRANT AGREEMENT:** 5GG23245

**PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD** is from date of latter signature by CAL FIRE Deputy Director or Grantee through March 15, 2029.

Under the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, the applicant agrees to complete the project as described in the project description, and the State of California, acting through the Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, agrees to fund the project up the total state grant amount indicated.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project supports the implementation of two prescribed fire projects and three roadside fuel reduction projects, all located within very high fire severity zones in Santa Barbara County. The two priority prescribed fire projects—Sedgwick Preserve VMP (1,819 acres) and Ballard VMP (1,108 acres, pending approval)—will treat a combined 2,927 acres. Should unfavorably weather or extended fire seasons limit the prescribed burn window, the department will shift focus to right-of-way vegetation treatments along 16.27 miles of roadway, totaling 187 acres, to help reduce wildfire ignitions along rural roadways.

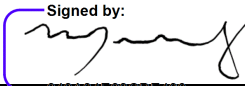
**Total State Grant not to exceed \$ 999,000.00** (or project costs, whichever is less).

*\*The Special and General Provisions attached are made a part of and incorporated into this Grant Agreement.*

**Santa Barbara County Fire Department**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY  
AND FIRE PROTECTION**

Applicant

By  Signed by:  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Print Name/ Title: Mark A. Hartwig

Date 6/23/2025 | 4:02 PM PDT

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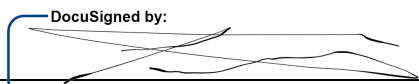
Title: Frank Bigelow, Deputy Director

Date 6/24/2025

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING**

GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER 5GG23245	PO ID	SUPPLIER ID 0000002583
FUND 3228	FUND NAME Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	
PROJECT ID N/A	ACTIVITY ID N/A	AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE FUNDING <b>\$ 999,000.00</b>
GL UNIT 3540	BUD REF 601	ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMBRANCE <b>\$ 0.00</b>
PROGRAM NUMBER 2470010	ENY 2021	ADJ. DECREASING ENCUMBRANCE <b>\$ 0.00</b>
ACCOUNT 5340580	ALT ACCOUNT 5340580000	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE <b>\$ 999,000.00</b>
REPORTING STRUCTURE 35405909	SERVICE LOCATION 96217	

**Acknowledged - I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance.**

By  DocuSigned by:  
Certification of CAL FIRE Accounting Officer...

6/25/2025

Date

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement is entered into between the State of California, by and through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("CAL FIRE" or "the State") and Santa Barbara County Fire Department ("Grantee"), collectively referred to as "Parties", pursuant to California Public Resources Code section §4124.5.
2. **Grant Funds.** Subject to the availability of grant monies, the State hereby grants to Grantee a sum not to exceed \$999,000.00. Grantee shall assume any obligation to furnish any additional funds that may be necessary to complete the Project.
3. **Project.** The State is entering into this agreement, and the Grant Funds shall be used, only for the purpose of Grantee's performance of the Project generally described on the cover page to this Agreement and as more fully described in the Project Scope of Work. Any amendment to the Project Scope of Work must be approved by the State in writing in accordance with Section 29.
4. **Agreement and Exhibits.** The Parties accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Exhibits set forth below, the Grant Guidelines, Grantee's application for Grant Funds, and all other documents which may later be approved in writing by both Parties relating to this Agreement, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as though set forth in full herein. The marked Exhibits are attached to this Agreement:

- ☒ Exhibit A: Project Scope of Work
- ☐ Exhibit B: Project Timeline
- ☒ Exhibit C: Project Budget Detail
- ☒ Exhibit D: Project Map
- ☒ Exhibit E: Equipment Depreciation Schedule
- ☒ Exhibit F: California Climate Investments Addendum
- ☐ Exhibit G: GHG Emissions Workbook
- ☐ Exhibit H: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

In the event of conflicting terms among the documents forming this Agreement, the order of control is first this Agreement, then the Exhibits, then the Grant Guidelines, and then the Application.

5. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall be the Project Performance Period.
6. **Authority to Sign.** Each party to this Agreement represents and warrants that the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action of the entity they represent, and that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf has the full capacity to bind that entity. At CAL FIRE's request, Grantee must provide CAL FIRE with evidence satisfying CAL FIRE that

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the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement have been authorized by all necessary organizational action by Grantee.

## 7. Definitions

- a. "Advance Payments" means Grant Funds provided to Grantee before the associated work has been performed.
- b. "Agreement" means this grant agreement number 5GG23245, including each of the documents described and incorporated by reference into this Agreement in Section 4.
- c. "Effective Date" means the later of the date the Agreement is executed by the State or Grantee.
- d. "Equipment" means personal property Grantee needs to perform the Project that has (1) a \$5,000 or more per unit cost, and (2) a tangible useful life of more than one year.
- e. "Grant Funds" means the money described in Section 2 that is provided by the State to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement and includes any interest paid to Grantee from the deposit of any Advance Payments awarded to Grantee.
- f. "Grant Guidelines" are the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Wildfire Prevention Program Grant Guidelines 2023-2024, which are available on the CAL FIRE website.
- g. "Other Sources of Funds" means all matching fund sources, excluding Program Income, that are required or used to complete the Project beyond the Grant Funds provided by this Agreement.
- h. "Project" means the work described in the Project Scope of Work and this Agreement.
- i. "Project Budget Detail" means the approved budget plan.
- j. "Project Completion Date" means the date specified on the cover page to this agreement.
- k. "Program Income" means income that is generated directly by Grantee's performance of the Project, including any interest earned on Advance Payments.

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- l. "Project Performance Period" means the Effective Date through the earlier of the Project Completion Date or the date this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 20 below.
- m. The term "Project Scope of Work" as used herein means the individual scope of work describing in detail the approved tasks, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- n. "Subrecipient" means an entity that either receives Grant Funds from Grantee as part of a block grant or a subcontractor who is paid by a Grantee with Grant Funds.

## 8. Project Representatives

The project representatives during the term of the Agreement will be:

The State: CAL FIRE	Grantee: Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Section/Unit: SLU San Luis Obispo Unit	Section/Unit: N/A
Attention: Jonathan Gee	Attention: Jason Sweet
Mailing Address: 1150 Laurel Lane, Suite 175 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401	Mailing Address: 4410 Cathedral Oaks Road Santa Barbara, CA 93110
Phone Number: (805) 903-3490	Phone Number: (805) 451-0161
Email Address: Jonathan.Gee@fire.ca.gov	Email Address: jsweet@countyofsb.org

Individuals authorized to sign agreements, amendments and submit invoices on behalf of Grantee are:

1. Name, Title: Mark Hartwig, Fire Chief; Frederick Tan, Division Chief;
2. Name, Title: Jennie Brunick, CFO; Jason Sweet, Captain;

Changes to the project representatives during the term of the Agreement shall be made in writing, and no amendment to this Agreement shall be necessary. Notice shall be sent to the designated representative for all notice provisions of this Agreement.

## 9. Project Execution

- a. **Project Commencement.** Grantee shall not begin work on the Project prior to the Effective Date. Any work started prior to the Effective Date will not be eligible for funding under the terms of this Agreement.

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- b. **Project Completion.** Grantee shall complete the Project before the Project Completion Date, unless an amendment has been approved in writing by the State as provided in Section 29. Requests for an extension of the Project Completion Date as well as any other formal amendment requests must be made no less than 60 days before the then-effective Project Completion Date, unless this requirement is waived in writing by the State. Work completed after the Project Completion Date is not eligible for funding under the terms of this Agreement.
- c. **The State's Right of Access.** Grantee shall permit periodic site visits by representative(s) of the State to ensure program compliance, and that work is in accordance with this Agreement, including a final inspection upon Project completion.
- d. **Independent Capacity of Grantee.** Grantee, and the agents and employees of Grantee, in the performance of this Agreement shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents, of the State.
- e. **Subrecipients.** If Grantee desires to accomplish any part of the Project through the use of subrecipients, the following conditions must be met: (1) Grantee shall require, and is solely responsible for ensuring, that all subrecipients comply with all applicable terms of this Agreement; and (2) agreements between the Grantee and a subrecipient must be in writing. Nothing contained in this Agreement, or otherwise, shall create any contractual relationship between the State and any of Grantee's subrecipients and no contract or subcontract shall relieve Grantee of its responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement. Grantee agrees to be as fully responsible to the State for the acts and omissions of its subrecipients and of persons directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Grantee. Grantee's obligation to pay its subrecipients is an independent obligation from the State's obligation to make payments to Grantee. As a result, the State shall have no obligation to pay or to enforce the payment of any monies to any of Grantee's subrecipients. If a subrecipient is entitled by law to record a lien against any property or improvements funded by this Agreement, the State may require Grantee to obtain a waiver and release of such lien or take other appropriate action to ensure the lien is released, prior to the Project Completion Date or the date this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 20 below, whichever is earlier.

