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December 29, 2025

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5GG25210; County of Fresno, "2025-26 Auberry Road and Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance"

This Agreement cannot be considered binding on either party until approved by appropriate authorized CAL FIRE designee. No services should be provided prior to approval, as the State is not obligated to make any payments on any Agreement prior to final approval. FAILURE TO RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS BY DATE BELOW MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF FUNDING.

Please contact Nick Kent at (559) 246-4368 if you have questions concerning services to be performed.

1. ☒ Full grant agreement including terms and conditions, project grant application form, scope of work, budget, map, and other exhibits enclosed. Please sign, scan, and return the agreement to Satoshi Okuno at Satoshi.Okuno@fire.ca.gov no later than **January 29, 2026.**

   Alternatively, you may opt to print (single sided), sign in blue ink, and return the agreement with original signature to:
   CAL FIRE
   Attn: Grants Management Unit/CCI –Wildfire Prevention
   P.O. Box 944246
   Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

   In order to expedite your agreement, a scanned/electronic copy of the agreement is preferred.

2. ☐ Enclosed for your record is one fully executed copy of the agreement referenced above. When billing for services performed under this agreement, your invoices must reference the agreement number above and be submitted to the contract manager.

Thank you,

Satoshi Okuno
Grants Analyst
Grants Management Unit

CC: Nick Kent
Southern Region Grants
Nadine Scarbrough

Enclosures

State of California
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Office of the State Fire Marshal
GRANT AGREEMENT

APPLICANT: **County of Fresno**

PROJECT TITLE: **2025-26 Auberry Road and Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance**

GRANT AGREEMENT: **5GG25210**

PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is from date of latter signature by CAL FIRE Deputy Director or Grantee through February 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: The project consists of fuel break maintenance treatments. The Auberry Road Shaded Fuel Break totals 263 acres and the Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break totals 234 acres in Very High Hazard Severity Zones. Approximately 972 structures exist within, and 3,232 structures exist near the project boundary.

Total State Grant not to exceed $ **950,000.00** (or project costs, whichever is less).

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

County of Fresno	**STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**
Applicant	
By Signature of Authorized Representative	By
Print Name/ Title: Steve E. White Dir & PWP	Title: **Frank Bigelow, Deputy Director**
Date 1/7/24	Date

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING

GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER **5GG25210**	PO ID	SUPPLIER ID 0000014996
FUND 3228	FUND NAME Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	
PROJECT ID N/A	ACTIVITY ID N/A	AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE FUNDING **$ 950,000.00**
GL UNIT 3540	BUD REF 601	ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMBRANCE **$ 0.00**
PROGRAM NUMBER 2470010	ENY 2021	ADJ. DECREASING ENCUMBRANCE **$ 0.00**
ACCOUNT 5340580	ALT ACCOUNT 534058000	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE **$ 950,000.00**
REPORTING STRUCTURE 35405909	SERVICE LOCATION 96217	

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

Certification of CAL FIRE Accounting Officer

Date

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 County of Fresno ("Grantee"), collectively referred to as "Parties", pursuant to California Public Resources Code section §4799.05.

2. **Grant Funds.** Subject to the availability of grant monies, the State hereby grants to Grantee a sum not to exceed $950,000.00. 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

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 5GG25210, 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 2025-2026, 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.

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: County of Fresno
Section/Unit: FKU	Section/Unit: N/A
Attention: Nick Kent	Attention: Adan Ortiz
Mailing Address: 210 S. Academy Sanger, CA 93657	Mailing Address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor Fresno, CA 93721
Phone Number: (559) 246-4368	Phone Number: (559) 600-0534
Email Address: Nick.Kent@fire.ca.gov	Email Address: aortiz@fresnocountyca.gov

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

1. NAME, TITLE: Steven E. White, Director

2. NAME, TITLE: Augustine C. Ramirez, Division Manager

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.

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.

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 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.

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;
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 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.

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.

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.

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 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 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.

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.

Exhibit E: Equipment Depreciation Schedule

Not applicable.

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.

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.

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:

   "2025-26 Auberry Road and Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance, is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Invest dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment– particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Invest 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."

Exhibit G: GHG Emissions Workbook

Not applicable.

Exhibit H: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Not applicable.

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Application Form :

Profile : auramirez@fresnocountyca.gov

Project Information

Project Name/Title : 2025-26 Auberry Road and Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance

In which county is the majority of your project located? : Fresno County

The full Project Tracking Number will be auto-generated within Grants Portal. Please use the format 25-WP-UUU and replace your 3-character unit identifier from your selected county above. : 25-WP-FKU

Are there additional counties? : No

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

8th - Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne

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

12th - Fresno, Kern, Tulare

Project End Date : 2029-02-15

Project Description Summary

Please provide a paragraph summarizing proposed project including the location, habitable structures, acres treated, etc. : The project consists of fuel break maintenance treatments. The Auberry Road Shaded Fuel Break (Auberry) totals 263 acres and the Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break(Peterson) totals 234 acres in Very High Hazard Severity Zones. The Auberry break was constructed east of the community of Auberry and directly north of the Meadow Lakes and Bald Mountain communities. The Peterson break was constructed in the middle of the Peterson Road community, east of Shaver Springs and south of the Cressman communities. Approximately 972 structures exist within, and 3,232 structures exist near the project boundary.

Award Request Amount

What Funding source is your project applying for? : California Climate Investments-CCI

Total Amount of Award Request : $950,000.00

Indirect Cost Rate

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

Organization Information

Organization Type-CCI Funding : Incorporated Cities and Counties

Sponsoring Organization : County of Fresno

Project Manager Name : Adan Ortiz

Project Manager Mailing Address : 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor

Project Manager Mailing Address Line 2 :

City : Fresno

State : US-CA

Zip Code : 93721

Project Manager Phone Number : 559-600-0534

Project Manager Email : aortiz@fresnocountyca.gov

Project Activities

For which primary activity is funding being requested? (CCI Funding) : Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Primary Vegetation Treatment Type : Shaded fuelbreak /Understory clearing

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

Does the project include maintenance as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? : Yes

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

Project Treatment Area

Primary Land Cover Type : Forest

Primary Land Ownership Class : Private

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?