## 10. Grantee Responsibilities

- a. **Grantee Skill and Care.** In performing work under this Agreement, Grantee shall exercise the degree of skill and care required by customarily accepted professional practices and procedures for the type of work performed.

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- b. **Grantee Responsible for Project.** The Project is the sole responsibility of Grantee. The State undertakes no responsibilities to Grantee, or any third party, other than as expressly set out in this Agreement. The responsibility for implementing the Project is solely that of Grantee, as is the responsibility for any claim or suit of any nature by any third party related in any way to the Project. Review or approval by the State of any Project plans, specifications, or other documents is solely for the purpose of proper administration of Grant Funds by the State and shall not relieve Grantee of the obligation to carry out any requirements of this Agreement, in accordance with applicable law or any other standards ordinarily applied to such work or activity.
- c. **Permits and Compliance with Laws.** Grantee shall comply fully, and require any of its agents, employees, or subrecipients to comply fully, with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and permits. Grantee shall provide evidence, upon request, that all necessary local, State, or federal permits, licenses, registrations, and approvals have been secured for the Project. Grantee shall maintain compliance with such requirements throughout the Project Performance Period. The costs associated with legal compliance may be reimbursed under this Agreement only to the extent authorized by the Project Budget Detail.
- d. **Misuse of Public Funds Prohibited.** Grantee or anyone acting on behalf of Grantee shall not engage in fraud, waste, or the abuse of Grant Funds in violation of California Penal Code section 424 *et seq.* Grantee shall cooperate in any investigation of such activities that are suspected in connection with this Agreement.
- e. **Private Benefit Prohibited.** Recipients of Grant Funds shall receive no more than the fair market value of an arm's length transaction for any goods or services provided under this Agreement. Grantee shall provide evidence to the State upon request of compliance with this Section 11.e. Violation of this Section 11.e. will result in a violation of California Penal Code section 424, subd. a.
- f. **Conflicts of Interest Prohibited.** Grantee shall comply with the requirements of Government Code sections 1090 and 87100 and Public Contracts Code sections 10410 and 10411. Grantee represents that no person who, as an officer, employee, or agent of the State participated in the preparation or creation of, or determination to award, this Agreement shall for compensation or personal benefit serve as an agent or employee of Grantee in the performance of this Agreement. Grantee and the State hereby acknowledge that:
  - i. **Current State Officers or Employees:** No State officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise from which



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the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any State agency, unless the employment, activity, or enterprise is required as a condition of regular State employment. No State officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any State agency to provide goods or services.

- ii. **Former State Officers or Employees:** For the two-year period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements, or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any State agency. For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract with any State agency if he or she was employed by that State agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve-month period prior to his or her leaving State service.

A violation of any provision of this Section 10.f. shall render this Agreement void and may result in Grantee being required to disgorge any payments made prior to discovery of the violation under Government Code section 1092 and Public Contracts Code section 10420. If Grantee has any questions about compliance with conflicts of interest laws, Grantee should consult the California Fair Political Practices Commission or a qualified attorney.

- g. **California Environmental Quality Act.** Activities funded by this Agreement must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code section 21000, et. seq. Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et. seq.). Sufficient evidence of CEQA compliance must be provided by Grantee and approved by the State before any work that could impact the environment (e.g. cutting, piling or burning bush, masticating, dozer work, etc.) may proceed, and no later than one year following the Effective Date unless a longer time is approved in writing by CAL FIRE. The State may make Grant Funds available in advance of CEQA compliance for Project activities that do not have the potential to cause an environmental impact (e.g. project planning, locating, and marking property or project boundaries, engaging with landowners, etc.).

If CEQA compliance is not complete by the Effective Date, once the State has considered the environmental documents, it may decide to require changes, alterations, or other mitigation to the Project, or not to fund the Project. Should the State decide not to fund the Project, this Agreement shall be terminated in accordance with Section 20 below.

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- h. **Nondiscrimination.** The State of California prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age (over 40), physical or mental disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (including cancer), reproductive health decision- making, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, religion, political beliefs, reprisal, use of family-care leave, medical-care leave or pregnancy-disability leave, military or veteran status, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Grantee shall not discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any person on any of these bases, and shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Grantee hereby certifies, unless specifically exempted, compliance with Government Code 12990(a-f) and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 5 in matters relating to reporting requirements and the development, implementation and maintenance of a Nondiscrimination Program. Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this Agreement in all contracts and subcontracts related to the Project.
- i. **Union Organizing.** In accordance with California Government Code sections 16645-16649, by signing this Agreement Grantee certifies that:
- i. No State funds disbursed by this grant will be used to assist, promote, or deter union organizing.
  - ii. If Grantee makes expenditures to assist, promote, or deter union organizing, Grantee will maintain records sufficient to show that no State funds were used for those expenditures, and shall provide those records to the Attorney General upon request.
- j. **Drug-Free Workplace Certification.** In accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code section 8350 *et seq.*), by signing this Agreement Grantee hereby certifies that Grantee, and each of its Subrecipients, will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:
- i. Publish a Statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations of this prohibition.
  - ii. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about all of the following:
    - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

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2. The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  3. Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and,
  4. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- iii. Provide that every employee who works on the Project:
1. Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy the Statement; and
  2. Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's the Statement as a condition of employment on the Project.
- iv. In addition to other remedies available at law or in equity, or in this Agreement, Grantee may be ineligible for award of any future State contracts if the State determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) Grantee has made false certification or (2) Grantee violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

### 13. Project Costs and Payment Documentation

- a. **Funding Disbursements.** State's obligation to disburse Grant Funds under this Agreement is conditioned upon and subject to satisfactory compliance with and completion of all of the conditions contained in this Agreement. Payment by the State shall be made in arrears, except for any Advance Payments authorized pursuant to Section 13.f below which are not made in arrears, after receipt of an acceptable invoice and approval by a duly authorized representative of the State. For services satisfactorily rendered, and upon receipt and approval of invoices for payment, the State agrees to compensate Grantee for actual expenditures incurred in accordance with the rates and activities specified in the Final Project Budget Detail, Application, Scope of Work and Exhibits made a part of this Agreement.
- b. **Disbursement Requests.** Grantee shall submit, in arrears, not more frequently than once a month and at least quarterly an invoice to the State for costs paid by Grantee pursuant to this Agreement. In the event no expenses are incurred, Grantee shall identify that no costs have been incurred within the respective quarterly progress report in lieu of submitting a zero-balance invoice. A final invoice shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the Project Completion Date or termination of this Agreement, whichever occurs earlier. Each invoice shall contain the following information: the Agreement number, the dates or time period during which the invoiced costs were incurred, signature of an authorized representative of Grantee, expenditures for the current invoice and cumulative expenditures to date by major budget category (e.g., salaries, benefits, supplies, etc.), Program Income, match

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- funds when applicable, and appropriate supporting documentation consistent with the Eligible Costs section of the Grant Guidelines. Grantee shall submit each invoice for payment electronically using the grants management system identified by CAL FIRE. Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.
- c. **Final Payment.** Final payment to Grantee may not be made until the STATE determines the Project conforms substantially to this Agreement.
  - d. **Expiration of Grant Funds.** Grant Funds in this Agreement have a limited period in which they must be expended. All Grantee expenditures must occur prior to the Project Completion Date.
  - e. **Grantee Expenditures.** Except as otherwise provided herein, Grantee shall expend Grant Funds in the manner described in the Budget approved by the State. The dollar amount of an item in a budget category may be increased or decreased through reallocation of funds from other budget categories with approval by the State; this request may be processed via the Grants Software. Any increase or decrease of more than ten percent (10%) of the total Grant Funds of a budget category must be accomplished through an amendment to this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 29 of this Agreement before any such increase or decrease is made.
  - f. **Advance Payments.** Notwithstanding any of the provisions stated within this Agreement, the State may at its discretion, and subject to statutory requirements, make Advance Payments from the Grant Funds to the Grantee (if eligible). Advance payment made by the State shall be subject to the following provisions:
    - i. Grantee shall submit a written request identifying how Advance Payments will be used over a six-month period. The written request must be accompanied by an invoice that contains the same level of detail as a regular invoice.
    - ii. Grantee shall file an accountability report with State four months from the date of receiving the funds and every four months thereafter.
    - iii. Multiple advance payments may be made to a Grantee over the life of a project.
    - iv. No single advance payment shall exceed 25% of the Grant Funds. For grants funding equipment, where program allows, the maximum advance request may be increased up to 50% of the Grant Funds or cost of equipment purchase, whichever is less.
    - v. Advance Payments must be spent on eligible costs within six months of receipt.
    - vi. Grantee may request additional time to spend Advance Payments but such request must be approved in writing by the State.
    - vii. All work under an Advance Payment must be fully liquidated via an invoice and supporting documentation and completed to the State's satisfaction before another Advance Payment will be made.

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- viii. Any Advance Payment received by a Grantee and not used for project eligible costs within six months or another time period approved by State shall be returned to the State. The amount will be returned to the grant balance.
    - ix. Advance Payments must be deposited into an interest-bearing account that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Any interest earned on Advance Payments must be accounted for and used to offset the costs of the Project or returned to the State.
  - g. **Disbursements made in error.** The Grantee shall immediately reimburse or credit the State at State's discretion for any overpayment of an invoice or other erroneous disbursement when either party determines an overpayment or erroneous disbursement was made.
  - h. **Project Income.** Grantee shall report to the State any Project Income earned during the Project Performance Period. Project Income shall be used to offset the costs of the Project, returned to the State, or, if approved in writing by the State, used for other purposes that benefit the public.
14. **Equipment.** Only Equipment that is identified in the Budget approved by the State may be purchased using grant funds. If Grantee determines that additional Equipment is necessary to complete the Project, Grantee must obtain prior written approval by the State to purchase such equipment, and such approval may be provided at the State's sole discretion. Equipment purchased using Grant Funds, wholly or in part, must be used by the Grantee for the Project for which it was acquired. State retains a vested interest in the equipment for the useful life of the equipment, even after completion of the Project. Upon the Project Completion Date or termination of this Agreement, whichever occurs earlier, Grantee shall provide to State a written disposition plan of the Equipment detailing how the equipment will be used to further the Project purposes or to the public's benefit. Such disposition must be approved in advance by State. Equipment purchased using Grant Funds cannot be used as collateral, financed, or sold without prior written approval from the State.
15. **Budget Contingency Clause.** State shall not be obligated to disburse any unpaid portion of the Grant Funds unless and until sufficient funds are appropriated for the fiscal years covered by this Agreement through the State budget process for the purpose of this Agreement. State shall notify Grantee in writing if it is unable to disburse funds for these reasons. No invoice submitted prior to the appropriation or release of such funds to State shall be effective. If funding for this Agreement is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act, by Executive Order, or by order of the Department of Finance or State Treasurer's Office, State at its sole discretion may suspend or terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 21 or amend the Agreement to reflect any reduction of funds. State will not be liable for any costs or damages incurred by Grantee based on the circumstances described in this section.

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## 16. Project Administration

- a. Grantee shall use any generally accepted accounting system.
- b. Grantee must report to the State all Other Sources of Funds, including Program Income. If this provision is deemed to be violated, the State will request an audit of Grantee and can delay the disbursement of funds until the matter is resolved.
- c. Grantee shall promptly submit written progress reports, and any and all records, as the State may request throughout the term of this Agreement.
- d. Grantee shall submit a final project report, final invoice with associated supporting documentation, and copies of materials developed using Grant Funds, including but not limited to plans, educational materials, etc. within 30 days of the Project Completion Date.

## 17. Project Records

- a. Grantee shall retain all records described in Section 17(c) below for three (3) years after final payment by the State. In the case an audit occurs, all such records shall be retained for one (1) year from the date the audit is completed or three (3) years after final payment by the State, whichever date is later.
- b. Grantee shall maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records for the Project and make them available to the State for review during reasonable times. This includes the right to inspect and make copies of any books, records, or reports of Grantee pertaining to this Agreement or matters related thereto.
- c. Grantee shall keep such records as the State shall prescribe, including, but not limited to, records which fully disclose (a) the disposition of the Grant Funds, (b) the total cost of the Project, (c) the amount and nature of that portion of the Project cost supplied by other sources, and (d) any other such records as will facilitate an effective audit. All records shall be made available to CAL FIRE, other State of California agency, or other entity as determined by the State of California for auditing purposes at reasonable times.

18. **Audits.** During the three-year period after final disbursement, unless a longer retention period has been specified by the State, Grantee shall make, or cause to be made, records relating to this Agreement available to State or other duly authorized representatives of the State of California for inspection, copying, and audit purposes during normal business hours. Records may be required to be disclosed electronically if so requested by State or its representative. The audit shall be confined to those matters connected with this Agreement. Grantee and its Subrecipients shall cooperate fully with the audit including, but not limited to, providing access to its staff, books, records, accounts, or other materials as requested.

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In the event of a negative audit finding, including expenditures not properly documented or not allowed, Grantee may be required to take action specified in or consistent with the audit finding, including repayment of Grant Funds.

19. **Public Records and Confidentiality.** The Parties acknowledge that, except with respect to records that are exempt from disclosure by an express provision of law, the State must disclose public records upon request pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code section 7920.000 *et seq.* During performance of this Agreement each party may come into possession of information or data that may be deemed confidential or proprietary by the person or organization furnishing the information or data. Such information or data may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. State agrees not to disclose such information or data furnished by Grantee and to maintain such information or data as confidential when such information or data has been designated confidential by Grantee in writing at the time it is furnished to State, but only to the extent that such information or data is exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act.
20. **Rights in Intellectual Property.** Grantee retains title to all data, plans, drawings, specifications, reports, computer programs, operating manuals, notes, other written or graphic work, or patentable ideas (collectively, "Intellectual Property") produced in the performance of this Agreement, except that State shall have the right to reproduce, publish, and use all such work, or any part thereof, in any manner and for any non-profit, noncommercial purposes and to authorize others to do so. If any Intellectual Property is copyrightable, Grantee may copyright the same, except that State reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use such work, or any part thereof, and to authorize others to do so.
21. **Project Termination or Suspension**
  - a. **Termination before Project Commencement.** Before any work funded by this Agreement begins, this Agreement may be terminated by the State or Grantee upon 30-days written notice to the other party.
  - b. **Termination by Mutual Consent.** During the Project Performance Period and the Long-term Management Period, this Agreement can be terminated at any time by mutual written consent of both Parties. Upon mutual termination, both Parties will work cooperatively to identify the date of termination, which shall not be less than 30-days after either Party gives notice to the other of its desire to terminate the agreement, resolve any outstanding financial obligations, and bring the work specified in this Agreement to closure.
  - c. **Termination for Cause.** During the Project Performance Period, if State determines Grantee has made a material misrepresentation, violated this Agreement, failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or otherwise determines there is cause to do so, including State's determination that funds

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- are unavailable as described in Section 15, State can terminate this Agreement by providing Grantee with a written notice of termination (Notice of Termination) specifying the date of termination.
- d. **Grantee's duties upon Termination.** In the event of termination, on the date mutually agreed upon or on the date specified in the Notice of Termination, Grantee shall stop work under this Agreement and take all reasonable measures to prevent further costs under this Agreement. Grantee shall immediately provide State with an accounting of all funds received under this Agreement and return any Grant Funds, including but not limited to Advance Payments, received under this Agreement that have not been previously expended to provide the services outlined within this Agreement. At its discretion, State may reimburse to Grantee any eligible, reasonable, and non-terminable obligations and costs incurred by Grantee in the performance of this Agreement prior to termination, but only up to the undisbursed balance of funding authorized in this Agreement. In the event of a Notice of Termination, Grantee shall be liable for prompt repayment of all amounts disbursed under this Agreement, including Advance Payments plus accrued interest, and any further costs related to the Project. State may, at its sole discretion, consider extenuating circumstances, including whether Grantee's failure to fulfill its obligations was due to no fault of Grantee, and may waive Grantee's obligation to repay, in whole or in part. This paragraph shall not be deemed to limit any other remedies State may have for Grantee's failure to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- e. **Suspension and Stop Work Orders.** State may suspend this Agreement at any time upon reasonable written notice to Grantee. Any notice suspending work under this Agreement shall remain in effect until State authorizes work to resume by giving further written notice to Grantee. In the event of a suspension, Grantee shall immediately stop work under this Agreement and take all reasonable measures to prevent further costs under this Agreement. At its discretion, State may reimburse to Grantee any eligible, reasonable, and non-cancelable obligations and costs incurred by Grantee in the performance of this Agreement prior to suspension, but only up to the undisbursed balance of funding authorized in this Agreement.
- f. **Notice to Subrecipient of Termination and Suspension.** Grantee shall include in any written agreement with any Subrecipient retained for work under this Agreement a provision that entitles Grantee to suspend or terminate the agreement with the Subrecipient with written notice and on terms and conditions that are consistent with this Section 21.