Will your project utilize the Govenor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-25 to streamline the Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) : Yes, but I have not applied

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

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

Does your project leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest public benefit. :

Will your produce the greatest public benefit

Is your organization an eligible local governmental entity qualified to perform defensible space assessments pursuant to Section 4291.5 in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, as identified by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 51178 of the Government Code or Article 9 (commencing with Section 4201) of this chapter or by a local agency pursuant to Section 51179 of the Government Code? : No

Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL)

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 : Not 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

For the Map of the Communities at Risk, please copy and Paste into a new tab:https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdff6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/calfire-website/what-we-do/fire-resource-assessment-program---frap/pdf-maps/communities-at-risk-wildfire-2015.pdf?rev=d7d7e04f0a614ccc8fcbb6d0d13155cf&hash=1C1247791C7C22C80FBA6F6156F69175 (https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdff6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/calfire-website/what-we-do/fire-resource-assessment-program---frap/pdf-maps/communities-at-risk-wildfire-2015.pdf?rev=d7d7e04f0a614ccc8fcbb6d0d13155cf&hash=1C1247791C7C22C80FBA6F6156F69175) or this link to the webpage: https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/pre-fire-planning (https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/pre-fire-planning)

Number of Risk Communities in the project area : 7

Disadvantaged/Low Income Community: Is the project associated with a disadvantaged/low-income community? : Yes

If Yes, select all that applies: :

Disadvantaged

Buffer Zone

Severely Disadvantaged/Low Income Community: Is the project associated with a disadvantaged/low-income community? (Prop 4) : No

Please copy and paste the link to the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping tool into a separate tab. https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/ (https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/)

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) TIZ acres :

Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) TIZ acres :

State Responsibility Area (SRA) TIZ acres : 500.00

Total TIZ Acres : 500

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/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/wildfire-preparedness/fire-hazard-severity-zones/ (https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/wildfire-preparedness/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 : 500.00

Number of Acres in the Very High LRA FHSZ :

Number of Acres in the High SRA FHSZ :

Number of Acres in the High LRA FHSZ :

Number of Acres in the Moderate SRA FHSZ :

FHSZ Total Acres : 500

Document Uploads

Letters of Support : 25-WP-FKU-78919393-Letters of Support.zip

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 : 25-WP-FKU-78919393-MAP.zip

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.

STD 204 Payee Data Record form : 25-WP-FKU-78919393-STD 204.pdf

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #1 : 25-WP-FKU-78919393-Board Resolution.docx

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #2 :

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #3 : 25-WP-FKU-78919393-Letters of Support.zip

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #4 :

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #5 :

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/5FA694C3-1E87-4459-80CF-B17F2F715913

Average Score : 0.00

Application Goals :

View Application Goals : https://portal.ecivis.com/#/peerGoals/4221FCCE-28F6-4C42-B531-82079F9A1C88

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Scope of Work :

Project Name : 2025-26 Auberry Road and Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance

Project Tracking Number : 25-WP-FKU-78919393

Please use the Tracking Number that was automatically assigned by Grants Portal. The format will be 25-WP-UUU-XXXXXXXX

Project Description

Please provide a comprehensive project description including the location, habitable structures, acres treated, etc. (please note there are no space limitations) : The Auberry Road Shaded Fuel Break totals 263 acres and the Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break totals 234 acres in Eastern Fresno County, centrally located in Very High Hazard Severity Zones. The Auberry Road Shaded Fuel Break was constructed at 4,500 feet in elevation east of the unincorporated community of Auberry and directly north of the Meadow Lakes and Bald Mountain unincorporated communities. The Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break was constructed at 4,000 feet in elevation in the middle of the unincorporated Peterson Road community, east of the Shaver Springs unincorporated community and south of the Cressmans unincorporated community. The Shaded Fuel Breaks created a 400 foot gap in fuel continuity along two public roads. Both Shaded Fuel Breaks provide additional protection to the Shaver Lake unincorporated community. The construction of the Fuel Breaks was funded with CAL FIRE-Fire Prevention Program Grant funds. Approximately 972 structures exist within, and 3,232 structures exist near the project boundary. The proposed fuel break maintenance treatments will reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire by treating and maintaining vegetation associated with the existing Auberry Road and Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Breaks. Treatment prescriptions are designed to eliminate fuel continuity and decrease the likelihood of a crown fire, slowing or stopping the progression of a wildfire, and providing fire crews the ability to safely access and suppress a wildfire. Proposed treatments will reduce vertical and horizontal wildfire fuel continuity, remove and dispose of brush and woody debris, and remove and dispose of dead, dying, or diseased trees through manual and/or mechanical treatments. The proposed fuel break maintenance treatments will also include the application of herbicide.

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 Auberry Road Shaded Fuel Break totals 263 acres and the Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break totals 234 acres in Eastern Fresno County, centrally located in Very High Hazard Severity Zones. The Shaded Fuel Breaks create a 400 foot gap in fuel continuity while providing safe ingress and egress for first responders and safe egress to the public and evacuees. The Auberry Road Shaded Fuel Break is situated at 4,500 feet in elevation east of the community of Auberry and directly north of the Meadow Lakes and Bald Mountain communities. The Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break was constructed at

4,000 feet in elevation in the middle of the Peterson Road community, east of the Shaver Springs community, and south of the Cressmans community. Approximately 972 structures exist within, and 3,232 structures exist near the project boundary. Both fuel breaks also protect the Shaver Lake community.

2. Describe the goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of the project. : The County is under a proclaimed state of emergency due to an imminent threat from catastrophic fires as a result of tree mortality. The proposed project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Fresno County Tree Mortality Plan, Fresno County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Fresno-Kings Unit Fire Plan, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and the California Strategic Fire Plan. The project area is a high priority to CAL FIRE-FKU for fuel break maintenance treatment. The location of the project is very strategic and is part of a network of fuel breaks that will protect many of the foothill and lower mountain communities along Auberry road, Peterson road, and Highway 168 from potential wildfires. This project fits into the larger CAL FIRE-FKU plan to treat more SRA lands in the Wildland Urban Interface by prescribed broadcast burning and intends on utilizing these fuel breaks to draw the burn unit boundaries. The probability of containing a wildfire, should one ignite, will increase with the maintenance of these two fuel breaks. The County continues to assess communities within the Very High Hazard Severity Zones. County staff and contracted Registered Professional Foresters assess vulnerable communities where dead trees, overgrown vegetation, and ground fuels pose a threat to the public, habitable structures, and infrastructure. The 2020 Creek Fire and current bark beetle tree die-off continue to add to the volume of hazard trees and ground fuels that must be removed and disposed of to lower the probability of a wildfire and to enhance fire suppression response efforts to control a wildfire as quickly as possible, should one ignite. The County's fuel breaks are an integral component to the Fresno-Kings Unit Pre-Fire Management Plan. It provides an important added component that bolsters the regional arrangement of several existing fuel breaks. Planning of the fuel break locations, size, and prescription was coordinated with the cooperation of CAL FIRE-FKU. The proposed fuel break maintenance will also be coordinated in cooperation with CAL FIRE-FKU. Fuel break maintenance is crucial for ensuring their effectiveness in mitigating wildfire risks. The two fuel breaks are currently overgrown with vegetation and dead trees, which will reduce their ability to slow or stop the spread of fire. Maintaining these two fuel breaks will also provide fire suppression personnel with safe ingress and egress and the ability to strategically stage personnel and equipment for fire suppression and structure protection. In addition, the maintenance of these fuel breaks enhances safe egress routes for communities to evacuate during a wildfire.