## 22. Hold Harmless

- a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Grantee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorney's fees), or



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- claims for injury or damages arising out of or incident to the Project and the performance of this Agreement. This obligation shall run in perpetuity.
- b. Grantee waives any and all rights to any type of express or implied indemnity or right of contribution from the State, its officers, agents, or employees for any liability resulting from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to this Agreement, except claims arising from the gross negligence of State, its officers, agents, or employees. If Grantee is a public entity, Grantee waives any right to indemnity (see Government Code Section 895.2) and contribution (see Government Code Section 895.6) from the State as set forth in Government Code Section 895.4.
23. **Remedies for Grantee's Breach of Agreement.** In the event of a breach by Grantee, in addition to any and all other remedies available at law or in equity, State may withhold Grant Funds from Grantee or may require reimbursement of Grant Funds, including Advance Payments, that were disbursed.
24. **Cost Recovery.** Any costs incurred by State in enforcing the terms of this Agreement where State is the prevailing party, including but not limited to costs of suit, attorneys' and experts' fees, at trial and on appeal, and costs of enforcing any judgment, shall be borne by Grantee.
25. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are severable.
26. **Waiver of Agreement Terms.** No term or provision of this Agreement will be considered waived by either party, and no breach excused by either party, unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed on behalf of the party against whom the waiver is asserted. No consent by either party to, or waiver of, a breach by either party, whether expressed or implied, will constitute consent to, waiver of, or excuse of any other, different, or subsequent breach by either party.
27. **Assignment.** No assignment or transfer of this Agreement or any part thereof, rights hereunder, or interest herein by the Grantee shall be valid unless and until it is approved by State in writing and made subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as State may impose.
28. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement and all of its provisions shall apply to and bind any successors or assigns of the Parties.
29. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties. Requests for amendments must be in writing stating the amendment request and the reason for the request.

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30. **Further Acts by Legislature or Governor.** This Agreement is subject to any additional statutes, restrictions, limitations or conditions enacted by the Legislature or Executive Order that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding for this Agreement in any manner and State has the right to amend this Agreement to reflect any such further acts. State will not be liable for any costs or damages incurred by Grantee based on the circumstances described in this section.
31. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, made with respect to the Project and, together with all attached Exhibits and documents incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to the Project.
32. **Survival.** The obligations of the Parties under the following sections of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement: (1) Section 14, Equipment; (2) Section 17, Project Records; (3) Section 18, Audit; (4) Section 20, Rights in Intellectual Property; (5) Section 22, Hold Harmless; and (6) Section 24, Cost Recovery.
33. **Controlling Law.** This Agreement is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
34. **No Third-Party Rights.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create in the public or in any member of it rights as a third-party beneficiary under this Agreement, and no one other than the Parties themselves may enforce any of the rights or obligations created by this Agreement.
35. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
36. **Electronic Signatures.** The Parties agree to accept electronic signatures (as defined in Section 1633.2 of the California Civil Code), faxed versions of an original signature, or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
37. **Headings.** Headings within this Agreement are for convenient reference only and have no effect in limiting or extending the language of the provisions to which they refer.

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**Exhibit B: Project Timeline**

Not Applicable

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**Exhibit E: Equipment Depreciation Schedule**

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**Exhibit F: California Climate Investments Addendum**

**I. SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

1. Grant funds shall be used on projects with the primary goal of reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) and furthering the purposes of California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code, and related statutes.
2. Grant funds shall be used on projects limited to specific activities as described in CCI Grants Procedural Guides.
3. Grantee shall report project and benefits information when requested by the State. This may include, but is not limited to, funding expended, acres treated, GHG emissions, trees planted, disadvantaged community benefits, energy/water savings, job creation, and other co-benefits.
4. Grantee shall maintain accurate and detailed records documenting project description, project location, and schedule, CCI dollars allocated, and leveraged funds throughout the duration of the project.
5. Failure of Grantee to meet the agreed upon terms of achieving required GHG reduction may result in project termination and recovery of funds.

**II. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

All funds expended through CCI are subject to emissions reporting and requirements. Grantee is expected to provide the appropriate materials for completing program quantification methodology. Grantee shall use the current reporting template provided by the STATE. The reporting shall be submitted to the STATE no less frequently than quarterly. In addition, STATE may request additional information in order to meet current CARB reporting requirements. The requirements are available on the CARB CCI Quantification, Benefits and Reporting Materials webpage:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-quantification-benefits-and-reporting-materials>.

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### III. PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/RECOGNITION

1. All projects funded both fully and partially by the GGRF must clearly display, identify and label themselves as being part of the “California Climate Investments” program. The acknowledgement must contain the California Climate Investments and CAL FIRE logos as well as the following statement:

*“Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program.”*

A draft of the acknowledgement must be approved by the STATE prior to publication. For stationary projects, acknowledgement may include, but is not limited to, a sign on the project site. For other project types, such as vehicles, equipment, and consumer-based incentives, acknowledgement is encouraged by using a decal, sticker or other signage.

Guidance on California Climate Investments logo usage, signage guidelines, and high-resolution files are contained in a style guide available at:  
[www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/logo-graphics-request](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/logo-graphics-request).

2. In addition, all projects funded both fully and partially by GGRF must contain the following statement in public announcements or press releases on said projects:

“Santa Barbara VMP and Ignition Prevention Project, is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment– particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: [www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov).”

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**Exhibit G: GHG Emissions Workbook**

Not Applicable

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**Exhibit H: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity**

Not Applicable



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## Application Form :

Profile : ftan@countyofsb.org

## Project Information

**Project Name/Title :** Santa Barbara VMP and Ignition Prevention Project

**In which county is the majority of your project located? :** Santa Barbara County

**The full Project Tracking Number will be auto-generated within Grants Portal. Please use the format 23-WP-  
UUU and replace your 3-character unit identifier from your selected county above. :** 23-CSR-SBC

**Are there additional counties? :** No

**Did you have communication with CAL FIRE about this project? :** Yes

**In which California State Assembly district(s) is your project located? :**

37th - San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara

**In which California State Senate district(s) is your project located? :**

21st - San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

**Project End Date :** 2029-03-15

## Project Description Summary

**Please provide a paragraph summarizing proposed project including the location, habitable structures, acres treated, etc. :** This application encompasses multiple vegetation management efforts within Santa Barbara County, with a primary focus on two high-priority projects under the Vegetation Management Program (VMP). The Sedgwick Preserve VMP (1,819 acres) has an approved VMP document, while the Ballard VMP (1,108 acres, planned) is in development with anticipated submission in 2026. To ensure project continuity, additional right-of-way maintenance and widening projects outlined in the Santa Barbara County Fire Department's Unit Fire Plan are included as contingency efforts. These projects may be implemented by SBC Fuels Crew 34 if delays occur with the VMPs. Given that approximately 85% of wildland fire ignitions in the county originate along rights-of-way, these treatments will focus on mitigating wildfire risk in rural, mountainous, and wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas.

## Award Request Amount

**Total Amount of Award Request :** \$999,999.00

## Indirect Cost Rate

**Are you requesting an Indirect Cost Rate in excess of 12%? :** No

# Organization Information

**Organization Type :** Contract County

**Board Resolution or Attesting Document :** 23-CSR-SBC-XXXX\_Grant Resolution\_submitted\_non-signed.pdf

**If you are a CAL FIRE Contract County, please choose your Administrative Unit :** San Luis Obispo (SLU)

**Applicant Name/Sponsoring Organization :** Santa Barbara County Fire Department

**Project Manager Name :** Jason Sweet

**Project Manager Mailing Address :** 4410 Cathedral Oaks Road

**Project Manager Mailing Address Line 2 :**

**City :** Santa Barbara

**State :** US-CA

**Zip Code :** 93110

**Project Manager Phone Number :** 805-451-0161

**Project Manager Email :** jsweet@countyofsb.org

# Project Activities

**For which primary activity is funding being requested? :** Hazardous Fuels Reduction

**Primary Vegetation Management Practice Type :** Prescribed burning

**Does the project include Grazing as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? :** No

**Does the project include transportation and/or disposal of woody biomass :** No

# Project Treatment Area

**Primary Land Cover Type :** Shrubland

**Primary Land Ownership Class :** State Government

**Does your project include work on Tribal Lands? :** No

**Limiting Factors:** Check the box if there are any existing forest or land management plans; Conservation Easements; Covenant, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R's); matters related to zoning; use restrictions, or other factors that can or will limit the fire prevention proposed activity? :

**Timber Harvest Plans (THP):** For Hazardous Fuels Reduction projects, If there is a timber harvesting document on any portion of the proposed project area for which a "Notice of Completion" has not been filed with CAL FIRE check the box. :

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance:** Describe how compliance with CEQA will be achieved in the Scope of Work. Is there an existing CEQA document that addresses this project or can be used to meet CEQA requirements?

**Please indicate the CEQA document type (For planning, education and other projects that are exempt from CEQA, select "Not Applicable") :** Other CEQA

**Existing Document Identification Number :**

**Federal Responsibility Area: Does your project include work on Federal Lands that might require a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document, or use a framework similar to Good Neighbor Authority? :** No

## Community Metrics

### Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRC)

**Is the Sponsoring Organization a local agency? ( city, county, or other publicly funded entity serving a city and/or county) :** Yes

**If yes, please select from the Fire Risk Reduction Community List options :** Sponsoring Organization is on the FRRC List

**If yes, is the Sponsoring Organization reporting defensible space data to CAL FIRE? :** Yes

**Community at Risk: Is the project associated with a community that is listed as a Community at Risk? :** Yes

**Number of Risk Communities in the project area :** 12

**Disadvantaged/Low Income Community: Is the project associated with a disadvantaged/low-income community? :** No

**Project Area Statistics:** For all Hazardous Fuels Reduction projects, provide an estimate of the Treatment Influence Zone (TIZ) acres. Include Local Responsibility Area (LRA), Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) and State Responsibility Area (SRA) as applicable for TIZ.

The Treatment Influence Zones (TIZ) are the treatment areas within a project, where on-the-ground activities are accomplished. There can be multiple treatment areas associated with a project. Wildfire Prevention Planning and Wildfire Prevention Public Education projects will NOT have treatment areas.

**Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Treatment acres :** 0.00

**Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) Treatment acres :** 0.00

**State Responsibility Area (SRA) Treatment acres :** 3,113.00

**Total Treatment Acres :** 3113

# Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ)

What Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) are in the project area? Fire Hazard Severity Zone ratings are available at: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones> (<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones>). Copy and paste the link or right-click to open in a new tab. Please provide an approximate number of acres or percentage of the project area in each zone.

**Number of Acres in the Very High SRA FHSZ :** 2,005

**Number of Acres in the Very High LRA FHSZ :**

**Number of Acres in the High SRA FHSZ :** 1,108

**Number of Acres in the High LRA FHSZ :**

**Number of Acres in the Moderate SRA FHSZ :**

**FHSZ Total Acres :** 3113

## Document Uploads

**Letters of Support :**

**Letters of Commitment :**

In addition to the online project mapping program treatment Geopoint and polygons, include a pdf map(s) of the project with the project application. The maps shall meet the requirements of Appendix G in the Procedural Guide.

**PDF Project Map :** 23-CSR-SBC-76880453-Map.pdf

The below required standard forms can be found in the forms section of the solicitation. To get to the Solicitation Link click back to the solicitation, then click on the three lines next to the application and click the solicitation link. The below documents are required at the time of submission.

**STD 19 Nondiscrimination Compliance Statement form :** 23-CSR-SBC-XXXX\_ST\_19.pdf

**STD 21 A Drug-Free Workplace Certification form :** 23-CSR-SBC-XXXX\_ST\_21.pdf

**STD 204 Payee Data Record form :** 23-CSR-SBC-XXXX\_PayeeDataRecord-Standard Form 204.pdf

**Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #1 :**

**Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #2 :**

**Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #3 :**

**Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #4 :**

# Project Mapping Program

Project Mapping Program: Create a Geopoint and Polygon(s) via the weblink. copy and paste the link or right-click to open in a new tab:<https://grant-access-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com> (<https://grant-access-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com>) The Online Project Mapping Component is a requirement for a complete application submission.

**View Budget Worksheet** : <https://portal.ecivis.com/#/peerBudget/268C949F-F2F6-46D4-8A99-7DACDD1C321D>

**Average Score** :

## Application Goals :

**View Application Goals** : <https://portal.ecivis.com/#/peerGoals/BCC8FFEB-8EF8-4D7E-A6AC-E9DF40DB3C1A>

**# of Reviews** : 0

**# of Denials** : 0

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# Santa Barbara VMP and Ignition Prevention Project

**Linked Form Profile :**

**Linked Form Submissions :** 23-CSR-SBC 76880453

## Scope of Work :

**Project Name :** Santa Barbara VMP and Ignition Prevention Project

**Project Tracking Number :** 23-CSR-SBC-76880453

Please use the Tracking Number that was automatically assigned by Grants Portal. The format will be 23-WP-UUU-XXXXXXX

## Project Description

**Please provide a comprehensive project description including the location, habitable structures, acres treated, etc. (please note there are no space limitations) :** The Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBCFD), a CAL FIRE Contract County, is responsible for protecting approximately 830,000 acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA)—the second-largest coverage among California's six contract counties. Despite limited staffing, SBCFD maintains a highly active and effective fuels management and prescribed fire program. Through this CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant, SBCFD seeks funding and equipment to support the implementation of two prescribed fire projects and three roadside fuel reduction projects, all located within very high fire severity zones in Santa Barbara County. The two priority prescribed fire projects—Sedgwick Preserve VMP (1,819 acres) and Ballard VMP (1,108 acres, pending approval)—will treat a combined 2,927 acres. Should unfavorably weather or extended fire seasons limit the prescribed burn window, the department will shift focus to right-of-way vegetation treatments along 16.27 miles of roadway, totaling 187 acres, to help reduce wildfire ignitions along rural roadways. All five projects are included in, or will be added to, the Santa Barbara County Unit Fire Plan. The requested equipment and supplies will support implementation by SBCFD Fire Crews, Fuels Crew 34, the Construction Section, and VMP staff.

## Section I :

**Primary Activity Type :** Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

**1. Describe the geographic scope of the project, including an estimate of the number of habitable structures and the names of the general communities that will benefit. :** The geographic scope of this project is spread through a little more than half of Santa Barbara County. With the broad scope and activity types of this project, the proximity to structures at risk varies in terms of density. The roadside and fuel break treatments outlined above are typically adjacent or in close proximity to homes in their targeted communities. The prescribed fire projects outlined above benefit homes in their influence zones by introducing low intensity fire to their respective areas, with the intent of reducing the size and intensity of wildland fires which could threaten local structures. The Sedgwick VMP and Ballard VMP are in the Santa Ynez Valley and are part of a network of prescribed fire and fuel break treatments designed to protect the various communities within the area. Santa Ynez, Los Olivos, Ballard, Solvang, Buellton and Los Alamos. There are over 9,100 homes in the Santa Ynez Valley which benefit from these projects. The three roadside projects are nestled in canyons in the front country which have experienced damaging wildfires. The Mission Canyon Project is in a community which experienced the Jesusita and Thomas fires in recent

history. There are close to 900 homes in the Mission Canyon. The North San Marcos Road Project is in a community which experienced the Paint, Cave, Gap and Jesusita fires in recent history. And finally, the Refugio Road Project lies within a rural community which experienced the Gaviota, Sherpa, Alisal, Whittier and 1955 Refugio Fires.