3. Provide a clear rationale for how the proposed project will reduce the risks associated with wildfire to habitable structures. : Approximately 972 structures exist within, and 3,232 structures exist near the project boundary. Both fuel breaks protect the unincorporated communities of Shaver Lake, Meadow Lakes, Bald Mountain, Shaver Springs, Peterson Road, and Cressmans. Protecting lives and property is the County's top priority. Should a fire ignite, the County wants to provide first responders, specifically fire suppression responders, with safe ingress and egress to a fire's perimeter to contain it as quickly as possible. Maintaining the fuel breaks will provide a 400-foot gap in fuel continuity to slowdown a fire and allow additional time for resources to be staged. The proposed maintenance treatments will be coordinated with the local CAL FIRE-FKU.

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. : The assets listed below are at risk from a wildfire. PG&E and Southern California Edison transmission and distribution lines Regional water collection and distribution facilities Regional wastewater treatment facilities Domestic water supplies Fresno County Sheriff's Substation State and local road maintenance and operations yards Meadow Lakes Radio Tower (public and private use) United States Forest Service infrastructure Pineridge Elementary and Foothill Middle Schools County libraries

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 County does not open burn on any of its fuels reduction projects. Recent hazardous tree removal projects concluded with tree and slash chipping and broadcasting onto the County's right-of-way for erosion control. Wood chips are also piled at centrally located

project locations and donated to residents for erosion control and garden cover. While current market conditions and infrastructure do not support delivery and utilization of material at a biomass processing facility, if this option becomes available and feasible during the grant period, it will be utilized. The County is partnering with the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund's Seedlings of Hope Program to help reforest areas after the County completes individual projects. Interested participants will have the opportunity to sign up for the Seedlings of Hope program for assistance with reforestation and tree planting of native pine trees. Tree planting will re-establish an overstory tree canopy, with trees spaced appropriately to ensure crown separation and to provide dispersed shade to help limit brush regrowth. The Seedlings of Hope Program is headed by Registered Professional Foresters and utilizes volunteers to plant native conifer seedlings. These trees will assist in sequestering carbon.

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

9. Does the project include maintenance as a component of the hazardous fuel's reduction project? : Yes

If yes, please describe how the project will include maintenance as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project. What current or past project is this maintaining? Who was it funded by? : The construction of the shaded fuel breaks was funded with prior CAL FIRE-Fire Prevention Program Grant funds. The proposed project will maintain two existing shaded fuel breaks by removing overgrown vigorously resprouting brush, vegetation, and new dead/dying trees. Approximately 2,582 tons of hazardous fuels were removed during the construction of the fuel breaks and the recommended treatments will remove additional hazardous fuels. CAL FIRE-FKU is writing a Cal Vegetating Treatment Plan which covers their Cressmans fuel break and portions of the Auberry Road fuel break where it intersects with existing fuel breaks. CAL FIRE-FKU will be conducting long-term follow up maintenance on this portion after this project is complete.

10. If applying for Prop 4 funding, is your project leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest public benefit? :

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. : The proposed project boundary totals approximately 500 acres in the foothill and lower mountain portion of the County of Fresno where a combination of bark beetle and fire killed trees ranges between 60-75%. The entire project footprint is located within a very high fire hazard severity zone. The fuel load, combined with the rugged terrain, create a volatile fire environment.

2. Describe the geographic proximity of the project to structures at risk to damage from wildfire in the WUI. : The project is directly adjacent to several private communities within the Wildland Urban Interface. The project will expand the defensible space for property owners within the fuel break footprint where dead trees and ground fuels are removed and the threat of trees falling onto habitable structures is mitigated. Both fuel breaks protect the unincorporated communities of Shaver Lake, Meadow Lakes, Bald Mountain, Shaver Springs, Peterson Road, and Cressmans.

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? : Not applicable.

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. : External communications include public meetings, signage, and status updates on the County's website. The County will continue to attend community meetings in the affected foothill and lower mountain areas to provide status updates and to continue to build on current trust between County government and the public. It is evident that prior fuel reduction projects and the construction of shaded fuel breaks enhanced the trust between the County and the public. These efforts demonstrate a commitment to wildfire safety and community protection. The County also has a good working relationship with the Fire Safe Councils and the Sierra Resource Conservation District in the area. County staff or representatives will continue to attend their meetings and provide the public with project status updates.

3. Describe any plans to maintain the project after the grant period has ended. : The County is prepared to continue to protect life and property after the grant period has ended. The cost to continue to maintain the fuel breaks should decrease with the use of herbicide, tree shade to slow down vegetation growth, and less tree die-off. Another option for the County to maintain the fuel breaks after the grant period has ended is through the utilization of the California Conservation Corps (CCCs). The County started one project with the help of the CCCs in the past and would utilize them again, if available. Volunteers may also be willing and able to assist the County in maintaining the project. Safe ingress and egress along established roads has been shown to be beneficial to fire suppression responders in prior wildfires. The County would continue to keep the right-of-way clear of any dead or dying hazard trees after the grant period has ended. Outside of County's road right-of-way, the County could partner with the Highway 168 Fire Safe Council, Sierra Resource Conservation District, or CAL FIRE-FKU for assistance. Continuing to educate private property owners on the importance of maintaining their own lands has been a challenge. Contracting with Registered Professional Foresters to continue advising property owners should continue to be available after the grant period has ended.

4. Does the proposed project work with other organizations or agencies to address fire hazard reduction at the landscape level? : In the Spring of 2015, the County of Fresno initiated the Fresno County Tree Mortality Task Force(Task Force) in response to widespread tree mortality throughout the County as a result of the bark beetle infestation. A core group of agencies and cooperators were brought together to develop a strategy to reduce the impacts on the watershed, infrastructure and communities within these areas if a wildfire was to occur. Members included the County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning, Fresno County Sheriff 's Office, County OES, CAL FIRE (local Unit and Sacramento staff), U.S. Forest Service, California Department of Transportation, Southern California Edison, PG&E, California Natural Resource Conservation District, Highway 168 and Oak to Timberline Fire Safe Councils, Sierra Resource Conservation District, local tribes and the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District. Priorities included public and community safety, long-term actions that will improve forest health, public outreach and education, and coordination of projects. The work done by the Task Force had a significant impact on the safe evacuations and ability for agencies and contractors to safely maneuver throughout the area during the 2020 Creek Fire, which was the largest wildfire in California's history at the time that was not part of a greater complex fire. As a result of the coordinated and effective efforts, the California Board of Forestry awarded the Task Force with the 2022 Francis H. Raymond Award. The Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions during the prior five years for the protection and wise use of forest resources in California. The Award recognizes outstanding performances in management, research, education, and seeking public awareness of forest resources. The Task Force transitioned to the Fresno County Wildfire Prevention and Recovery Coordination Group (Group) in 2023 and continues to include the core partners from the Task Force. The Group coordinates efforts to reduce the risk of wildfire in close proximity to habitable structures and provides the community with treatments that will also modify fire behavior on a landscape level in an effort to reduce fire spread and intensity. The Sierra Resource Conservation District also provides homeowners with treatments at the landscape level in an effort to create Firewise Communities. The County partners with the District and removes dead hazard trees within these Firewise Communities to add an increased level of safety.

Section IV :

Project Implementation

1. Discuss the anticipated timeline for the project. Make sure to take seasonal restrictions into account. : The County anticipates that both shaded fuel breaks will be properly maintained by February 15, 2029. The County of Fresno has contracts in place with 17 Registered Professional Foresters and 20 Licensed Timber Operators (LTO), which streamlines bid solicitations. The County has environmental clearance in the majority of the project area. Within three months of fully executing the FY 2025-26 Wildfire Prevention Grant Agreement, the County will contract with Registered Professional Foresters and coordinate with CAL FIRE-FKU to prioritize the most vulnerable parcels within the fuel breaks' footprint and engage the property owners. Within twenty-four months of fully executing the FY 2025-26 Wildfire Prevention Grant Agreement, the County will have more than 75% of the project completed, weather permitting. Prior to the 2023 Winter Storms emergency, the County was running contracts 10 months out of the year. The County's goal is to have the project completed as soon as possible. While the grant deadline ends in 2029, the County works diligently to provide fire suppression responders with efficient and useful fuel breaks, fire escape routes, and roadside clearance, should they need it during the fire season.

2. Verify the expected timeframes to complete the project will fall under the required completion dates depending on the source of the funds awarded. : The County is requesting a grant end date of February 15, 2029. However, the County is prepared to adjust the grant performance period, if necessary, to secure funding. The County can hire additional contractors to meet an earlier deadline, if necessary.

3. Using bullets, list the milestones that will be used to measure the progress of the project. : Below are the milestones to measure the project's progress upon final grant execution of all parties: At 3 months, the County will contract with Registered Professional Foresters and will coordinate with CAL FIRE-FKU on prioritizing the most vulnerable parcels within the fuel breaks' footprint and engage the property owners. At 4 months, contact is made with property owners that previously signed the County's Right of Entry Permit to explain the proposed project. At 6 months - More Right of Entry forms are returned to the County for work on private property. At 9 months - Licensed Timber Operator is selected to begin treating the fuel breaks were the Notice of Exemption on file will cover. At 12 months - CEQA documents will be filed for portions not covered by the Notice of Exemption already on file. At 24 months - More than 75% of the maintenance treatments should be complete. At 30 months - 100% of fuel break maintenance treatments should be complete. Continue to maintain fuel breaks until the grant deadline is reached, if funding has not been completely exhausted.

4. Using bullets, list the measurable outcomes (i.e. project deliverables) that will be used to measure the project's success. : The below measurable outcomes will be used to measure the success of the 2025-26 Auberry Road and Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance Project. 1. Continue good working relationship with the CAL FIRE-FKU Pre-Fire Division. Planning for the construction of the fuel breaks, locations, size, and prescription was coordinated with the cooperation of CAL FIRE-FKU and funded with CAL FIRE-Fire Prevention Program Grant funds. The fuel breaks are an integral added component to the Fresno-Kings Pre-Fire Management Plan and bolster the regional arrangement of several existing fuel breaks. The County will continue to seek technical fuel break maintenance advice from CAL FIRE-FKU. Performing maintenance on two existing fuel breaks and being able to add these tools to the fuel break network will be a success. 2. Continue good working relationship with the Fire Safe Councils. Members of the Highway 168 Fire Safe Council live within the proposed maintenance of the fuel breaks and can provide the County with project feedback. The Highway 168 Fire Safe Council's President, also the Senior Manager for Southern California Edison's Camp Edison & Forestry, has been providing the County with feedback on projects since 2015. 3. The County's contracted Registered Professional Foresters live within foothill and lower mountain communities of the County, and they were instrumental in the planning and implementation of the fuel breaks that are now in need of maintenance. As such, they have an understanding of the project's footprint

and are available to assist the County with the assessment and project layout immediately upon grant award. It should be noted that the Foresters also have a good working relationship with the CAL FIRE-FKU Forester and the CAL FIRE-FKU Environmental Specialist.

5. If applicable, how will the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) be met? : The County's Department of Public Works and Planning is well versed in filing CEQA compliance documents. The County's contracted Registered Professional Foresters are also experienced in filing CEQA compliance documents and securing environmental compliance for hazardous fuels reduction projects, including shaded fuel breaks. The County and its contracted Registered Professional Foresters have a good working relationship with the CAL FIRE-FKU Forester and the CAL FIRE Regional Natural Resource Manager that should allow for timely filing. CEQA documents will be filed within 12 months of grant award at the latest; however, sections of the fuel breaks are covered under a Notice of Exemption on file. County staff assigned to environmental compliance will be finalizing the documentation for submittal and filing with the State Clearinghouse. Parcels that are already included in the filed Notice of Exemption will be treated soon after successful grant award while CEQA is filed on remaining parcels.

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? : There are no known zoning, use restrictions, or other factors that will limit the proposed project.