**2. Describe the goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of the project.** : As previously described, the 2017 Thomas, 2019 Cave, 2021 Alisal Fires and 2024 Lake Fires affected communities within the scope of this project. Historic and periodic maintenance of the projects outlined within this proposal were integral to firefighting, access and evacuation efforts. Although homes were lost during the Thomas, Alisal and Lake Fires, the relatively low loss of structures in Santa Barbara County demonstrated the effectiveness of projects in the SBC Strategic Fire Plan. The overall goal of the SBC Fire Plan and VMP Project is to reinforce the success of these projects by adding to our prescribed fire network in the Santa Ynez Valley, while maintaining and improving the roadside and fuel break treatments throughout the County. The objectives of the overall project are described below by priority: 1. Sedgewick VMP The Sedgewick VMP is an 1,819-acre prescribed fire project in the Santa Ynez Valley. It is characterized by heavy and hazardous fuels, and is part of a larger, prescribed fire network designed by our Deputy Fire Marshal Vince LaRocco and VMP Coordinator Jason Sweet. 2. Ballard VMP The Ballard VMP is a 1,108-acre prescribed fire project also in the Santa Ynez Valley. It is also characterized by heavy and hazardous fuels, which has no recent fire history in the footprint. A VMP packet is currently being produced for approval for this project. 3. Mission Canyon Road Mission Canyon Road is a roadside fuel reduction project implemented by the SBC Fire Crew. It is a 5.34 mile and 70.08-acre project which includes some targeted fuel breaks. 4. North San Marcos Road North San Marcos Road is a roadside fuel reduction project implemented by the SBC Fire Crew in the Santa Barbara Front Country. It is a 2.3 mile and 24.49-acre project. 5. Refugio Road Refugio Road is a roadside fuel reduction project implemented by the SBC Fire Crew and SBC Construction in the Santa Barbara Front Country. It is an 8.63 mile and 92.2-acre project. The expected outcome of these projects is the resulting improved access and egress for firefighters and the public; the reduction of hazardous fuels in high and very high fire hazard areas of the County; through prescribed fire activities, provide 10-15 years of reduced fire behavior near communities; a reduction ignitions and large fires; maintained areas of safe separation distances for firefighters; and opportunities for firefighters to engage fires utilizing indirect tactics.

**3. Provide a clear rationale for how the proposed project will reduce the risks associated with wildfire to habitable structures.** : The proposed project directly addresses two of the primary wildfire risks in Santa Barbara County: roadside ignitions and dense, unmanaged chaparral fuels. Historical data shows that over 80% of wildland fires in the county originate along roadsides, often near habitable areas. The roadside fuel reduction projects included in this proposal are strategically located along 16.27 miles of roadway within very high fire hazard severity zones, significantly reducing the likelihood of ignition and subsequent fire spread into nearby communities. In addition, the County's prescribed fire projects—targeting a total of 2,927 acres—will treat aging, overgrown stands of chaparral that have contributed to past large-scale wildfires. These treatments are designed to create defensible landscapes and reduce wildfire intensity, thereby minimizing fire behavior and improving suppression effectiveness near habitable structures for 10 to 15 years post-treatment. Together, these projects provide a multi-pronged approach to wildfire risk reduction: preventing new ignitions through proactive roadside treatments and mitigating fire severity and spread through large-scale fuel reduction efforts. This comprehensive strategy enhances community safety and improves the protection of life and property in Santa Barbara County's most vulnerable areas.

**4. Identify any additional assets at risk from wildfire that will benefit from the proposed project. These may include, but are not limited to, domestic and municipal water supplies, power lines, communication facilities and community centers.** : Additional assets at risk to wildfire that benefit from the overall project include Southern California Edison and PG&E transmission lines, remote communications transmission sites (microwave and cell towers), the rural communities previously listed. Municipal and smaller water districts, and related watersheds, within the influence zones of these projects have reservoirs, structures and other assets which will also

benefit from a reduction in large fires. During large fires within the County, highways have been regularly shut down which impacts statewide and local commerce. These projects could benefit Highways 101, 246 and 154 in Santa Barbara County. With the broad scope of this project, facilities such as schools, universities and hospitals will also benefit from a reduction in large wildland fires. Midland School and the Sedgwick Ecological Preserve, adjacent to the Sedgwick VMP, are direct beneficiaries of a reduction in older age class chaparral.

**5. How will the project/activity utilize the left over woody biomass? Will the project/activity use a biomass facility to reduce greater greenhouse gas emissions? :** The two priority prescribed fire projects outlined in this application are designed to consume vegetation in place, resulting in no leftover woody biomass requiring removal. These treatments are carefully planned to achieve ecological and fire behavior objectives while minimizing post-treatment debris. For the roadside fuel reduction projects, woody biomass generated during operations will be chipped and broadcast on-site, promoting soil stability, moisture retention, and erosion control. This approach aligns with best management practices for roadside vegetation treatments while supporting the project's overall goals of wildfire risk reduction and environmental sustainability.

**6. Does the project include grazing as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? :** No

## Section II :

Degree of Risk

**1. Discuss the location of the project in relation to areas of moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zone as identified by the latest Fire and Resource Assessment Program maps. :** With the broad scope of this project, the degree of risk varies in terms of the fire hazard severity zones in the influence areas. But the treatments outlined above are all in the high or very high fire hazard severity zones. Over 2000 acres within the project described are in SRA Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, while the remaining 1100 acres are in SRA High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

**2. Describe the geographic proximity of the project to structures at risk to damage from wildfire in the WUI. :** With the wide geographic area of this project and two activity types, the proximity to structures at risk varies but close to 14,000 homes would be affected by large and fast-moving fires. The roadside and fuel break treatments outlined above are adjacent or in close proximity to homes in their targeted communities. The prescribed fire projects outlined above benefit homes in their influence zones by introducing low intensity fire to their respective areas, with the intent of reducing the size and intensity of wildland fires which could threaten local structures.

## Section III :

Community Support

**1. Does the project include any matching funds from other funding sources or any in-kind contributions that are expected to extend the impact of the proposed project? :** This project does not include any matching funds. However, it is anticipated that additional funds may be incurred by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department that will not be directly or indirectly reimbursed. These contributions, while not formally matched, will help extend the overall impact of the proposed project.

**2. Describe plans for external communications during the life of the project to keep the effected community informed about the goals, objectives and progress of the project. Activities such as planned press releases, project signage, community meetings, and field tours are encouraged. :** The majority of the projects outlined within are roadside and fuel break projects which have been regularly maintained by SBCFD. SBCFD regularly engages with community leaders to schedule and notify these leaders of the project. For these projects, traffic control signage is typically utilized to protect our personnel and equipment. For the prescribed fire projects listed



within, regular communications with the community, APCD, the Board of Supervisors and other stakeholders takes place. Additionally, the SBC PIO coordinates with other relevant County PIOs to develop press releases and inform the press and public about upcoming prescribed fire activities.

**3. Describe any plans to maintain the project after the grant period has ended. :** The majority of the projects outlined within are roadside and fuel break projects which have been regularly maintained by SBCFD. SBCFD will continue to maintain these projects either via district funds and/or grant funds after the implementation of funds from this grant.

**4. Does the proposed project work with other organizations or agencies to address fire hazard reduction at the landscape level? :** In regard to the roadside fuel reduction and fuel break activities, these projects do not typically involve any other agencies, but they at times complement projects implemented by the USFS. These activities are also targeted to provide protection to the landscape and watershed, but are not large, landscape level projects. The prescribed fire elements of this project do address fire hazard reduction at the landscape level. These projects are coordinated with local APCD, the local Range Improvement Association, and may include overhead and/or equipment support from other local and federal fire agencies. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash will also be invited to take part in the two prescribed fire projects.

## Section IV :

### Project Implementation

**1. Discuss the anticipated timeline for the project. Make sure to take seasonal restrictions into account. :** The project is structured to align with seasonal conditions, resource availability, and operational priorities over the grant period. Fall 2025: The Sedgwick Vegetation Management Project (VMP) is the top priority and is planned for implementation during this period, contingent upon favorable weather conditions, air quality, and available SBCFD resources. Preparation and implementation will be carried out by Fire Prevention staff, Fire Crews, Fire Construction, overhead personnel, and SBCFD engines. 2026–2027: The three roadside fuel reduction projects will be completed during this time frame, depending on scheduling flexibility, resource availability, and any seasonal limitations (e.g., red flag warnings, nesting seasons). These projects will be implemented between the two prescribed fire projects. Fall 2027: The Ballard VMP is projected for implementation during this season, pending completion of its planning phase and approval of the VMP packet. As with Sedgwick, this project will be implemented under appropriate weather and environmental conditions. This phased timeline allows for flexibility in response to seasonal fire restrictions, air quality regulations, and operational demands, while ensuring that all projects are completed within the grant term.