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. : On January 29, 2016, the County of Fresno was awarded two SRA grants for fuel reduction projects. The County successfully completed both projects and is in closeout mode for these grants. In early 2017, the County of Fresno was awarded 13 separate SRA grants for dead and dying tree removal and disposal projects. It was a challenge, but the County completed all of the projects by the November 30, 2018 deadline. The grant is in closeout mode. In 2018, and early 2019, the County was awarded additional CCI Fire Prevention Program Grant dollars for hazardous tree removal projects. The projects have been completed successfully. In 2020, and 2021, the County was awarded CCI Fire Prevention funds to protect communities from hazard trees and to construct two shaded fuel breaks. The projects have been completed successfully. Should the County's FY 2025-26 Wildfire Prevention Grant application be selected for funding, the Project Manager working on these projects since 2016 will continue to be assigned to the Tree Mortality and Forest Health Program. Additional staff joined the Program in 2019 and 2023 and will also be part of the Tree Mortality and Forest Health Program, should the application be selected for funding. Additional support staff can be re-directed to the Program by the Division overseeing the Program, if necessary. Salaries and benefits for these positions will not be included in the budget request as the County prefers to utilize grant funds for direct services. Staff time will be budgeted with County dollars.

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. : The individual assigned to all Wildfire Prevention / California Disaster Assistance Act Tree Mortality grants continues to be assigned to the Tree Mortality and Forest Health Program and is now in his 10th year in the Program. This individual has over 20 years (including the 10 years mentioned above) of grant management experience which includes competing for grants, grant monitoring, tracking expenses, maintaining project records, progress reports, reimbursement requests and

closeouts. This individual is also assigned to the grant management component of the project and is also experienced in working directly with property owners, partner agencies, Registered Professional Foresters, and Licensed Timber Operators. Additional duties include bidding and contracting for hazard tree assessments and identification, removal and disposal of hazard trees, and fuel break construction. Experience also includes knowledge of biomass markets and available wood utilization markets to ultimately lower greenhouse gas emissions. A Staff Analyst with six years of grant management experience was hired in 2023 by the Department to assist the Tree Mortality and Forest Health Program and is now the Fresno County CAL FIRE-County Coordinator. The Staff Analyst enhanced the audit trail and sped up invoice processing. Payment delays could result in less willing and available contractors. The Staff Analyst tracks expenses and maintains project records in centralized filing system with a full audit trail. The Staff Analyst also works directly with property owners and has been instrumental in securing Right of Entry Permits. This individual attends community meetings as the Fresno County CAL FIRE-County Coordinator and interacts with partner agencies and the communities most at risk from a wildfire in the County.

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. : Contractual $848,214.29 Grant funds will be primarily utilized to contract with Licensed Timber Operators (LTO) with experienced personnel, acceptable references, appropriate equipment, and full understanding of the fuel break maintenance that is to be performed to continue the 400 foot gap in fuel continuity. The LTO costs typically include mobilization, personnel, equipment, hauling, machine piling and mastication of material unsuitable for biomass, and liability insurance. The County has gained additional experience contracting with LTOs over the last ten years and has become more familiar with market rates and trends. The County does not anticipate costs that are higher than usual. In addition, the proposed fuel break maintenance treatments will also include the application of herbicide through contracted services. Grant funds will also be utilized to contract with Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) to assist in preparing all necessary CEQA documents and Forest Practice Rules requirements are followed. The RPF will assist with the layout of the fuel break maintenance and draft the prescription language for the proposed treatments. The RPF will also ensure resource protection is conducted, perform contractor oversight along with County staff, as well as ensure the fuel break maintenance prescription and objectives are met. The RPF will also be in communication with property owners to explain the project and the benefits it will yield. Indirect Cost $101,785.71 Twelve percent indirect cost is being budgeted to allow the County to offset a portion of GIS services, procurement, ROE mailings, and traffic control review by a separate unit. It is anticipated that the indirect rate will only cover two years of indirect costs associated with the project; however, the County is prepared to offset additional indirect costs with County dollars to complete the project. The County's goal is to reduce the risk of wildfires and protect habitable structures, communities, infrastructure, and to maximize carbon sequestration in healthy wildland habitat and minimizing the uncontrolled release of emissions emitted by wildfires

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. : Costs for each proposed activity are reasonable for the geographic area. The County is fortunate to have built strong working relationships with contractors over the last 10 years. Contractors typically increase prices when projects are not described in detail. The County provides interested contractors with bid documents that include a

detailed scope of work; inventory sheets with parcel numbers, tree/ground fuel description, paint color, and coordinates; and maps with additional detail. Job walks with the RPFs are also made available to interested LTOs. Reasonable deadlines to complete projects have proved beneficial in keeping LTO costs down.

3. Is the total project cost appropriate for the size, scope, and anticipated benefit of the project? : The total project cost is appropriate for the size, scope, and anticipated benefit of the project. The benefit the project will yield will address three important goals of the grant by: 1) Providing safe ingress for fire suppression personnel to fight and extinguish fires safely and as quickly as possible and safe egress to evacuate communities. 2) Lowering of greenhouse gas emissions by slowing or stopping a wildfire. 3) Project ties into a network of existing fuel breaks. Please note that the County is not requesting a line item for Salaries and Benefits to fund the positions listed under Administration. The County proposes to continue utilizing grant funds, as it has for the last 10 years, for direct services to protect life and property.

4. Using bullets please list each object category amount that you are requesting and the detail of how that would support meeting the grant objectives. : Contractual Total: $848,214.29 $810,000 - Grant funds will be primarily utilized to contract with Licensed Timber Operators (LTO) with experienced personnel, acceptable references, appropriate equipment, and full understanding of the fuel break maintenance that is to be performed. The LTOs will reduce vertical and horizontal wildfire fuel continuity, remove and dispose of brush and woody debris, and remove and dispose of dead, dying, or diseased trees through manual and/or mechanical treatments. $20,000 - The proposed fuel break maintenance treatments will also include the application of herbicide through contracted services. $13,214.29 - Contract with Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) to assist with the layout of the fuel break maintenance and draft the prescription language for the proposed treatments. The RPFs will also ensure resource protection is conducted, perform contractor oversight along with County staff, as well as ensure the fuel break maintenance prescription and objectives are met. $5,000 - CEQA / Environmental Compliance - Contract with RPFs to assist in preparing all necessary CEQA documents and Forest Practice Rules requirements are followed. County Department of Public Works and Planning staff assigned to environmental compliance will be finalizing the documentation for submittal to the State Clearinghouse. Please note, County staff time will not be submitted for reimbursement and is not part of this $5,000 request. $101,785.71 - Indirect Cost at 12% is being budgeted to allow the County to offset a portion of GIS services, procurement, ROE mailings, and traffic control review by a separate unit. It is anticipated that the indirect rate will only cover two years of indirect costs associated with the project; however, the County is prepared to offset additional indirect costs with County dollars to complete the project.

5. Does your project include the purchase of capital equipment (more than $5,000 per item)? : No

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 County's goal is to reduce the risk of wildfires and to protect habitable structures, communities, infrastructure, and to maximize carbon sequestration in healthy wildland habitat and minimizing the uncontrolled release of greenhouse gas emissions emitted by wildfires. While not at the levels of emissions released from wildfires, cleanup and rebuilding after wildfires also increases greenhouse gas emissions as experienced after the 2020 Creek Fire. Debris and property waste cleanup from the 2020 Creek Fire resulted in the hauling of 2,094 loads of material totaling 25,267 tons to the County's landfill that is approximately 97.5 miles away from the furthest affected community. Residents continue to rebuild from the 2020 Creek Fire which also increases pollutants from transporting personnel, equipment, and materials to worksites up to 4000' in elevation. The regional drought/bark beetle tree mortality, minimal forest management on U.S. Forest lands, and additional 2020 Creek Fire killed trees continue to pose a major threat to the unincorporated

communities of Auberry, Meadow Lakes, Shaver Springs, Tollhouse, Peterson Road, Pine Ridge, Shaver Lake, Cressmans, Bretz Mountain Village, Quartz Mountain, Wildflower Village, Big Creek, Big Sandy, Dinkey Creek, and Lakeshore/Huntington Lake. There is no doubt that the prevention of a wildfire is best-case scenario for minimizing greenhouse gas emissions. However, the early containment of a wildfire also minimizes greenhouse gases from wildfire emissions as compared to an uncontrolled wildfire. The project proposes to conduct maintenance on two existing shaded fuel breaks which will include reducing hazardous fuels. The project will provide first responders, specifically fire suppression responders, with safe ingress and egress to a fire's perimeter to contain it as quickly as possible. Prior County roadside clearance, removing dead or dying trees within 300 feet of homes, roads, and infrastructure proved to be a beneficial tool during the response to the 2020 Creek Fire. Roadside clearance was also utilized to slowdown the 2020 Creek Fire at several locations and allowed additional time for resources to stage. The County does not open burn on any of its projects. This practice is strictly prohibited within the bidding guidelines and is well known to the County's contracted Licensed Timber Operators. As a result, Licensed Timber Operators' disposal plans typically include chipping on-site and broadcasting. While current market conditions and infrastructure do not support delivery and utilization of material at a biomass processing facility at this time, it will be utilized if this option becomes available and feasible during the grant period. The County is partnering with the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund's Seedlings of Hope Program to help reforest areas after the County completes individual projects. Interested participants will have the opportunity to sign up for the Seedlings of Hope program for assistance with reforestation and tree planting of native pine trees. Tree planting will re-establish an over story tree canopy, with trees spaced appropriately to ensure crown separation, and to provide dispersed shade to help limit brush regrowth. The Seedlings of Hope Program is headed by Registered Professional Foresters and utilizes volunteers to plant native conifer seedlings. These trees will assist in sequestering carbon.

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Budget Report

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Program: FY 2025-2026 Wildfire Prevention Grants
Project Name/Title: 2025-26 Auberry Road and Peterson Road Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance
Org Name: County of Fresno
Stage: Pre-Award

Report Date: 12/18/2025
Requested By: Augustine Ramirez
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Budget Items

Category	Title	Description	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	GL Account	Cost Share
Salaries & Wages									
Salaries & Wages Total			0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Employee Benefits									
Employee Benefits Total			0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Contractual									
	Licensed Timber Operators	Contracts	1	$810,000.00	$810,000.00	$810,000.00	$0.00		$0.00
	Herbicide Treatment	Contract	1	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	$0.00		$0.00
	Registered Professional Foresters	Contract	1	$13,214.29	$13,214.29	$13,214.29	$0.00		$0.00
	CEQA / Enviromental Compliance	Contract	1	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$0.00		$0.00
Contractual Total			4	$848,214.29	$848,214.29	$848,214.29	$0.00		$0.00
Travel & Per Diem									
Travel & Per Diem Total			0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Supplies									
Supplies Total			0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Equipment									
Equipment Total			0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Other Costs									
Other Costs Total			0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Indirect Cost									
	Indirect	12%	0	$0.00	$101,785.71	$101,785.71	$0.00		$0.00
Indirect Cost Total			0	$0.00	$101,785.71	$101,785.71	$0.00		$0.00

Other

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Other									
Other Total			0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Grant Total			4	$848,214.29	$950,000.00	$950,000.00	$0.00		$0.00

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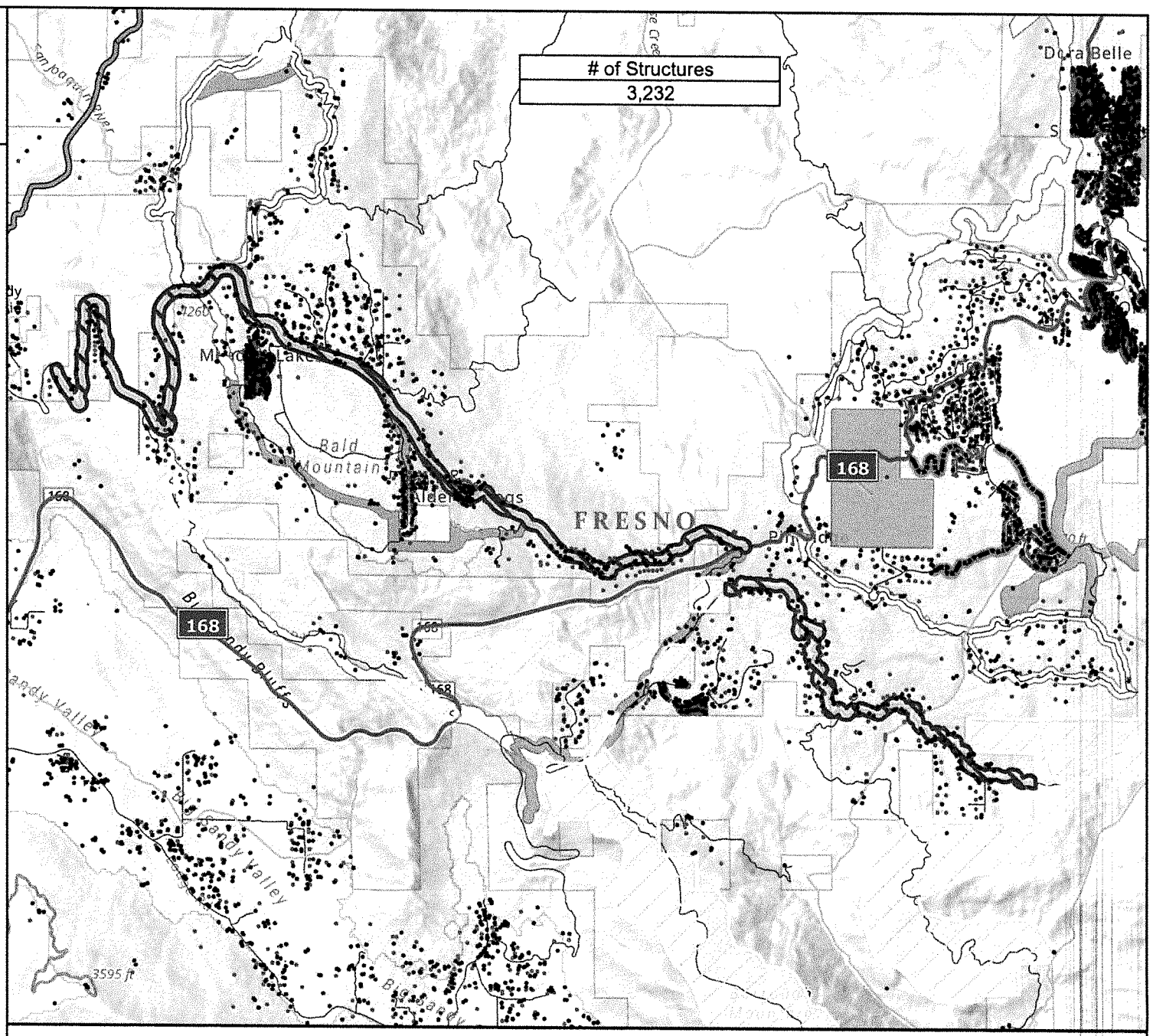