**2. Verify the expected timeframes to complete the project will fall under the required completion dates depending on the source of the funds awarded. :** Fall 2025 – Begin prepping Sedgwick VMP and implement Spring and summer 2026 – Implement next priority roadside maintenance project Fall of 2026 - Complete and obtain approval for the Ballard VMP Fall 2027 – Begin prepping Ballard VMP and implement

**3. Please list the milestones that will be used to measure the progress of the project. :** • Begin and complete work on the first priority treatment, Sedgwick VMP • Post work in CalMAPPER • Work with Finance Section to complete timely Activity and Financial Reports quarterly • Implement the roadside fuel projects • Post work in CalMAPPER • Implement next in line priority roadside treatment and complete • Work with Finance Section to complete timely Activity and Financial Reports quarterly • Pending award balance, continue onto next in line priority project, the Ballard VMP • With the fluid elements of this project, funding may not be available for all listed projects. Projects will be completed through their intended rotation and regular updates to CalMAPPER and invoicing will be submitted to the CSR grant team

**4. Please list the measurable outcomes (i.e. project deliverables) that will be used to measure the project's success.** : • SBCFD will complete projects listed in the SBC Fire Plan and VMP as weather, conditions and staffing availability allows • SBCFD will implement the 1,819 acre Sedgewick Project as the initial priority project, this is the first primary deliverable • SBCFD will implement the 16.27 miles of roadside projects between the two VMPs, these treatments total 187 acres • SBCFD will implement the 1,108 acre Ballard Project as the second priority project based on remaining funding

**5. If applicable, how will the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) be met?** : The roadside fuel reduction activities are existing facilities and are maintained through existing NOEs. The Sedgewick VMP is an approved project submitted, reviewed and approved by CAL FIRE. The Ballard VMP will be developed using these proposed grant funds prior to implementation.

**6. List any existing forest or land management plans; Conservation Easements; Covenant, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R's); matters related to zoning; use restrictions, or other factors that can or will limit the wildfire prevention proposed activity?** : N/A

## Section V :

### Administration

**1. Describe any previous experience the project proponent has with similar projects. Include a list of recent past projects the proponent has successfully completed if applicable. Project applicant or manager having no previous experience with similar projects should discuss any past experiences that may help show a capacity to successfully complete the project being proposed. This may include partnering with a more experienced organization that can provide project support.** : SBCFD has conducted the described roadside fuel treatment projects described within this Scope of Work on a regular basis as they are identified in the SBC's Strategic Fire Plan. Funding for these projects have come from various sources including grant and district funding. SBCFD has experience conducting, documenting and invoicing similar projects funded through various CAL FIRE sources. A list of past projects is as follows: a. Tuckers Grove DSP, 2015 – Santa Barbara b. Santa Barbara Foothill Community Defensible Space Project, 2015 – Mission Canyon c. Lompoc Valley Fuel Reduction Project, 2019 to 2022 – Burton Mesa, Lompoc d. Various SRAFPF project funds e. Various SRAFPF project funds f. Early Action funds g. High Priority Project funds SBCFD has utilized private contractors and department resources, including our Fire and Fuels Crews and Construction section to conduct the above projects. SBCFD Fire Prevention and Finance staff have historically submitted required documentation and invoicing for the projects list above. Changes to our Finance Section process are currently being implemented to ensure on time financial reporting.

**2. Identify who will be responsible for tracking project expenses and maintaining project records in a manner that allows for a full audit trail of any awarded grant funds.** : SBCFD has utilized in house data collection systems to track progress of Fire Plan projects between the Pre-Fire Engineer, Crew Superintendent, EXH Project Managers and SBC Finance staff. This will likely be in place with the addition of an extra-help position to help coordinate and produce required documentation. New processes and personnel assignments are being put in place to ensure on time financial reporting.

## Section VI :

### Budget

A detailed project budget should be provided in the online budget included in this solicitation. The space provided here is to allow for a narrative description to further explain the proposed budget.

**1. Explain how the grant funds, if awarded, will be spent to support the goals and objectives of the project.**

**If equipment grant funds are requested, explain how the equipment will be utilized and maintained beyond the life of the grant. :**

The SBC Fire Plan and Ignition Reduction Project is multi-faceted. Three (3) roadside maintenance / fuel break treatments are included with two (2) large scale VMP projects. Funds are allocated to the salaries and benefits of our Fire Crews or Fuels Crew or contract crews if SBC Fire Crews are not available. Funds are also allocated to the SBC Fire Construction section to support the prescribed fire projects, and occasionally the roadside treatments. Engine Companies and Overhead are required to assist with the implementation of the prescribed fire projects. Appropriate funds have been allocated for the participation of these resources. Other costs include additional CEQA and project coordination through a part-time, extra-help employee, CEQA documentation through a consultant and various fuel reduction and communication supplies for Fire Crew and VMP staff. Equipment requests for the SBC Fire Plan and VMP project include digital road signs for the safety of the Fire or Fuel Crew's, and notification to the local residents of prescribed fire activities. A maintenance budget has also been allocated for replacement, repair and maintenance of existing fuel reduction equipment. Other equipment requests include equipment to support the current and growing VMP staff manage, hold and coordinate the prescribed fire activities in this Scope of Work. The equipment outlined in the Scope of Work and Budget Worksheet will be utilized after the life of this project on fuel reduction and prescribed fire projects.

**2. Are the costs for each proposed activity reasonable for the geographic area where they are to be performed? Identify any costs that are higher than usual and explain any special circumstances within the project that makes these increased costs necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the project. :**

The costs associated with each proposed activity are reasonable and appropriate for Santa Barbara County, which is known for its high cost of living and elevated operational and contractor expenses. Labor, equipment, and service rates in the region are consistently higher than state averages due to these regional economic factors. While the project budget reflects these elevated costs, no individual line item is considered excessive or inflated beyond what is typical for the area. All proposed costs are necessary to effectively implement the roadside fuel reduction and prescribed fire treatments while ensuring the safety of personnel and the public.

**3. Is the total project cost appropriate for the size, scope, and anticipated benefit of the project? :** The project cost is appropriate when considering the treatment of 2,927 acres of prescribed fire treatments and 16.27 miles of roads.

**4. Please list each object category amount that you are requesting and the detail of how that would support meeting the grant objectives. :**

- Salaries and Wages: the total budget request for these projects is \$636,752 to treat 3,113 acres. On this metric, the cost per acre is \$204.55. Fuels or Fire Crew - a specialized team within the Santa Barbara County Fire Department dedicated to wildfire prevention and mitigation. Their work includes hazardous fuels reduction, vegetation management, and prescribed burning support. Fire Dozer/Masticator/Tracked Mulcher operator - Their work includes constructing fire-lines with dozers, reducing hazardous vegetation with mastication equipment, and improving defensible space using tracked mulchers. These operations are essential for controlling fire spread, improving access, and reducing fuel loads in high-risk areas. VMP Engine Companies - support the Vegetation Management Program (VMP) by providing critical resources for prescribed burns and other fuel reduction activities. These crews ensure fire control, ignition support, and public safety during planned fire operations. Their involvement helps reduce hazardous vegetation, enhance ecological health, and lower the risk of catastrophic wildfires. VMP Fire Overhead - provide leadership, planning, and oversight for prescribed fire and fuels reduction projects under the Vegetation Management Program (VMP). These individuals are responsible for ensuring safe and effective operations, coordinating resources, managing incident objectives, and complying with all regulatory and environmental requirements. Their expertise is essential to the success and safety of VMP projects.
- Employee Benefits: the total request for this section \$112,368 to pay the employee benefits associated with these projects.
- Contractual: the total of \$25,000 in this section supports SBCFD in updating the existing CEQA documentation for the proposed treatment activities.
- Supplies: the total in this section is \$45,000. The total includes replacement chainsaws, pole saws, tractor and chipper parts, and firing devices (essential tools used by

fire crew and VMP staff to safely and effectively ignite fuels during prescribed burns and backfiring operations). • Equipment: \$30,000 for Three traffic control trailers are needed to support safe operations during fuel reduction and prescribed fire activities. These trailers will be equipped with signage and lighting to ensure proper traffic management and public safety in and around project areas. • A total of \$30,000 is requested in this section to cover maintenance of fuel reduction supplies and equipment for the duration of the grant. This includes service visits and repairs for chippers, replacement parts for saws and chippers, as well as consumables such as oil and bar oil for saws. • Indirect Cost: Indirect costs are general administrative and overhead expenses that support the execution of the project and the organization. Overall cost per acre: \$320.91 per acre with 12% Indirect Costs.