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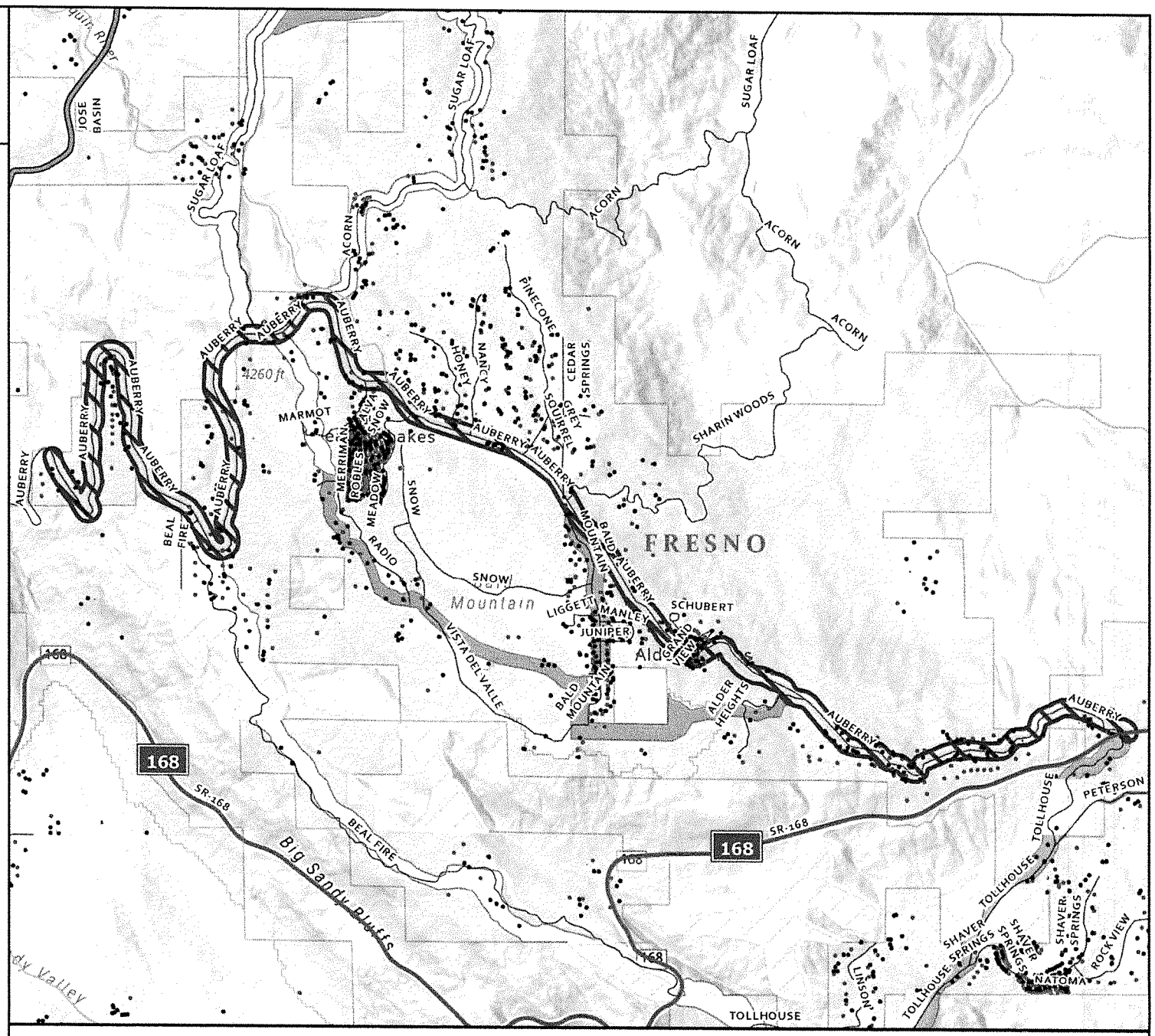

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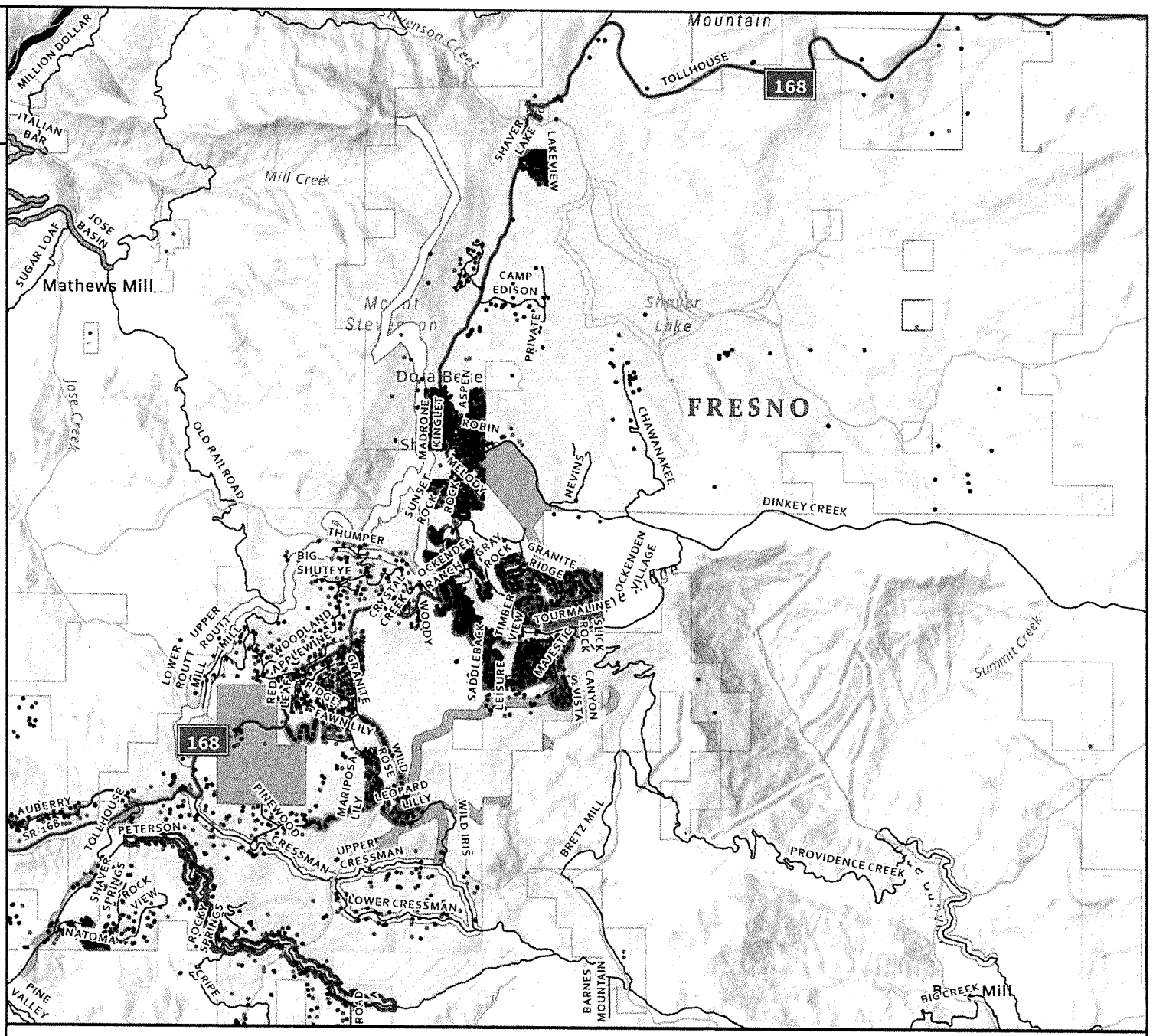

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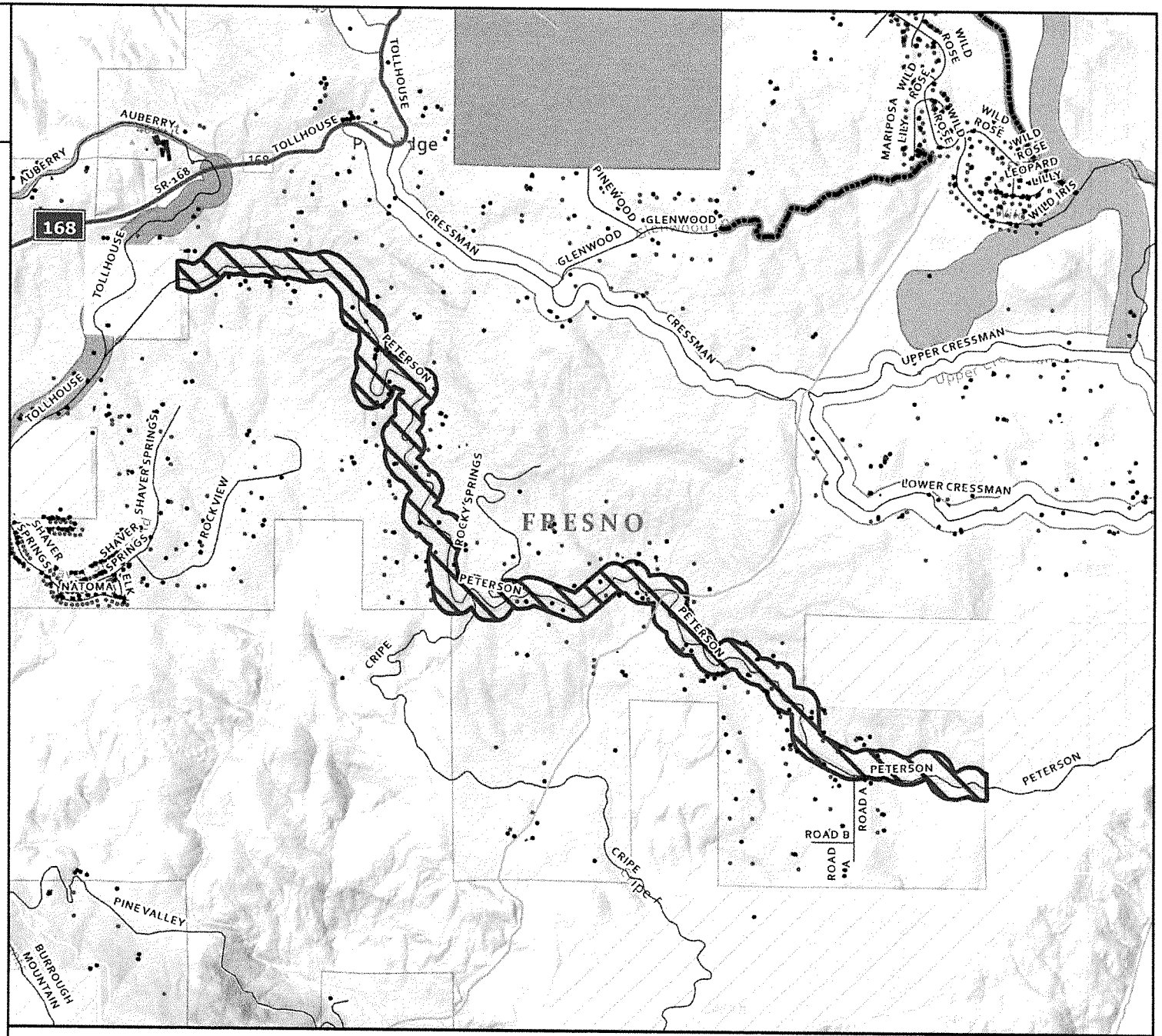

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