**5. Does your project include the purchase of capital equipment (more than \$5,000 per item)? : Yes**

**6. Provide a cost-benefit analysis to justify the purchase of equipment versus leasing :** Renting digital traffic signal trailers costs approximately \$1,200 per month. For our projects, we anticipate using these trailers extensively for local notification and personnel safety over multiple years. Specifically, during the grant period, we estimate deployment at various locations totaling 30 to 40 weeks of use, which would result in rental costs between \$32,000 and \$43,000. In contrast, purchasing the trailers outright represents a significantly lower upfront investment than these cumulative rental costs. Moreover, ownership allows continued use of the trailers beyond the grant period, including for additional State Responsibility Area (SRA) projects. This long-term utility provides greater cost efficiency and operational flexibility, ultimately reducing expenses and improving project safety over time.

## Section VII :

California Climate Investments

The space provided here is to allow for a narrative description to further explain how the project/activity will reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.

**1. How will the project/activity reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions? :** The reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions will begin as fuel reduction projects are completed and successfully reduce the number, size, and severity of wildfires. Multiple smaller fires have occurred in our county where fuel reduction treatments and defensible space have assisted in reducing the size and intensity of fires that had significant potential. The right-of-way treatments will be maintained by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department over time so the projects outlined in this Scope of Work will continue to benefit the respective communities into the future. Ongoing maintenance of existing fuel treatments funded by this project is critical in our mission to continue and expand the benefit of keeping wildland fires small.

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Budget Report

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Budget Items

Category	Title	Description	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	GL Account	Cost Share
Salaries & Wages									
	SBC Fuels or Fire Crew	Days	75	\$4,850.00	\$363,750.00	\$363,750.00			\$0.00
	SBC Fire Dozer/Masticator/ Tracked Mulcher	Days	55	\$2,050.00	\$112,750.00	\$112,750.00			\$0.00
	VMP Engine Companies	Hours	585	\$323.25	\$189,101.25	\$189,101.25			\$0.00
	VMP Fire Overhead	Hours	320	\$155.00	\$49,600.00	\$49,600.00			\$0.00
Salaries & Wages Total			1035	\$7,378.25	\$715,201.25	\$715,201.25	\$0.00		\$0.00
Employee Benefits									
	SBC Fuels or Fire Crew	Days	75	\$515.00	\$38,625.00	\$38,625.00			\$0.00
	SBC Fire Dozer/Masticator/ Tracked Mulcher	Days	55	\$65.00	\$3,575.00	\$3,575.00			\$0.00
	VMP Engine Companies	Hours	585	\$15.00	\$8,775.00	\$8,775.00			\$0.00
	VMP Fire Overhead	Hours	320	\$12.50	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00			\$0.00
Employee Benefits Total			1035	\$607.50	\$54,975.00	\$54,975.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Contractual									
	CEQA/VMP Packet	Report and consultants	1	\$20,002.32	\$20,002.32	\$20,002.32			\$0.00
Contractual Total			1	\$20,002.32	\$20,002.32	\$20,002.32	\$0.00		\$0.00
Travel & Per Diem									
			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Travel & Per Diem Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Supplies									
	Chainsaws	Each	20	\$1,250.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			\$0.00
	Firing Devices	Cases	30	\$1,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00			\$0.00
Supplies Total			50	\$2,250.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Equipment									
	Traffic Control Trailers	Each	3	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Equipment Total			3	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Other Costs									
	Maintenance Costs	Service visits for chippers or repair costs for saws	10	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$0.00
	Maintenance Parts, Oil and Supplies	Replacement parts for saws, chippers, oil and bar oil for saws	100	\$100.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$0.00
Other Costs Total			110	\$1,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Indirect Cost									
	Indirect	12%	0	\$0.00	\$103,821.43	\$103,821.43	\$0.00		\$0.00
Indirect Cost Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Other									
Category	Title	Description	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	GL Account	Cost Share
Other									
Other Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Grant Total									
Grant Total			2234	\$41,338.07	\$999,000.00	\$999,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00

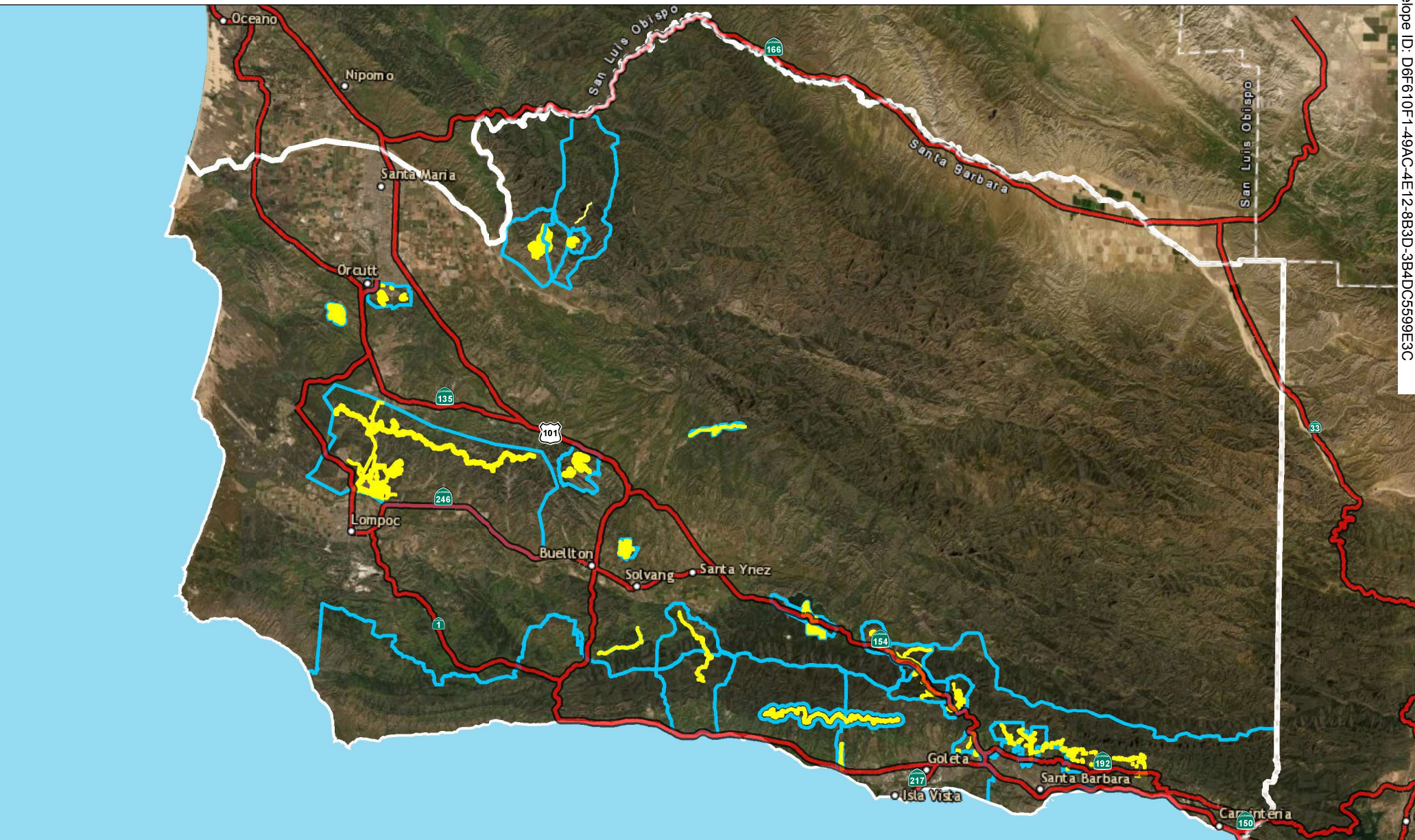






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